

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

Easter is nearly upon us (Easter Sunday is on the 9<sup>th</sup> April) so break out the Easter eggs and Easter Bunnies! Although the commercialisation of Easter might be said to trivialise something that Christians see as a pivotal gamechanger in human history, I don't quite see it that way. Scratch the surface beneath both modern icons of Easter and you still unearth something quite profound. Eggs and bunnies both represent new life which is exactly what Easter signifies for all Christians. Recently in a forest in central America I read a sign that said "Here in this rainforest there is no death, only life in transition" speaking of the endless cycle of death and re-birth in the natural world. That same line might have been written by a theologian because what the resurrection of Jesus tells us is exactly the same message for human beings. It is a universally applied quality owned by us all simply by being part of the same created order as that rainforest.

"In him was life and that life was the light of all men" as it says in John's gospel. And that light cannot be overcome by darkness. Turn on a light in the middle of the night to see what I mean – light is greater than darkness – good is greater than evil – and life is stronger than death.

The first woman ever to be credited with writing a book - around 600 years ago - was an English Christian mystical writer known as "Julian of Norwich" (because we don't know her real name) and she wrote words in her book "Revelations of Divine Love" that resonate down to this day, that sum up the hope that Christians invest in the events of Easter Sunday, "All will be well and all manner of things shall be well".

Those words encapsulate the hope of millions of Christians before and since, that in life or in death, in the end, in the bountiful and gracious grace of God, we celebrate the fact that:

"All will be well, and all manner of things shall be well". Happy Easter.

*Martin*





### The Mothers' Union made posies

The Mothers' Union assembled 80 posies for Mothering Sunday. The children at FunFaith then assembled some for their mums and grans, and another ten for the church. The children loaded the posies into baskets and distributed them to every lady in church at the 10 am service.

*Sue Low*



### Open the Book



We have been in school three times this month with 'Down through the roof', 'The storm on the lake' and 'The great parade' (Palm Sunday). 'Down through the roof' coincided with World Book Day and of course, every year, the Bible is the best-selling book in the world. It was lovely to engage with the children dressed up as a character or a word from a book. In Drakes we also saw the results of the 'Design a book cover' competition and a parade of the children in their costumes, it was all very imaginative.

*Jean Burrows*

### Oxfam Budleigh Salterton is under new management and needs new volunteers

The Oxfam Clothes and Homeware shop in Budleigh Salterton has a new manager. Peter Knowles has now taken over the charity shop. Despite the success of the reopening, the shop needs more volunteers. The shop currently can't open consistently throughout the week because of a lack of volunteers, particularly on weekdays. "Volunteers are the lifeblood of Oxfam," says Peter. "Without them, we wouldn't be able to do the vital work that we do."

Volunteers help with a variety of tasks, from sorting donations and serving customers to organising events and creating new window displays. Volunteers will join a friendly team of local people, who all want to make a difference in the world. If you would be interested in learning more about volunteering at Oxfam, or would like to browse the shop, please drop in at 58 High St, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6LE or call [01395 445436](tel:01395445436)

*Renee Marchant, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

### Change of Speaker at Mothers' Union Meeting on April 11th

We are delighted to announce that HUGH SCUDDER - the Co-Founder of this local charity - will be speaking in the Peter Hall at 2.30pm. All welcome. £2.00 entry and there will be a collection for CR2EE.

### Afternoon Tea Party at Seachange to celebrate The King's Coronation – Saturday 6th May

Dress code red, white and blue! Dietary needs will be catered for. Tickets are £12 and there will be a bar, raffle and music. 2 pm to 5 pm. Call 01395 446896 to book tickets as spaces are limited, or visit Seachange reception.

*Sam Tidman, Fundraising and Communications Officer at Seachange*

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

Sunday 2nd 10 am - 11.15 am : FunFaith for Primary age children, Peter Hall  
Monday 3rd 7 pm : Compline in church  
Tuesday 4th 9.30 am : St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel  
Tuesday 4th 5.30 pm : Julian Group at 7 Exmouth Road , Budleigh EX9 6AF  
Tuesday 4th 7 pm : Compline  
Wednesday 3rd 7 pm : Compline  
Thursday 5th 7 pm : Maundy Thursday service  
Good Friday 6th 3 pm : Good Friday Reflections  
Easter Sunday 9th 6 pm : Choral Evensong  
Tuesday 11th 2.30 pm : Mothers' Union talk about CR2 EE, a charity which collects and transports bedding, clothing, redundant medical aids to Moldova and now also Ukraine.  
Thursday 13th 12.15 pm : Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10. (See elsewhere for a cheery picture!)  
Thursday 20th 8.45 am : Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance  
Friday 28th 9 am - 1 pm : Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall  
Saturday 29th 7.30 pm : St David's Singers concert (see elsewhere for more details)  
Sunday 30th 12.15 pm : Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday  
Rendezvous Café every Friday at 10 am in the Peter Hall

## SERVICES

**Sundays** Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am. Choral Evensong 6 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
**Wednesdays** Holy Communion at 9.30 am

For services at the other RMC churches see [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk)

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