

From the Rector...

During October there were two television debates from the School of Theology in Oxford - the propositions concerned whether the problem of suffering made belief in God impossible and whether science helped belief or not. There were many intelligent speakers and one felt profoundly convinced by their arguments until the next speaker got up and demolished what had just been said! At the end of each programme the final shots were of the assembled company going hammer and tongs at each other in individual debates - there was little evidence of anyone being persuaded one way or the other. The debate continues!



Is there perhaps another factor to be taken into account in the question of belief? It seems that clever argument in itself is not enough - after all, if God is God, we can hardly expect to be big enough to prove or disprove him. On the other hand, if God is God, then it is not only a question of what we think about him, it is also a question of what he thinks about us! More than that, it is a question of what he does about us. The life and work of Jesus Christ is God doing something about us - and then the work of the Holy Spirit is the application of Jesus' work today, in our lives.

I believe, then, there is another factor in the question of faith - and it is a very significant one at that, put most clearly by the Lord Jesus when he said - "You did not choose me, but I chose you"

NOVEMBER DIARY

Wed.3rd.- 7.30pm United Choir practice

Thu.4th - 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship (venue, phone 810286)

SUNDAY 7th - 7th Sunday before Christmas
9.0am 1980 Communion at Kingston
11.0am Family Service at Ringmore
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury

Wed.10th -7.30pm Evening Fellowship at the Church Hall, Ringmore
"Good News and How to Share It" series of studies

SUNDAY 14th - 6th Sunday before Christmas
9.0am 1980 Communion at Bigbury
10.50am Remembrance Service at Ringmore
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Kingston

Mon.15th - 7.30pm United choir practice (Church Hall)

SUNDAY 21st - 5th Sunday before Christmas
9.0am 1662 Communion at Bigbury
11.0am Family Service at Kingston
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Ringmore

Wed.24th - 7.30pm Evening Fellowship at the Church hall (Ringmore)
continuing the "Good News & How to Share It" study series

Sat.27th - 2.30pm Kingston Christmas Bazaar (in the Reading Room)

SUNDAY 28th - Advent Sunday
9.0am 1662 Communion at Ringmore
11.0am Family Service at Bigbury
6.0pm Evening Service at Kingston

and into December Wed.1st & Mon. 6th - 7.30pm United Choir practice
Sat. Dec.4th 10.30am Bigbury Christmas sale in the Memorial Hall
2.30pm Deanery Quiet Afternoon at West Charleton

The Rectory
Ringmore TQ7 4HR (tel. 810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector

- * The firework display will be held on **Saturday 6th November**. The fire will be lit at 7.00pm and the first rocket will go up at 7.30pm.
- * Representation was made at the Public enquiry on parliamentary constituency boundaries earlier that day.
- * Planning consent has been given for 10 holiday cottages at Challacott with a stipulation on landscaping.
- * Signs to slow down speeding traffic - before Christmas!
- * Next meeting at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 7th December 1993 - all welcome!**

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Don't forget to send **your Christmas Greetings** through the pages of **your local newsletter**. Those who did so last year were highly satisfied. We need your greeting, in writing, no later than Monday 6th December, please. Rob and Rosemary

INTER-PARISH QUIZ

As you may remember from earlier this year, I said I would like to pass on the Team Captain's job. I therefore would like to say thank you to Adrian Muller, who has volunteered to take on this position. I would also like to thank all those who have supported me over the past few years, both as team members and supporters, and who have helped to make the task an enjoyable experience.

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RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm at the W. I Hall, Ringmore.

After the A.G.M., Mr Martin Watts will speak on 'Devon Mills'. John Parry



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Person or persons to take over the running of Ringmore Parish Newsletter. The next issue of the newsletter will be our last, and Rob is still eagerly awaiting to hear from any volunteer(s) who would like to start in January 1994!

For further details, please contact Rob on 810680.

Rob Batten and Rosemary Tate



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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The meeting on Thursday, 11th November will be the A.G.M., at which we have to elect a new President. The meeting will be attended by the V.C.O., Mrs Marilyn Small.

Following the appeal in the October newsletter for new members, anyone interested in joining will be welcome to come to our buffet supper at 8.30pm on Thursday 11th November. It is hoped that members will bring some contribution of food.

The Christmas Party will be held at the Journey's End Inn on Friday 10th December. Bookings may be made with Mrs Myra Eddy.

Ardene Bennett

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