

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear Friends,



What on earth could be happening in church in April – oh yes, I remember, it is Easter! I say “happening in church” but actually Easter happens everywhere and is a celebration and extension of our understanding of life, revealed though what happened on that first Easter Sunday, as being not constrained between the parameters of physical life and death but lived against the infinite horizon that is God. The eternal cycle of life and death is now life, death and NEW life. You can see that cycle writ large in nature which embodies the scientific truth that nothing can be created and nothing can be destroyed - it simply changes into something different. What we do in church is celebrate that eternal truth that was revealed to an incredulous world on that first Easter morning when Jesus' tomb was found empty, and his disciples experienced him as alive in a very real (but different and mysterious) way that defies explanation.

Having your perspectives changed so hugely affects the way you see and experience everything. It will also change the way you think and act. Seeing and experiencing the world from God's perspective, all troubles, strife and turmoil are transient and yet they all mean something because the nature of God is Love.

Knowing you are loved unconditionally is a life-changing thing both when experienced from another human being and even more so when experienced from God. You become a more confident, courageous and humble person that is free to live their life fearlessly.

Easter is much more than what happened to Jesus on that first Easter morning, it is about you and what it means to be fully human.

Happy Easter,

Martin

What is special about a hot cross bun?

The cross – represents the cross on which Jesus died.

The four quarters – represent the four corners of the world.

The spices – suggest the spices used to anoint the dead.

The yeast making the bun rise – reminds us that Jesus rose on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to our Diocese for this reminder.



Additional Easter Services

We shall be observing a service of Compline each evening on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during Holy Week, at 7pm. This is an ancient service having its roots in the 6th century and was a part of the monastic tradition of praying at set hours. The name "compline" comes from the Latin word Completorium because traditionally it completed the day. In monasteries it usually introduced the "Great silence" that was observed until daybreak. It is a simple, short, quiet, no-frills restful service and is much loved by those who know about it. A chance to reflect at the end of a busy day. In addition, on Good Friday we shall be having our service of Reflections at 3 pm.

Martin

The Disabled Door Ever since the disabled door was installed it has been maintained by the original installers. This has not proved satisfactory as well as being a huge expense. They are based in West London so it was a long trip for most of their engineers. We have now found a Devon firm with properly trained engineers regularly in the area. They have promised to attend promptly if we do get a problem and offer to talk us through issues over the phone. It is important, please, that we all use the push pads rather than try to force the door open, which upsets it. Also, that those locking up turn off the power and lock the security bolt. Many thanks.

Christopher Briscoe

Music at St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

This is advance notice of concerts in the next two months, so that you can put the dates in your diary!

Friday 13 May 1.30pm. **Dylan Brewer - trombone and Stephen Tanner - organ**

Sunday 22 May 6.30pm. **"Singing for Sylvia" Sylvia Pritchard Memorial Concert**

Friday 27 May 1.30pm. **Stephen Tanner - organ**

Sunday 5 June 6.30pm. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert.** St Peter's Church Choir with David Davies - organ

Friday 10 June 1.30pm. **Organ2 - duets for organ and other instruments.** Stephen Tanner and Andrew Downton

Thank you and Hello!



Rosemary Humphreys and Gillian Andrews have been editing the Mini-Mag for some years now. As you will know, they have done a splendid job! Thank you to them both, and we wish them well. I have taken over from them; it will be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best. I shall inevitably get things wrong from time to time; please be kind! I would be grateful if people who organise regular monthly events could tell me of any changes to the normal pattern. As a novice, I shall take longer to get the Mini-Mag together, so please give me contributions by the 20th of the month. My husband Richard and I moved to Budleigh just over two years ago, and we love living here!

Lizzy Doorbar

March 100 Club Winners: £5 Janice Brace £10 Anne Marshall. £20 Anne Marshall's grandson Billy.

This is well deserved, as Anne bought the last three tickets for her grandsons, and Billy was number 100! *Fiona Hennah*



Report from the Food Bank We really value your continued generosity, but our food levels are dropping due to the increased demand. Therefore If you are able to donate this month we would be very grateful. We are in need of bottled squash, tinned and packet potato, baked beans, tinned soup, tinned vegetables, jars of pasta or curry sauce, tinned rice pudding and tinned or packet custard. We also desperately need bags for life please.

