

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. DR. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear Friends,



"We apologise for the delay. Your call is very important to us" repeated ad nauseam for ages is guaranteed to make anyone's blood boil. Speaking to a computer when you finally make contact is enough to tip you over the edge.

Many young people now text, WhatsApp or email in preference to speaking to anyone in person. And everything seems to be "on-line" nowadays which is good for the companies because they don't need to employ expensive staff but not so good if your request /query falls outside the four options given.

Lots of sectors in society are being de-personalised and, in the process, isolating and disenfranchising many people into the bargain, especially the not so young. The national church during Covid also encouraged us to put services "on-line" through necessity and then tried to encourage us to continue to do so.

I am resistant to all this "progress" because I am certain we are losing something vital in this headlong rush towards electronic modernity and not just because I am simply a grumpy old man (which I am).

To me, church is a personal face to face encounter in the company of others gathered together to give thanks and commune with our creator. It is a communal experience that should engage all our senses ideally and nothing electronic can replace that aspect of it.

In that sense the church is decidedly counter cultural, and whether the worship is experienced as good or not so good, it rests completely on the engagement and input of the people present so we have no one else to blame!

My fear is that the younger generation are just not experiencing enough face-to-face social interaction, with everything in society increasingly being mediated by machines, especially our phones which I see as a form of social deprivation. The web is a wonderful thing and can be so useful of course, but not for every solitary aspect of life!

Martin

St Peter's new mission partners

Our former Church Mission Society (CMS) mission partners retired in February this year, having been linked to St Peter's for over twenty years. Two new mission partners were chosen at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2022.

Helen Kisakye is a CMS missionary in Uganda where she lives with her husband Douglas and three year old daughter Melina. Helen read dance and theology at University and founded the SPLASH Dance Company in Uganda in 2017. She connects with children, both disabled and able-bodied, through her dance company. She also partners with other organisations involved with children and, together with one of them, created a piece which went live on YouTube and was part of a bigger celebration commemorating World Disability Day. Another organisation she is involved with is CRANE (Children at Risk Action Network). The main function of this partnership is to keep children safe, but it has also developed a programme to help girls reach higher education levels as this is a problem in Uganda. A new initiative is the use of Zoom to connect children from different geographical locations, with or without disabilities, through dance. It proved to be a highly successful venture.

I have a number of money boxes to raise money for CMS. Please ask me if you would like one. They are collected in November and the proceeds sent to CMS, together with a donation from St Peter's.

Wendy Lim (née Powell) was brought up locally, and is an Interserve missionary and works in Cambodia where she is nursing. She was married last year to Yong and they are together in Cambodia now.

Health care in Cambodia is very inadequate and difficult to access. Money and influence are required to achieve a reasonable standard of care and even then, the services are very inadequate. For the poor not only is care limited, but also patients may be disrespected, maltreated, verbally abused and treated negligently. It is a situation which distresses Wendy and she is praying and working for by training health workers and promoting effective, compassionate and professional nursing.

Wendy's husband Yong teaches in the language school in Cambodia and is also one of a team of ten riders involved in the Prayer Cycle Cambodia Motorbike rides which aims to spread the gospel and promote prayer.

Please see the Mission noticeboard in St Peter's for link letters from both Helen and Wendy as they arrive. Hopefully it will be possible to meet both our mission partners before too long.

Betty Clement, Mission Representative for St Peter's church

Recruiting for Mission Community's Handbell Team

After a long Covid break the Handbell team has been back in action, and will restart regular 7.00pm meetings in All Saints Church, East Budleigh on 2nd September. We have some vacancies. Enquiries welcome from experienced ringers, also beginners with some musical experience. Contact Geoff Aplin, 01395 442 951 or gjaplin9@gmail.com Geoff Aplin

Julian Group

Mother Julian of Norwich was a 14th Century Anchoress who received a series of 'Divine' revelations. Julian's 'Revelations of Divine Love' have fostered a movement to practice of inter-denominational Christian prayer and meditation.

Our Julian group takes place on the first Tuesday of the month (in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's). It starts at five-thirty and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Keeping to the principles of a Julian meeting, we have no set leadership and minimal organisation. After the meeting, we can share some of our contemplative insights if inspired to do so. The group is open to all, and we would be pleased to welcome you. We hope to meet in peoples homes during the winter as doing so will be warmer than the Lady Chapel. For further information, please contact Christopher Briscoe or Penny Franklin (07590 481 149).

Car park

The car park is now currently closed until 9 September. There is no parking at all available on site. Access on Sundays will be on foot from the upper gate on The Lawn to the West Door. On weekdays it will again be from the upper gate, either to the North Door directly into church, or to the back door of the Peter Hall lobby. Contractors' security fencing will prevent any access to the South Porch or the Disabled Door.

When the car park re-opens, there will be new rules to try to prevent the misuse which has grown through Covid. The car park will always be open on a 'first come' basis on Sundays or for other services or advertised events. We are inviting parishioners to apply now for the new Parking Permits which will be required after September 12th, to use the newly extended and beautified car park on weekdays and outside advertised services or event times.

The basic charge for the permits will be £60 annually for one vehicle. For the remainder of 2022, £15 will be the minimum charge. As we are still struggling with funding for the project, we do hope that those who can manage it will offer more by donation. These can be made at any time either to Fran or Tony Gray and may be electronic. All that is required is the vehicle registration number and your name and email address. The actual permits will be issued prior to the Grand Re-opening on September 12th.

While the carpark remains closed, please let Fran know if you need a lift on either Sundays or Wednesdays.

Christopher Briscoe



What a splendid picture of Pat Rogers as Pharaoh at **Open the Book** at Otterton Church in July. I am sure the children will have enjoyed the occasion as much as Pat clearly did! The Open the Book story concentrates on a theme about forgiveness, with Joseph forgiving his brothers despite all they did to him.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged.

Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven'. *Luke 6:37*

News from St Peter's School

The school Eco Champions have worked tirelessly this year, and have great plans for next year, which include:

- **Reducing single-use plastics** and stop using glitter which is a micro plastic.
- **Reducing our carbon footprint** by calculating it, monitoring our energy consumption, planting trees, having meat-free days and serving locally produced food wherever possible.
- **Following Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** to help us minimise our waste. We will make sure that 'throwing things away' is the very last resort.
- **Encouraging eco transport** such as cycling, scooting, walking and car sharing
- **Caring for our school grounds and local wildlife** by finding ways to encourage a greater range of plants and wildlife and organising litter picks
- **Being courageous advocates for our planet** by being brave enough to take a stand. As well as taking individual responsibility we need to challenge businesses and the government to prioritise looking after the environment. We will be working with EDDC and Budleigh Town Council.

Mrs Moore

July 100 club winners:

£5 Betty Clement £10 Mary Leat £20 Martin Jacques Congratulations everyone! *Fiona Hennah*

Choir



There will be no choral evensong in August to give the choir a break. However we are fortunate that there will be a choir during the Sunday Eucharist services in August, as experience shows that many choristers no longer take their summer holidays in August.

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd 9.30: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 2nd 5.30: Julian Group in the Lady Chapel

Saturday 6th 12.30- 4.00: Flower and Produce Show, Public Hall

Thursday 11th 12.15: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 six days in advance.

Thursday 18th 8.45: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Friday 26th 9.00 - 1.00 Farmers' Market in the Public Hall

Sunday 28th 12.15: Solos' Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday

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**

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

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