

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

February has the reputation of being a dark, dismal, unremitting month, so it might seem appropriate that Ash Wednesday falls on the 22nd when we recall our mortality; and at the Ash Wednesday service, I apply Ash to people's foreheads (if desired) accompanied by the words:

"From dust you came and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

Thus, with this reminder of our own mortality ringing in our ears we enter the season of Lent where we strive to come into a better relationship with God and with our neighbour.

Traditionally this season is coloured by the notion of sacrifice and people usually have "given things up for Lent" but in recent years I've noticed a trend for "taking things on for Lent" because there are many ways in which we can establish a better relationship with God and taking something up (for example) of something simple like saying a prayer before meals, or reading some spiritual literature every day, or thanking people more than you would normally, has the benefit that it generally makes you feel good as well.

Of course, the Lenten tradition of sacrifice and self-examination leads up to the great celebration of Easter and it is a fact of life that you enjoy the highs much more after you have experienced the lows, which is why both great explosions of celebration and rejoicing in the Christian calendar of Christmas and Easter are both preceded by more sombre periods of reflection. Both Lent (before Easter) and Advent (before Christmas) lead us into a state of being that enables us to enjoy and appreciate more the heightened state of joy and celebration of both festivals. This makes sense on a human level because it is hard work trying to maintain a heightened level of enjoyment over a long period of time, which has the effect of deadening the day of celebration itself.

For example, extending Christmas over a longer and longer time just ends up making the actual day itself a relief just to get the whole thing over with. I recommend a bit of what they nowadays call "delayed gratification". Lent fulfils that role before Easter wonderfully.

Peace and Love,

Martin

January 100 Club

The winners were: £5 Gill Shilcock £10 Pat Branson (for Joanne) £20 Christine Channon
I still have 8 tickets available. Several people have offered to buy a second ticket, so I shall be delighted to sell more to these kind people. If you can bring the right money, so much the better. A bargain at £12! *Fiona Hennah*

Exmouth Food Bank – New Year Re-Stock

We are anticipating that the increase in demand for our services will continue during the next quarter. We now need to focus on replenishing our core stock. We would really appreciate donations of the following items: breakfast cereals, tinned soups, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tins of vegetables, tins of meat and fish, jars of pasta sauce, rice pudding and tins of fruit. All the supermarkets in Budleigh have baskets to collect donations; at the Co-op near the cash machine, in Spar by the till and in Tesco near the till.

Can you press the red button?

Sadly, all too often I am told about people who live alone, fall and lie there for some time before anyone is aware of their problem. Recently, I was made aware of someone who had fallen two days before and was lying in a pool of blood before they were found by paramedics. This person was one I had advised to wear a red button alarm connected to the East Devon District Council support service but they did not believe it would help them. Fortunately their fall was not fatal but they are still in hospital.

The Home Safeguard Service is really valuable, especially geared to support people who live alone. The button can be worn as a pendant or as a bracelet. If you need help and press the button your call alerts someone who will answer your call and ask what your problem is. They will either, at your request, contact a friend or relative or send a paramedic to your residence. The service costs £17 per month.

I have used this service for the last three years and found it most helpful. If you live alone may I suggest that you give it a try. The number to call is: 03306782381. *Christine Channon*

Open the Book



It's lovely to be back in our three primary schools (Otterton, East Budleigh and St Peter's Budleigh) with Open the Book. Last term was Old Testament stories and this term we shall be covering Jesus stories following on from Christmas and leading up to Easter. The children always enjoy our visits especially if they can dress up and join in. The adults enjoy our sessions too. Anyone who is interested in seeing Open the Book in action in school is very welcome to come along and watch. Please contact me. *Jean Burrows 07498 073665*

The Spirituality of Choral Evensong

Sitting in our beautiful church during Choral Evensong is a wonderful treat; we are blessed that each month we can be enriched by this contemplative, calm and reflective service. Our service follows the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, which means it is a different style of worship from that of the 10am Holy Communion service. It is really a case of the cathedral coming to Budleigh, with exquisite music, our superb choir singing thoughtfully and with great skill, the organ being heard at its best and our Director of Music, Stephen Tanner, ensuring everything is seamlessly put together.

The traditional style of service is a glorious way to worship. At night the lighting in the church picks out the beautiful architecture of our precious building. The service lasts around 50 minutes, and this month, on 12th February our own choir will be joined by the choir of Woodbury Parish Church. If you have not been to Choral Evensong before or recently, you might like to venture out, usually on the second Sunday of the month at 6pm, for what I think is a special and uplifting experience.

Editor Lizzy

February fun at Budleigh Salterton Library

Saturday 4th February - 11-12pm. Lego Club. Just drop in and make something amazing!

Monday 13th February - 9.30-6pm . Children's seed planting. Pop in and plant some seeds for us to grow and sell at our plant and vegetable sale in May. All children will be able to take a seed in a pot home.

Thursday 16th February - 9.30-5.30pm. Children's spring crafts. Pop in any time and make something brilliant along the theme of new growth.

Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir Concert

On Saturday 25th February at St Peter's Church at 7.00pm, we will host a concert by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir. The Concert is to bid farewell and to express thanks to Michael Graham, who has been the Musical Director of the Budleigh Salterton MVC for the last 10 years. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from The Card Shop Too...at 3 High Street, www.budleighmvc.co.uk or at the door on the night.

Richard Gerry, Secretary of Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir

A Little Something to Reflect on

Rowan Williams, a previous Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'God's way with us becomes our way with others.'

Do you ever reflect on God's way with you?

Are you aware of that being reflected in how you are with other people?

Jean Burrows

FunFaith – our first session

What a brilliant first session! Thank you to all the wonderful children and their brilliant parents for coming along this morning, we hope you all had fun! This session we learned about the story of creation and how all things came to be. Children listened beautifully to the story and then went off to do their activities.



We had one table for making 'Creation Lollipops' - one for each of the seven days. We had a clay table where children made creatures great and small and flowers and we also had a game - Creation Bingo! This was followed by a play and prayer around the parachute. At the end of the session, we went into St. Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton to see the congregation and show them what we had been up to.



Looking forward to the next session on 12th February already!

For more information please call Stacey on 07891 482 169, or email us at Funfaithbudleigh@gmail.com.

Stacey James



DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st 11 am: Fairlynch talk. Stewart Raine - RMS Lusitania - U-boat victim that changed the course of WW1. Peter Hall, £5 or £3 for Friends. Coffee and biscuits served from 10.30, talk starts at 11 am and lasts 45 minutes

Thursday 2nd 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10

Tuesday 7th 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 7th 2.30 pm: Mothers' Union - AGM followed by a talk by Ruth Evans

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

Sunday 12th 10 am - 11.15 am: FunFaith for Primary age children, Peter Hall

Sunday 12th 6 pm: Choral Evensong

Thursday 16th 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Thursday 16th 12.15 pm: Loaves and Fishes lunch, details as above

Friday 24th 9 am - 1 pm: Farmers' Market in the Public Hall

Saturday 25th 7 pm: Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir concert (See elsewhere for details)

Sunday 26th 12.15 pm: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday

Friday 3rd March 2pm: World Day of Prayer service at 2 pm in church

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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