

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear Friends,



What struck me most about all the street parties, events and concerts in Budleigh Salterton, East Budleigh and Otterton over the Queen's Jubilee weekend was the extraordinary sense of fun and community goodwill that exists and the need to let our collective hair down after a horrendous couple of years.

The Spirit was good natured and positive and there was a determination to enjoy ourselves no matter what. It was a reminder, if one were needed, that beyond the continuous diet of doom, gloom and despondency that we get fed in the TV, newspapers, social media and radio there is also a deep well of decency, kindness, joy and community spirit.

I am pretty sure that the so-called "mental health crisis" owes more than a little to the influence of the media propagating a continual diet of bad and depressing news. It must affect people I would say.

It is good to keep on top of the news but sometimes the last thing you need to hear is about the cost-of-living crisis or the National Health Service being in crisis, rail strikes, crises in parliament, climate emergency, wars, famine and the like. All very important stuff but you do need a break from all that stuff from time to time that doesn't involve reaching for the bottle.

We need to remind ourselves frequently of the enormous well of goodwill, charitable service, self-giving, of people going the extra mile, kindness and joy that exists in our own community. Yes, of course there are bad things happening in the world, but they are in reality, dwarfed by the sheer weight of honest to goodness people going about their business doing honest to goodness things.

Rejoice and give thanks that we live in a safe, democratic, beautiful part of the world in close proximity to both gorgeous countryside and a lovely coastline, but more importantly than that, peopled in the main by decent, honest, kind people full of goodwill, trying to live their lives in as good a fashion as they can. Love and prayers,

Martin

June 100 club winners:

£5 Audrey Williams

£10 Anne Marshall's grandson Thomas

£20 Anne Marshall's grandson Billy

The draw was done at coffee time after the Sunday 10am service, as there was no Rendezvous meeting because of the Jubilee. I wonder if this would be better time and place to do it every month? There were more people present and both winners were there! Please send me any thoughts about this. Email me on fabhennah@gmail.com *Fiona Hennah*

Report of the last APCM meeting

Everyone on the PCC and all officers were re-elected at the APCM. The good news is that Lucinda Stuart-Banks was proposed and seconded from the floor and duly elected. Lucinda already does a lot of good work on our website and general IT and video work, so it will be very helpful to have her input at meetings.

We also voted to adopt two new mission partners, following the retirement of the Sharlands. The first is Wendy Yong of Interserve, who works in Cambodia with her Cambodian husband Yong. Wendy grew up here and her father still lives in the Old Vicarage. The second is Helen Kisakye of CMS Uganda who works with children at risk and in furtherance of educational opportunities for girls.

Elsewhere in the Mini-Mag you can find further information about the planned work on the car park.

The PCC again emphasised that regular giving and expenditure are out of balance and we will need to hold a stewardship campaign and Gift Day to balance the books. *Christopher Briscoe*

News from St Peter's School

The School Vision has recently been updated. Feedback on this would be appreciated:

We exist to **help our pupils grow** academically, emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually. Our core belief is **the value of each and every person**. As a church school, our vision is inspired by the unconditional love of God: *'Let us love one another, for love is from God' (John 4:7)*

Our aim is for **every pupil to flourish** through our **academic, character and enrichment** curriculums in order for them to **live life in all its fullness**. *'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)*

After the trials of Covid, the school is currently focusing on Emotional recovery, Academic recovery and supporting everyone in the community. The school thanks the church for continuing to provide food vouchers to be given to families in need. *Steve Hitchcock, Headteacher*

Loaves & Fishes Lunch

The Loaves & Fishes Lunch was started in December 1999 by Sally Rogers, Mary Leat and Sue Waddington on a voluntary basis to provide a midday meal once a month to the elder members of St Peter's Church. All were welcome in the Peter Hall, and no one was turned away. A home cooked meal of main course and dessert was provided, plus a glass of sherry or juice, and a raffle to follow. Extra helpers laid tables, handed out meals and helped in the kitchen. It became a social occasion for friends from St Peter's church and the town. Numbers of diners started around thirty and grew to a maximum of eighty at the December lunches. After food costs and expenses any money remaining was sent to the charity Send A Cow in Africa. The Covid pandemic resulted in closing down the lunches in March 2020, and our wonderful cooks took the opportunity to retire, after twenty one years of voluntary service.

