

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 9th 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

March 100 Club

The winners in March were: £5 Hamilton Cameron £10 Marjorie White £20 Gillian Andrews
 Congratulations to all of them! Fiona Hennah

Loaves and Fishes lunches



A big thank you to all those who supported our two lunches a month, during January, February and March of this year. In April we return to our regular once a month lunch on the second Thursday of each month, starting with 13th April, 12 noon for 12.30 in the Peter Hall.

There will be a hearty two course lunch with a drink for £10. Meet with old friends and make new ones! Places need to be booked 5 days in advance, so please ring Mary Jones on 443333 or Fran Mills on 443397.

Mary Jones

St David's Singers concert on 29th April

This concert will be given by the St David's Singers directed by Mark Perry. It will be a lively concert of popular sacred and secular unaccompanied choral music. Admission £8 on the door, for church funds.

A Little Something to Reflect on

We love Easter Day, our churches will be beautifully decorated and full of worshippers but how about Good Friday? The same amount of worshippers? If my past experience is anything to go by, somehow I doubt it, but Jesus had to die before he could be resurrected. He also used the death and resurrection picture when talking about daily discipleship in his followers' lives. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, 'When Jesus bids me come, he bids me come and die.' That death marks the death of our old life and a resurrection into new life with him. Happy Easter!

Jean Burrows

Looking ahead to St Peter's Lunchtime Concerts in May and June

Lunchtime Concerts return to St Peter's for a new Spring series on Fridays at 1.30pm from 12th May to 2nd June. The first concert will be given by Gregory Steward from Taunton who recently graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Art. His programme will feature popular classical favourites as well as songs from the shows. On May 19th we welcome Alex Davies, organist of Lyme Regis Parish Church who will be joined by his wife Alison on saxophones. An unusual combination of instruments not to be missed! Our wonderful organ will also be put through its paces on May 26th by Stephen Bell, former Director of Music at Queen's College Taunton, and the final concert will be given by resident organist Stephen Tanner whose programme will choose from the vast wealth of organ music which uses hymn or chorale melodies as it's inspiration.

Tickets will be £7 on the door and a season ticket for all four concerts will be available for £25.

FunFaith – our third session

On Sunday 19th March, FunFaith celebrated Mother's Day! The children had three activity stations; one making daffodil posies, one making rainbow boards where they all wrote some things they love about their mums and, lastly, finger painting around the word 'Mum'. We heard the story about Moses's mother and had fun playing and praying around the parachute. To finish off with, children handed out daffodil posies to all the ladies in the choir and congregation before reading out a few of the things they wrote about their mums. Thank you to all the brilliant children and parents that came to support us today! Our next FunFaith session is not far away at all - 2nd April, Palm Sunday.



Stacey James



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 2nd Sunday
Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30 am

For services at the other RMC churches see www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk

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