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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV'D. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

I clicked on my on-line diary to see what was in store for August to get a little inspiration, when the first thing that caught my eye was my mum's birthday and then at the bottom of the page my dad's birthday. Both of them have died within the last three years and I realised that I hadn't really thought about them for a little while.

Having my memory jogged quite forcibly of course I then couldn't stop thinking about them – their lives, their marriage, my childhood, their hopes and dreams and I became quite emotional. As a Christian of course I believe in life eternal, so nothing that was spiritually good in their lives was wasted, but also in a very physical way, in the lives of me and my brother and sister, they are living on through us.

It is only as you get older that you start to ponder and appreciate what went before you, what made you the person you are and times and places in our family histories take on a special, more significant role in our lives. Reminiscences of past times, occasions, weddings, funerals, baptisms, family parties at Christmas pass fleetingly in front of your eyes and you realise more fully what they mean to you.

I suppose that is why subconsciously I have always tried to give one hundred per cent to every big family occasion that I get assigned to do. They are not my family of course, but in every celebration or funeral I realise that I have privileged access to a family occasion that will be remembered and probably enter that family's memory banks for ever, and one day that ten-year-old usher will be an old man who'll also find himself looking back and half remembering the scene from his youth.

All things pass of course, and as an active memory it will slowly dim as the generations progress and will be mostly forgotten. Forgotten by us of course, but I have a belief in God for whom there is an eternal present, and nothing is ever wasted or lost and all that was wrong or painful is healed and put right.

Love and peace,

Martin

July 100 Club

The lucky winners were: £5 Sally Muddle

£10 Betty Bayham

£20 Judith Stewart-Young

Sunday morning coffee donations

Many thanks to those of you who generously donate for their coffee on a Sunday morning. Because of this, we have been able to send £300 to St.Petrock's for their recent fund-raising event, to support their important work of supporting homeless people.

Judith Stewart-Young

A Little Something to Reflect on

I'm spending August, September and October at St Philip's theological college in Tanzania. It will be my fifth time in Tanzania and my second at St Philips. Needless to say I love Tanzania and the Tanzanian people. Life there moves slowly and relationships are valued above everything else. That means you spend time greeting others and asking about the family and so forth before beginning to discuss what you think is important. As Westerners we want timetables and facts and figures. Tanzanians want relationships. It's said, 'We have clocks but Africans have time.' Perhaps we all need to remember to put others first and give them our most precious gifts - ourselves - and quality time.

Jean Burrows

Thank you to Jean for providing us with something to reflect on. We hope that she will be able to send us her usual thought-provoking contributions from Tanzania. Let's see if technology will allow this!

Editor Lizzy

Mother's Union Report for July

Our July event was a visit to Otterton Mill where 16 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch and we all talked nineteen to the dozen cementing established friendships and fostering growing ones. Many thanks to Otterton Mill and our organiser, a memorable day. Our next meeting is our main fund-raising event, a cream tea at The Dolphin 2.30 pm on Tuesday 8th August. Everyone welcome, and any queries to Maggie on 443153.

Rosemary Baker

FunFaith – our most recent session

We heard the story of 'The Lost Sheep' and we made some very cute little paper cup sheep! The children learned how even though the shepherd had ninety-nine sheep, he was missing one, and it was precious to him (like us), so he went out looking for him and didn't stop until he found him; demonstrating how every single one of us is special, important and loved by God.



As well as this, there was a baptism in church which the children of FunFaith joined the congregation to watch! It was great to be joined by some of the baptism party's children for the first part as well! Looking forward to our next session on August 20th.



FunFaith

Stacey James



Open the Book



I've really enjoyed my first year of looking after 'Open the Book'. There are thirteen of us involved from five different churches and we all work well together, a special thank you to all of them. July ended with the story of Zacchaeus up a tree made by Jane Buckland-Wright. It was good to hear from one headteacher who emailed me, 'The children really enjoy and benefit from you coming into school!' We enjoy going into our schools and are looking forward to the next academic year, after a well-earned holiday.

Jean Burrows

St Peter's Patronal Festival Barbecue in July

Lots to eat and wonderful company, everybody really enjoyed themselves with all those in the picture doing wonderful cooking..... Baked potatoes, wonderful salads, sausages, beef burgers, chicken and even a vegan burger! Roger was scorching chicken as well as taking the photo!

Roger Hennah



People in our church: Chris Parrish

Chris was born in Leeds in 1931, but fairly soon moved with the family to Bournemouth, where his parents ran a hotel. In 1939 he was sent to Sherborne Preparatory School, taking with him whooping cough and measles. He passed these onto many other boys (not a popular move in a new school) and spent six weeks of that first term at home. This was followed by a move to Clifton College, Bristol, then evacuated temporarily to Bude. After some time at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, he was commissioned into the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1950.

Subsequently there was an Engineering Degree at Fitzwilliam House (now College) in Cambridge, a graduate apprenticeship at Rolls Royce, Crewe, three postings to Germany, a move to Christmas Island to observe nuclear testing, a brief spell as the Adjutant in a REME Training Battalion before a move to Welbeck College as the first regular officer on the staff there. Then followed a three year posting to The War Office, a loan job to the Jamaica Defence Force, a job in a Defence Quality Assurance Directorate, to Headquarters Northern Ireland, command of a TA unit in the North East, before a final job in Headquarters Eastern District in Colchester. At some point he spent a year unaccompanied in Brunei! Somewhere in all this he found time to meet and marry Janet Robbins, occupy and move from 22 different houses, with much help from her and a little from him to produce Andrew in 1962, Mark in 1964 and Sarah in 1968. Also to leave the Army after 36 years service, find a civilian job with a firm of Consulting Engineers for a further 13 years. The firm was called Dale and Goldfinger and yes it does have something to do with James Bond and Ian Fleming, but that is another story!

Later on there were four grandchildren to help with. Oliver and Finn, Lauren and Lizzie. Janet helped Chris to learn to sing. So a few years as the Chairman of the Swindon Choral Society, membership of the Exeter University Choral Society, Chairman of the Exeter Bach Society, membership of our Church Choir, helped him to fill his time.

There was editorship of the St Peter's Church Magazine for many years, bringing the Church history up to date, looking after the Sidespersons at St Peter's before being elected Churchwarden in 2019. He was the Chairman of the local group of, using the current name, Cancer Research UK. The first local Cancer Big Breakfast actually took place in his present house in Exmouth Road! Because of the size of the garden there and Janet's total skill with gardening and flower growing, his house is still usually a riot of colour. Not too many moments to draw the occasional breath! Even today!

Thank you, Chris, for giving us such an interesting account of your life so far!

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 1st 9.30 am : St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 1st 5.30 pm: Julian Group at 7 Exmouth Road, Budleigh EX9 6AF

Tuesday 8th 2.30 pm : Mothers' Union Cream Tea. For further information contact Sue Low on 443527

Thursday 10th 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10.

Sunday 13th 6 pm : Choral Evensong

Thursday 17th 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Friday 18th 9 am - 1 pm : Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall

Sunday 20th 10 am - 11.15 am : FunFaith for Primary age children, Peter Hall

Sunday 27th 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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