

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

Ah...September. When I hear that word, I immediately think of the "Earth, Wind and fire" classic song.....or is that just me? Then I remembered another song about September that I remember from my youth. My mum was a huge Frank Sinatra fan, and I remembered one of Frank's old classics called the September song. A melancholic and haunting song that equated the month, September, with a time in a person's life, when you are getting older and know you are running out of time.

I feel a bit like that myself, but in Frank's song that also means that each day, each moment, is more precious to you because you realise that your time here on earth is not eternal and you are not indestructible like young people assume themselves to be.

Those things are positive developments and are the reason that older people are generally considered wiser than the young. Hopefully, as we enter the September of our lives, we are more experienced and have learned through the school of hard knocks, how unfair and cruel the world can be sometimes, and we learn that a little humility goes a long way.

Hopefully, as our memories get worse and our ambitions become fewer and more realistic, the sharp corners of our personalities are ground a little smoother and we are content with smaller but more important wins in life. Family, friends, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and their well-being is more important than landing that new job or shiny new car.

You become more reflective and reminisce about the past more and more, and again hopefully, can use the experiences of the past to learn how to avoid making the same mistakes and make better choices in the present.

Youth does have its advantages of course like energy, ambition and a stronger constitution, but I personally wouldn't swap what I know now to regress to my younger days. Buddhists say that resistance to the realities of life, resistance to what you cannot change is the main cause of all psychological suffering. I tend to agree. Embrace September.

Love and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Martin'.

August 100 Club

The lucky winners were: £5 Mary Jones.

£10 Betty Clement.

£20 Marjorie White

To those of us, like me, who have been members of the 100 Club for some time but are still to be a lucky winner, Fiona encouragingly wishes us better luck next time....

Editor Lizzy

Julian Group

We welcome new members in the Lady Chapel for our sessions on 5th September and October 17th at 5.30pm. From 21st November, as it gets colder, we will meet on the **third** Tuesdays by kindness of the Revells at 7 Exmouth Rd.

The notion is that we all spend too much time telling God our problems, when the Good Lord knows them already and it just might be better to listen instead. Contemplative prayer has been described as listening for God; opening ourselves to God; waiting silently upon God. In contemplative prayer we seek to be aware of the presence of God and to remain silently and attentively in that presence, completely open to God.

It is not just that words are unnecessary, but that they may even get in the way. Prayer involves listening as well as speaking, but so often we do all the talking and God has little chance to chip in. Simply 'being with God' like this is a very natural way of praying. It may be the only way we **can** pray when we're very tired or ill. Some children pray in this way quite instinctively. So did the old man who explained why he sat in church for hours: 'I looks at Him, He looks at me'.

If you are interested please contact Penny Franklin on onesummerbythesea@gmail.com or Margaret Revell on mrrevell@btinternet.com or Christopher Briscoe on 444381.

Update on our previous vicar Anne Newport née Charlton

In May this year Anne and Rob moved from Crewkerne to King's Somborne, Hampshire, as Anne has been appointed to a House for Duty post. King's Somborne is a delightful village, about 9 miles from Winchester, and has a St Peter and St Paul Church, a pub and a shop. Anne and Rob are enjoying getting to know the villagers, are appreciating the many local activities and Anne is really enjoying only have one village to look after! The local magazine is The Gauntlet and is available online each month for contact details and up to date information.

Iris Cooper

A Little Something to Reflect on from Tanzania



'If you want to learn to swim don't go to the jacuzzi.' This was said to me by one of the teachers in St Philip's Theological College but it wasn't the sort of Tanzanian wisdom I was expecting. Whether it is one of their sayings or he made it up I don't know, but how true. It's about taking a leap, or a small step of faith, going out of our comfort zone, that's where the miracle happens. We discover the water can hold us if we want to swim but we have to be in the right place for that to happen. I'm certainly out of my comfort zone but time and again, God shows me he is there and will hold me up.

This is the view from my dining room table which I love; I can see for miles across college to the mountains in the far distance.

Jean Burrows

Salterton Drama Club

Our next production is "Checking Out", an hilarious 'Carry On' style farce written and directed by our own Ken Elvy. Those who attended last September's play will remember the hapless Funeral firm of Stave & Son. Ken has written a sequel where all involved are on holiday at a seaside resort not too far from here and, predictably, chaos ensues. Performances at 7.30pm every night between Monday 4th and Friday 8th September with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday 9th September. Tickets £14.00 are on sale through our website; Ticket Source or the Budleigh Information Centre.

Judith Stewart-Young

Mother's Union Cream Tea



In August we had our traditional summer Cream tea. One of our members - Maggie Tapping - invited us to use the Dolphin café in light of the recent poor weather. Thank you so much Maggie.

