Eynsford Baptist Church



Our piece in this month's Trident is accompanied by a flyer introducing our new monthly mid-week lunch beginning in April. This is a new initiative for us and one which we hope will make a useful contribution to village life. Eating together is as much about *people* as about *food*. So, our monthly mid-week lunches will, we hope, be *social* occasions as much as opportunities for *nourishment*.

Some years ago, when I was involved in setting up a school for disadvantaged young people, we became aware just how few of them sat down to a family meal every day. Very many told us they would snack from the fridge or sit down in front of the television with a plate of food on their knees. For that reason, we deliberately planned a substantial gap in the middle of the day when every student could sit down and enjoy a really good meal with the opportunity to talk with staff and other pupils outside their teaching groups. It was a very significant part of their social development and for many of them was *one of the best things about coming to school!* It had never occurred to me that a meal gives *everyone* an opportunity to talk and everyone an opportunity to be heard - because whilst you can't talk and eat, you can eat and listen!

We'd like to think that our lunches will provide an opportunity for people in the village to get out and meet others; to hear and be heard. Of course, many people will be at work or a place of education and won't be free to come, but we hope that everyone who is available will feel welcome to come along. If you know someone who would enjoy getting out for a while, why not invite them and bring them along?

If you're planning to come it would really help with the catering if you could give Dave Warrick a call on 01959 439741 and let him know. None of us feel confident in the department of multiplying loaves and fishes (or indeed beef and roast potatoes). But we do have a brilliant cook!

Chris Moffett

Church Notices

Thank you to all those who supported our February coffee morning for the Homeless - we Raised £85.10!

Services Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Everyone welcome