

## Websites and other Wonders

*Big Ted*

Hello again dear readers!

As the days become shorter and colder my thoughts turn to hibernation! But as a church bear (photogenic and with splendid fur, etc.) this can't happen until after the excitement of Christmas in church. I wouldn't want to miss anything: nativities, carol singing, Christingle, candles, the Christmas tree and floral decorations, mince pies, mulled wine, and all the lovely people who visit the church.

\*\* So, to keep myself occupied and awake, I have been reviewing my web pages. Didn't you know about my web pages? They're on the church website ([plumtree.church](http://plumtree.church)) but you can also get straight to them using my special url: [bigtedplumtree.uk](http://bigtedplumtree.uk) (url stands for "Ursine Roaming Locator" - snigger). [*It stands for "Uniform Resource Locator" as well you know, Big Ted.*]

Uncle Les and Auntie Fiona look after the church website. Recently a really nice man called Joe Gallant, who is a professional church website designer, looked at it and said it was very good but... And he said my pages needed work as there were too many links; well the cheek of it!

Anyway, I've been very professional about it and taken the criticism well. *From Little Ted: No he didn't! Big Ted threw a real strop when he read the comments. He said some very naughty things!* Ignore Little Ted, I've updated all my webpages (with a little assistance from those who understand the techie bits). And there are now even more pictures of ME!

I've added a splendid new map showing all the counties in the UK. If you click on an orange county, you see all the lovely St Mary's churches that I have visited in that county - isn't that clever. I've visited 19 counties and over 130 St Mary's churches. Please visit my website to have a look.

Uncle Les and Auntie Fiona have updated the main church website pages too. There are lots of pictures that you click on to see other pages - very handy if you're looking at the website on a small phone, or if you have big paws!

Some other stuff that's been happening. At the end of September I went on a Walk on the Wolds with Uncle Paul and the fellowship group. We had a picnic, saw some sheep and found a secret conker tree.

Then on 31<sup>st</sup> October there was a splendid party in church. It was called a Bright & Light Party and was great fun. The church was decorated with bunting and balloons; it looked wonderful and very different from usual. The children were apple bobbing, decorating biscuits, having their faces painted, carving pumpkins, singing and eating. All the children, Little Ted and I had a great time and we want to do it again next year. Auntie Jackie and the rest of the Mission Group did a fabulous job.

So, next it's Christmas. There's lots going on in church (and carol singing in the village) and we hope we'll see you over the festive season. Please come and give Little Ted and me a hug when you visit. (I hope I don't have to wear my Santa suit - it's very itchy and I'm worried that it could be inflammable!)

Happy Christmas!

*Love, Big Ted & Little Ted*

**\*\* Update - January 2020 - I now have my very own separate website, so just go straight to [bigtedplumtree.uk](http://bigtedplumtree.uk) to see everything I've been up to. You can also get to it from the church website.\*\***

