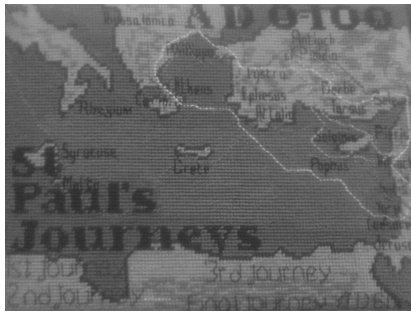


## A few words from the Vicarage ...



My thanks to Sheila Swindells who, on the day of our Patronal Festival for the Conversion of Paul, she very kindly donated a kneeler (see picture) depicting the journeys of Paul. I was only too delighted to dedicate and bless the kneeler at our 10.30am service. This displays, not

only the journeys of Paul, but also the skill and craft used in creating a beautiful and most generous gift.

On that same day, we had a good attendance at our *Jacob's Join* in the church hall as we further celebrated this annual festival -which coincided with another celebration, that of Robert Burns. So it was of little surprise that, amidst the sandwiches, pies, quiches and crisps, there was also haggis! Having been asked to perform the traditional Burns' '*Address to the Haggis*', I enlisted the aid of Elizabeth who provided the translation from the 'old Scots' language of Burns to a more 'consumer friendly' contemporary format. Happily, this was well received and a good time was had by all.

We are now, of course, into Lent and are adopting our annual Lenten disciplines no doubt - whether choosing to *give up* something, or *do more* of something as part of your discipline is entirely your choice. What really matters is the reason for your choice - is it sacrificial, will it benefit someone in a way that it wouldn't otherwise do? These are the kinds of questions to ask when considering the choices before you.

Whatever you decide, I hope that you will have a successful Lenten journey as you prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

The usual range of Holy Week services (*see below*) are planned and I invite you, not only to record these events in your diaries, but to encourage you to make a strong commitment to attend as many of these as possible.

Another diary date for which to prepare is, of course, Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April when we will hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the hall at 12 noon. This is the time when each member is asked to reflect upon their commitment to the work of the church and consider offering for further service. There will be more about this in next month's *Pews News Extra* but now is the time to don your thinking cap.

God bless you,  
your Vicar,  
Fr D.

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<b><i>Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week</i></b>	10.00am Morning Prayer
	07:00pm Compline
<b><i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></b>	10:00am Holy Communion
	07:00pm Compline
<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>	06:30pm Family Worship
	07:30pm Holy Communion (with foot-washing & Vigil)
<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>	12 noon Good Friday Liturgy