In September 2021 the lunches re-started in a different format with Jennie Stogdon as our cook on a paid basis, and volunteers assisting her in the Hall. The lunches take place now on the second Thursday of each month, in the Peter Hall, and numbers range from 25-30 on average. Anyone is welcome to join us, however we must know in advance, to be able to advise the cook of the numbers she will be catering for, a change from the original idea. It is still a social occasion for all who attend St Peter's and the local community.

Mary Jones

Music at St Peter's

There will be three organ recitals in July. It is especially exciting to be able to welcome the organist of Rennes Cathedral in France on July 29th.

Sunday 3 July at 6.00 pm David Davies, Buckfast Abbey and the University of Exeter.

'Organ Music for a Summer's Evening' tickets available online through Eventbrite, from £7 to £25

Friday 22 July at 1.30 pm Stephen Tanner, St Peter's Budleigh Salterton. Tickets available on the door, £7

Friday 29 July at 1.30 pm Jean-René André, Rennes Cathedral. Tickets on the door, £7.

Stephen Tanner

ADVANCE WARNING: The CARPARK at St Peters will be closed for 8 weeks from 18 July to 11 Sept. In that time it will be extended along the south, provided with proper drainage and completely re-surfaced in durable, porous pea gravel. The dangerous slabs will go entirely. It will end up larger, looking far better, be much safer and an ongoing source of funding for all time. It will also allow us to increase our hire charges. We realise that this will cause a lot of inconvenience, especially as parking outside is restricted to an hour by the council. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout, but may be through the West Doors, or even North Door for the Hall. Would those with mobility issues please let Fran in the office know so that we can arrange a special rota of drivers to assist.

When the car park reopens in September there will be a new parking regime and careful policing. Parking will always be available for services and church events (on a first come, first served basis), but parishioners wishing to park at other times will need to buy an annual sticker for £60.

Christopher Briscoe

Events at our Library

Saturday 16th July is our launch day for the children's Summer Reading Challenge. Children ages 4 plus can sign up for free and will be given a "Gadgeteers" starting pack. There are fun and colourful stickers to collect and a medal and certificate if they manage to read 6 books (of their choice) during the summer holiday. More information in early July.

Saturday 9th July at 2.30pm. Popular local author Graham Hurley will be talking about his new book, "Katastrophe", a block buster thriller set during the closing stages of the Second World War. Tickets priced at £5.00 are available from the library, by emailing budleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or by ringing 01395 443245. Refreshments are included. Doors open just after 2pm.

Jane Cordy

Solos Lunch

Do you live alone and rarely eat a Roast Lunch on a Sunday? We normally meet at 12 noon on the 4th Sunday of the month and chat over a glass of sherry, or a soft drink. We have a professional caterer, who provides us with a very tasty roast meal, fresh local vegetables, roast potatoes, and a delicious dessert. She also provides vegetarian meals to order. Coffee or tea are served at the end of the meal and the cost of all this is just £10.

We normally have between 25-30 people who attend regularly and they look forward to a lovely meal, good company and no washing up! You do not have to be a member of either St Peter's Church, or the Raleigh Mission Community to join us; we have the capacity to expand and will give a warm welcome to you if you care to join us. Tickets are available from Christine Channon, tel. 01395 442927 or Fran Mills 01395 443397. Why not give it a try? *Christine Channon*

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

Sunday 3rd 12.15: Solos' Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday

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

Friday 8th to Saturday 16th: Budleigh Music Festival, with lunchtime and evening concerts

Sunday 10th 6.00: Choral Evensong

Tuesday 12th Mothers' Union 2.30: Outing to Kings Garden Centre - bring a friend!

Thursday 21st 12.15: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Alan and Heather French on 444369 six days in advance.

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

Sunday 31st 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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From the editor: the eagle-eyed amongst you may notice that I am finding formatting and laying out text on the page a challenge! Is there some kind person who knows about these things on an iPad using Word, who could give me some advice? If so, I would be pleased to hear from you!

Lizzy Doorbar