

Tres Dias Christmas Newsletter 2008



Diary Dates 2008/2009

Secuela Date:-

Saturday, December 6th 2008 Weymouth

It will be at Emmanuel Church, Southill, Weymouth

the website is www.radipoleparish.f2s.com/ . Once on the site, go to 'Find us' and a map comes up of the area. However, it helps if there are more details so:

Take A354 from Dorchester to Weymouth. Follow the road over the Ridgeway, down the hill, through 1 major set of traffic lights and turn right at the large traffic island towards Portland and Bridport.

At next roundabout, take right turn (4th exit) marked Southill. Follow this road up the hill into Southill. Carry on for short while and on brow of hill, Emmanuel Church can be seen on the right. Go down the hill and park in the large free car park at the shopping centre. Please do not park on either road by the church. (Thank you Pat Wright for the directions)

12 noon with a Bring & Share Lunch LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

2009 Weekends at St Rita's Honiton

19th-22nd Feb - Ladies Weekend #15 - Lay Rector Rachel Binnington

12th-15th Feb - Mens Weekend #14 - Lay Rector Kevin Arnold

NOW IS THE TME TO START ASKING PEOPLE ONTO THE WEEKEND -

Remember your weekend - I am sure you know loads of people who deserve this!

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we rush around buying Christmas presents, planning the festive season and trying to remember to get the decorations out of the loft, let us not forget the real meaning of this season - filling our diaries to overflowing whilst trying not to book three carol services on the same day. If you are anything like me then you will be looking with dismay at your diary for December and realising that there are only seven minutes left during which you might get chance to draw a breath. I guess that we should take heart from the fact that at least we don't have to move to another town for a government census and live in a stable over the festive season!

As we pause to draw breath this Christmas, let us bring to mind the real meaning of Christmas - CHRISTmas. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the month of December, we need to pause for a while to remember the biggest and best Christmas present ever given. Jesus came as Emmanuel, God with us. Will we remember to be as thankful as we should be for that present?

I pray that you will all have a joyful festive season, with all the blessings that God delights in pouring out on you. If you do get a few moments spare between the three carol services, please remember to pray for those you have already invited or could invite to a weekend. This could be a good Christmas present for them too.

Every blessing this Christmas,

Andy.

UPDATES ON NEXT WEEKENDS

Rachel Binnington - Lay Rector, Ladies #15

The ladies team have already met for one training session in October and will be meeting again on the 29th November. If anybody would like to host a Palanca day in the New Year please do get in touch. The theme is doves and pinky purple colours.

We have had a couple of forms so there is still plenty of space at present. But, if you are thinking of sponsoring someone, please do let us know sooner rather than later so that we can guarantee a place.

Please pray for the provision of an ordained SD - we have put out general invitations to folks in the USA but hope they are not deterred by the credit crunch.

Kevin Arnold - Lay Rector, Mens #14

With the team on the way to formation - some of the training already completed from the preparations for the previously scheduled weekend - our main concern, as with the ladies, is the lack of an ordained SD.

We have interest from a number of likely participants but still have space for others, so please pray about who you could invite.

A TOUCH OF HUMOUR

God said "It was good". In the beginning God covered the earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, with green, yellow and red vegetables of all kinds so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives. Then using God's bountiful gifts, Mankind invented rich dairy ice-cream and chocolate chips, so they gained ten pounds.

And God created healthy yoghurt that Woman might keep the figure of Man found so fair. But Mankind brought forth white flour from the wheat and sugar from the cane and combined them. Woman went from

size 14 to size 16, so God said, "I have sent you healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them. You have potatoes, naturally low in fat and brimming with potassium and good nutrition" But Mankind peeled off the healthy skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep fried them in animal fats adding copious amounts of salt. Man and Woman unfastened their belts and their cholesterol went through the roof.

God brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose extra pounds. But Mankind produced cable T.V. with remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering light and had to start wearing stretch jogging suits. God gave lean beef so that man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. But Mankind came up with McDonald's and the 99p double cheeseburger with super size chips. Man and Woman said, "It is good" -and went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple by-pass surgery Mankind chuckled and created the National Health Service.

The trouble with temptation is that it often comes gift-wrapped.

If you know all the answers, you probably misunderstood the questions.

God Bless From Pauline Pipet.

NEWSLETTER

After doing the Newsletter for quite a while I feel that it would be great if someone in the Community might like to take this on.

Please contact Andy Binnington 01202 600052 for more details.



WISE MEN STILL FOLLOW JESUS!