



## **MARLAND MESSENGER 2015 CHRISTMAS EDITION**

### **PETERS MARLAND CHURCH**

By the time you read these notes we hope to have had another successful Quiz Night, many thanks to all involved.

On Sunday morning 29th of November our Torrington group of churches held a joint service at Langtree church at which the Archdeacon of Barnstaple, on behalf of Bishop Robert, appointed Martin Warren as Torrington Team Rector to make permanent 14 years as 'temporary' Priest-in-Charge. Welcome Martin we look forward to many more years of your ministry.

It's hard to believe we are once again into December and the Advent season, we celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday 6th December and Christmas Day both at 9.30am.

On Saturday 19th 7-30pm we hold our Annual Carol Service when we collect donations to the Torrington Food Bank, mince pies etc will be available in the hall afterwards, please join us to celebrate the Yuletide season.

May I send everyone Christmas Greetings and wish you a Happy Healthy New Year.  
Christine Ley.

To contact anyone regarding the church and its services – ring Rev. Martin Warren 01409 281424 or Church Secretary Christine Ley 601264.

### **BELLRINGING**

The few local ringers available have been asked to join ringers in Torrington Church to boost their numbers on practice nights. Practices at Peters Marland will be organised occasionally, when we have enough accomplished ringers to help the novices.

They have entered the local knockout competition and will be hosting an evening in the New Year.

Anyone interested in finding out more or wants to have a go contact the Team Captain - Graham Ward on 01805 601245. Practices are on Thursday evenings.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

There is nothing to report from the Parish Council this time.

### **MOORE-STEVENS HALL**

If you wish to hire the Hall please contact Howard Wills (Treasurer) 601446

### **SKITTLES / SHORT MAT BOWLS**

#### **SKITTLES**

The "oldies" are flying high at the moment! Winning the Charity Night cup at Merton in October and top of the league at the moment. The "youngies" are in the mix having had two nights when they drew with their opposition (What's the probability of that happening!) The season has not got half way yet, so things will probably change! The front pin competition will be at Meeth on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **PETERS MARLAND SOCIAL GROUP**

At our October meeting we welcomed Philip Walter from Kivells auctioneers for a mini 'Antiques Roadshow'. It was interesting to hear how the value of antiques fluctuates with the change in fashion.

In November Judy Proctor treated us to a fascinating presentation on her life as a ballet dancer. Assisted by husband Richard we were able to see slides of her ballet school training and the shows in which she performed at the Casino theatre in Paris, finishing with a short video of the finale of one of the shows in which she was the lead dancer.

December sees the members annual Christmas party and we commence the New Year with a presentation by Malcolm and Ann Busby on 'Buying for Harrods'. In February we will all bring 'Our favourite thing' and in March Bob Brewer will speak on the Torrington Cavaliers.

New members are always welcome or just come along as a visitor. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Moore-Stevens Hall.

The members of the Peters Marland Social Group wish you all a Happy Christmas and Good Health for a Peaceful New Year.

Helen Stapleton – Chairman. 01805 601776.

### **COFFEE/TEA MORNING – Macmillan Nurses**

Our next Coffee morning will be our Christmas themed one with mince pies, this will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 11am – 12.30pm.

The next one will be on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 then 10<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Come along for a cuppa and chat and a mince pie (or two), men are welcome and all we ask is a donation.

Profits will be donated to the Macmillan Nurses. I will be sending £50 plus profit from December after the next coffee morning (hire of hall £30 ish).

For more details ring Trish on 601245

### **MARLAND READERS.**

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The December 15th meeting is at Trish Ward's home.

Anyone interested in joining us please contact Helen on 601331 or Trish on 601245



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**Advice regarding mud on the road** Mud on the road resulting from working farm vehicles can be an issue from time to time. Farmers and vehicle operators who deposit mud on the road are potentially liable for a range of offences.

Here is some advice on what you **should** do: Be prepared to hire in equipment - check availability in advance. Keep to your own farm roads and minor roads whenever possible. Keep to low speeds - especially when travelling short distance - to help retain mud on the vehicle. Be prepared to keep a written record of your decisions on whether or not to deploy signs and / or to clean the road.

Here is some advice on what you **must** do: Do everything possible to prevent mud being deposited on the road. This includes cleaning mud from vehicles, as far as practicable, before they are taken onto the road. The fact that cleaning mud off tractors and attachments is commercially inconvenient may not be a defence in law.



Only use signs that are authorised. The recommended sign shows the 'Slippery Road' triangle with 'Mud on Road' sub plate. If appropriate, the 'Men at Work' sign should be used. Signs must be at least 750mm. Make sure signs are positioned to give maximum visibility and warning to other road users. Clean the road as necessary during the working day and always at the end of the working day. Ensure that labour and equipment is available and is suitable for the soil and weather conditions present. Where a contractor is used, ensure that prior agreement is reached on who is responsible for mud on road issues (signage, cleaning etc) and ensure that adequate public liability insurance is in place.

Civil action can occur where the presence of mud results in personal injury, damage to property, loss or inconvenience. The presence of mud can constitute a public nuisance and loss or injury can result in a claim for negligence. Employers have a duty to look after the health and safety, not only of themselves, their family and employees, but of anyone who may be affected by their working operations. Employees also have responsibilities to themselves and others.

The Council as highway authority has a duty to assert and protect the rights of road users. The highways authority has the power to clean the road and recover its expenses from the person causing the problem.

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We would like to thank all the people who have contributed to the Marland Messenger over the past year.

If anyone has information/news they would like included in the Marland Messenger contact: Marilyn Hounsome. [hounsome.marland@uwclub.net](mailto:hounsome.marland@uwclub.net). Tel 01805 601552.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year

