

## A Year of Big Demands

**The Queen described 1992 as her “annus horribilus”.** (Horrible year.) The years 2018 and 2019 may be remembered by the PCC in the same way as far as the church building is concerned.

**The subsiding floor** has been exercising Gareth Morris and our wardens for some time. However, it looks like the end is near. However, we realised at the PCC that the biggest task will be emptying and restoring the three affected rooms. (see below)

**Boiler Blues:** In addition to the floor, we are currently replacing not one, but two, boilers. I need hardly tell you that boilers are one of the most costly items in the building.

The more encouraging news is that PCC has consistently maintained good financial policies down the years. Instead of spending our rental income, we have consistently invested it. We have always paid parish share and other bills out of our regular of giving, meaning we have been able to save for a rainy day. Now that we are facing a rainy week, the wisdom of this policy is clear.

### What Exactly Is the Issue With The Subsiding Floor?

**Actually raising the subsiding floor is probably the least of our problems.** We have identified a firm which can do the work for us. We are confident that they can get the floor back to where it should be.



**So what is the problem?** It is preparing the three rooms that have been affected.

The easiest one is the **Lounge**. There is not much stuff to take out of there. **The Creche Room** is small but full of toys and other material. But, far and away our biggest issue is going to be **the kitchen**. Before the work can begin we will need to take everything out of there. That does not just mean the cutlery and crockery, but the ovens and cupboards too.

We are looking for a small team to work with Gareth on the final stage of this project in order to identify the various steps involved, and decide what needs to be done and by when. There is so much to organise that we need to aim for around February 2020. We are looking for people with some experience in property management or kitchen fitting.

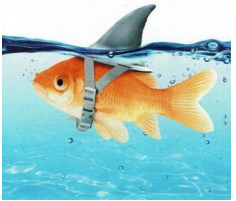
In addition to the work itself, storage of all the items that we will remove is going to be a major issue. Our wardens would love to hear from you if you have knowledge in any of these areas.



## Children Reading at All Age Services

I was delighted that children who expressed an interest in reading at our All – Age Services. My aim in 2020 will be to ensure that we do not have any adults reading all age services during the course of the year. Can it be done? Will we get all the way to December, or will we fail by the middle of February? The only people who can answer that are our children and young people. Someone at primary school said, “It will be nerve wracking, but I will give it a go.” That is the right spirit. As we were learning last week, there is no point in burying your talent in a hole in the ground.

Be brave  
even if you're not,  
pretend to be



## Bishop Viv and the Environment

**The Diocese has recently appointed an Environmental Officer.** This person will be employed for two days a week specifically with the aim of reducing the carbon footprint of the churches in our diocese.

This is a thoroughly biblical concept. Psalm 8 reminds us that God has given human beings dominion over the planet, and expect us to be stewards of it. At the moment, no one can say we are doing that successfully. Commitments by the government to be carbon free by 2050 show that our leaders are taking this whole question very seriously. And we want to be doing the same as a church. This issue needs to be high up on our agenda. Some would say right at the top. After all, if we ruin the environment, nothing else counts for much.



## Sneak Preview

Next week we will be giving full details of the result of the 7th share applications.

PCC made a decision on Monday and we will be giving full information as to exactly where the money will be going to in the bulletin next Sunday. Save to say it will be given both locally and internationally.

Despite the financial pressure on the church at the present time we intend to have faith and be generous. We are committed to giving away 11% of our income. If the PCC does not have faith to give sacrificially, how can we ask it of our members?



**Prayers:** We continue to pray for **Brad Bulley** who is far from well with serious heart problems. He is the son in law of Andrew and Jean. We need to pray for **Boris Johnson** as Tuesday approaches. We hardly need the gift of prophecy to know who is going to be our next Prime Minister. We pray for **Doris** as she nears her 95th birthday on 30th July. Doris needs special prayer for her eyesight as she deals with macular degeneration. Pray for **Chris Hawkes** who is organising flights from Uganda to the UK for a very large number of Ugandan Bishops and their wives. **Liz and Andy Gardner** as they prepare for leading a single parent families holiday at the beginning of August.



**Sunday**  
**21st July**  
**5th after Trinity**

Mon 22nd	9.30am 7.30pm	Pram Club cleaning & sorting of equipment Bill Hunt's homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Tues 23rd	7.00pm 8pm	Carol Nichol's homegroup BBQ at 17 Helmsdale David Rudland's homegroup at Purton
Wed 24th	1-3pm <b>3pm</b>	Craft Club in Church Room <b>Communion service at James Wilks House</b>
Fri 26th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Cafe



Please pray for our church family	
Mon 22nd	Tom & Heather Vandamme & family
Tue 23rd	Edna Webb
Wed 24th	Janet Welham
Thurs 25th	Steve & Helen Wheeler & family
Fri 26th	David & Viv Williams
Sat 27th	Lola Wilson
Sun 28th	Ali Wiltshire

**Communion Service at 3pm**

**Wednesday 24th July**

**James Wilks House**

**All welcome**



***Taking Five More (6-10)***

Services Next Week			
28th July	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	All Age Service	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Raymond Adams	1 Chronicles 28: 8-10 Matthew 20: 20-28
11.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	1 Chronicles 28: 8-10 Matthew 20: 20-28

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