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HELPING HANDS

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't stop. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't.

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AROUND THE BENEFICES: ASHWATER:

Saturday 13th October Halwill Parish Hall

Harvest Supper of Pasty & Cider 6.30pm £8.00 a head or £20.00 for a family of 2 adults plus children.

Sunday 14th October Beaworthy Church

6.30pm Harvest Service and Supper.

BLACK TORRINGTON:

Friday 5th October Black Torrington Chapel

10.00am - 12noon Cake and Coffee

Saturday 6th October Black Torrington Village Hall

10.00am - 2.00 pm BRUNCH Adults £6, Children under 11 years £3, under 3 years free. For further details contact Val Letheren 01409 231430

In aid of St Mary's Church, Clock Repairs

Saturday 13th October Bradford Village Hall

10.00am Saturday Church Theme: *God's Good Gifts*, come and join us for songs, stories, prayers, crafts, games, a lending library and good things to eat!. A short informal Holy Communion service takes place at about 11.15 am.

Further details from Morag Lobleby 01409 281800

Saturday 27th October Black Torrington Village Hall

10am-12noon Table Top Sale. Fairtrade Tea and Coffee, Bacon Baps, Many stalls.

A big thank you to all who supported the tea afternoon at St Mary's Church, Black Torrington in September in aid of mission to the Orphanage in Pravadia, Bulgaria. Donations amounted to £212 for which we are most grateful.

(From previous column)

Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't. Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out.

BRADWORTHY:

Sunday 7th October: Milton Damerel Harvest Thanksgiving - Service at 4.30pm

Tuesday 9th October: Bradworthy Church - Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning !0am-12noon

Sunday 14th October: Abbots Bickington Harvest Thanksgiving - Service at 3.00pm

Sunday 21st October: Putford Harvest Thanksgiving - Service at 11.30am;

Sunday 21st October: Bradworthy Harvest Thanksgiving - Service at 7.30pm followed by Cider and Pasties - All Welcome

HOLSWORTHY:

Saturday 29th September: Stanhope Park, Holsworthy, WW1 Commemoration

Sunday 30th September: St Swithun, Pyworthy, 11.15 am, Benefice Service followed by Bring and Share lunch

Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th October: St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy, 10.30 am Said Holy Communion, 11.00 am, No cost Café for All

Saturday 6th October: Pets & other Creatures Creative Church 4pm at Pyworthy Parish Church
A service to give thanks for all God's creatures with blessing of animals Sing your favourite hymns - Bring your pets and other creatures to be blessed. Hear about Saint Francis of Assisi - Refreshments afterwards for all. You don't need a pet to come! Children might like to bring creepy crawlies from the garden Barking dogs, hissing geese, squawking parrots, - the more the merrier!

Sunday 7th October: "Friends of Holsworthy Church" launch. Join the "Friends" to support St Peter & St Paul in Holsworthy. Come along to the church at 4.30 pm for a celebration harvest service followed by a drinks reception. Everyone welcome

Wednesday 10th October: Holsworthy Harvest Supper, 7.00 pm, Holsworthy Market Hall. Tickets £10 each. Ticket numbers are limited, so please get your ticket as soon as possible. See posters for more details or speak to the churchwardens or members of the PCC.

Thursday 18th October: Messy Church, 3.15 pm - 4.30 pm, Holsworthy Primary School

Saturday 13th October: Diocesan Synod, County Hall, Exeter

Thursday 25th October: Deanery Synod Open Meeting, Holsworthy Market Hall, 7.15 pm
Neil Williams (Director of Finance for Exeter Diocese) and the Ven Dr Mark Butchers (Archdeacon of Barnstaple) will be at the meeting to give a presentation and gather our views about the Common Fund.