Our Chair, Margaret Keay, had cooked (that morning) large numbers of the most deliciously light scones. A very jolly time was had by the 25 members and friends who attended. This was our major fund-raiser of the year and we raised a marvellous £130 which goes towards the local diocesan charities we send to every February.

Sue Low

FunFaith – our most recent session



We listened to the story of Jesus and The Tax Man, Zacchaeus. We learnt how Christians believe that everyone is unique and valuable to God. Jesus saw that Zacchaeus was just as important as everyone else, so he spent time with him and taught him about being kind. Zacchaeus was then able to lead a better life and treat others the way God wanted him to.



FunFaith

We painted our hands and fingers (which the children loved!) to make the tree, Zacchaeus and Jesus. The children also made some lollipop scenes with string so Zacchaeus can travel up and down the tree - brilliant! We look forward to our next session on 17th September :).

Stacey James

Accolades for our Director of Music on BBC Radio 2

A member of our congregation was listening to a recent edition of *Good Morning Sunday*, and heard Adam Gibbons (aka Lack of Afro), a music producer and composer, talking about his early musical influences. He attended Exeter Cathedral School and spoke in glowing terms of the Head of Music at the school – our very own Stephen Tanner.

Adam said he had had a robust and amazing musical education at the school, and that Stephen was encouraging to all students and had high expectations. Adam said, 'when you have a teacher that you trust and respect and like, you are happy to raise yourself to that level'.

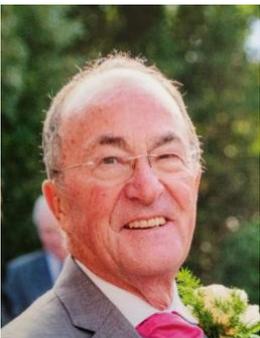
It turns out that Chris Martin, of Coldplay, is another alumnus of Exeter Cathedral School, also in Stephen's time there, and Chris keeps in regular contact with Stephen and his wife Shirley (Shirley, as you may know, sings in our church choir). Clearly, we are very fortunate to have such a talented director of music in our church who leads the musical aspect of our worship!

Editor Lizzy

Harvest Solos Lunch

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on 1st October this year. The date coincides with the September Solos Lunch which has been delayed due to the Literary Festival, so St Peter's will host a Harvest Solos Lunch to which everyone, solo or not, is welcome. Tickets for this buffet style lunch at 12.15 are available from Christine Channon or Fran @ £10.00 and a bar will also be available on the day for your refreshments.

People in our church: John Rockey, recently appointed as Churchwarden



John is a Cornishman who qualified as a Chartered Civil Engineer in the late 1960s and worked in the southwest until 1977 when he took up an offer of a 2½ year contract in Hong Kong. At that time, John was married with two young sons aged 2½ years and 5 months, so it was quite an upheaval to move the family the 6000 miles to Hong Kong.

However, the expected short-term temporary stay of 2½ years ended up being a semi-permanent residence of 23 years, during which time John became the Project Director for the design, construction and operation of a number of waste management projects. Also he witnessed the memorable and important Handover of Hong Kong to China.

On retirement in 2001, John and his family returned to Sidmouth where he had lived prior to going to Hong Kong, and his new hobbies were travelling, golfing, gardening and time spent with his 3 grandsons. Unfortunately, in 2016, his wife Beverley died of cancer ending his 48-year marriage.

And now, the new chapter in his life. In 2018 John met Faith, and whilst he knew her late husband Colin very well (who also sadly died of cancer in 2015), having played in the same football team in the 1960s/70s; he had never met Faith who he later discovered was a good friend of his sister as both were in the fashion business. Through this connection an introduction was arranged for them to finally say hello.

Romance blossomed and Faith and John were married by Rev. Martin in St. Peter's in November 2019, following which they moved into their new home in Wildflowers, Budleigh Salterton.

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday 4th to Saturday 9th: Salterton Drama Club 'Checking Out' (See elsewhere for details)
Tuesday 5th 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Tuesday 5th 5.30 pm: Julian Group in the Lady Chapel
Saturday 9th 2 pm - 5 pm: Seachange Community Fundraising Fete
Sunday 10th 6 pm: Choral Evensong
Tuesday 12th 2.30 pm: Mothers' Union talk on the NCI National Coastwatch Exmouth
Thursday 14th 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10.
Sunday 17th 10 am - 11.15 am: FunFaith for Primary age children, Peter Hall
Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th: Budleigh Literary Festival
Thursday 21st 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance
Friday 29th 9 am - 1 pm: Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall
Sunday 1st **October**: Harvest Solos Lunch (see elsewhere for details)

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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