Sue Low

Events in Budleigh Salterton Library

Friday 8th April 2.30pm: Local author Linda Finlay will be talking about her new book *Farringdon's Fate*. Linda writes historical novels based in Devon. Tickets £3 to include refreshments. Doors open 2.15.

Tuesday 19th April 10.30 am: *Shipwreck Sam*, a fun and colourful show perfect for children aged 4 – 10 years. Boo to a Goose Theatre company is back! Tickets £3 per child with one free adult per child. Doors open 10.15.

News from St Peter's School



The PTA at school has been busy fundraising, and over the past year have contributed a variety of resources for the school. These include professional art sketchbooks for each child, proper media such as pastels and charcoal. Also PE mats and netball hoops, maths equipment which help to give a visual representation of number to 10, and Base 10 equipment which supports place value at a bigger scale. For reading there have been new books, and subscriptions to junior magazines and newspapers to keep pupils up to date with what is going on around us.

Prayer for Ukraine

Our faith does not mean believing in impossible things. It is knowing that no event is outside the scope of God's grace and love. The Christ-like God who plunges into the darkness of human suffering and stands along side us, even in the agony of conflict and death and bringing hope to shattered lives. Our Lord said, "I, when I am lifted up will draw all to myself." All, whatever their pain, agony, sorrow or grief may be. May those who suffer in Ukraine and other parts of our world draw strength from those words. May our prayer for them be, "Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide. Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side."

This is an extract from a Lent Homily by Prebendary Paul Hancock, the Diocesan Chairman of the Prayer Book Society

Report from the last PCC meeting held on 15th February

St. Peters School: Steve Hitchcock (HeadTeacher) reported high levels of covid among pupils and staff. The school has assisted 60 pupils through our Winter Fuel scheme. The School has adopted a new 'School Vision', which PCC welcomed as it has clear Christian Values.

Treasurer's report: Tony Gray reported that the financial year had proved better than feared, partly due to all structural repairs being postponed, also receipt of some £15k in bequests. The deficit of expenditure over income prior to investment performance was £16,923. Market value of investments was up £30,273, but now look vulnerable due to the invasion of Ukraine. Tony offered to act as Friends co-ordinator, without a committee. This was warmly approved. A new Gift Day will be held in the Spring.

Peter Hall: New floors have been laid in both toilets. Both have also been decorated.

Carpark Scheme: The planning application seemed likely to be granted (and is now approved). We can now apply for a £50k grant from Viridor, seemingly with a good chance. If so, we may be able to proceed this year. Members agreed in principle to charge Church Members to park on weekdays and outside service times, possibly with an annual charge of £60 for a disc. All details require PCC consent. The intention is that no costs will fall on Church Funds. *Christopher Briscoe*

There is an on-going collection of unwanted bras outside the RMC office. Five large boxes have already been sent off as part of the **Against Breast Cancer** initiative, which is a great achievement! Please continue to provide support (!). *Fran*

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

Tuesday 5th 9.30: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 6th 10.30: Fairlynch Talk; Stewart Raine - The Development of English Seaside Resorts. Peter Hall, talk starts 11.00. Cost £5, or £3 for Friends of Fairlynch

Thursday 7th 2.00 and 5.30: Film No time to Die (James Bond) at Seachange (The Hub)

Sunday 10th 6.00: Choral Evensong

Tuesday 12th Mothers' Union 2.30: Peter Hall. Talk by Christine Channon followed by the Service of Compline

Thursday 14th 12.15: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran or Mary on 443333 by the 8th April

Friday 15th: Good Friday

Sunday 17th: Easter Sunday

Thursday 21st 8.45: Men's Breakfast, Dolphin Café. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Sunday 24th 12.15: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran in the office by the previous Wednesday

Friday 29th 9.00 - 1.00: Farmers Market in the Public Hall

Saturday 30th 7.00: Zoots Band at the Public Hall. More information from the Hospiscare shop

Rendezvous Café every Friday at 10am in the Peter Hall

SERVICES

Sundays Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am

Choral Evensong 6pm 2nd Sunday

Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30am

Fridays Holy Communion at 11.30 am – a welcome return of this service

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

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