

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear Friends,



"The sun is out, the sky is blue, there's not a cloud to spoil the view, but it's raining, raining in my heart" was a great song by Buddy Holly about a broken heart, but it speaks a great truth that while everything might be fine on the surface of our lives, we can each of us be carrying great burdens that weigh us down making us very unhappy indeed.

I am not thinking of clinical depression, for which there may be a chemical imbalance, and for which I am not qualified to comment upon, but rather the daily hurts, bereavements, abandonments, slights, failures and unkindness borne by all of us at some point. You never know what is or has been going on in people's lives that may be causing them great sadness and affecting the way they speak and relate to other people.

And if I can mention another classic – the tracks of my tears by Smokey Robinson – we are mostly very adept at covering up the truth and giving off the impression that everything in the garden is lovely. Being honest to someone about how you really feel can be cathartic, but most people find it very embarrassing, so here's a thought.. Try taking those things, situations and predicaments to God. There is a saying that goes "You are never alone with Christ". Pouring out your heart to God is equally cathartic and Christians believe it will not be in vain. When people pray, things happen, sometimes surprising and unexpected things. You may even find that the load on your heart starts to lighten somewhat. If you have really "prayed in anger" before and don't know where to start, here is something to get you going. It is **the serenity prayer**.

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Amen

April 100 Club winners: £5 John Smith

£10 Ruth Evans

£20 Chris Parrish *Fiona Hennah*

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord, be with those who are anxious and fearful. With those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives.

And for those who have lost loved ones, Lord hear our prayers.

Thank you to World Vision UK (part of the Disasters Emergency Committee) for this prayer

Report from Exmouth Food Bank



In March food parcels were given to 264 families and individuals and fed 492 people. This is almost a 10% rise in demand since last month. This is not surprising, as many people are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table. The Food Bank is here to help and will continue to provide food, guidance and support. In Budleigh, the Co-op, Tesco and Spar all have collection points which are emptied each week by a member of our congregation and the gifts taken to the Food Bank.

Sue Low

The **Fairlynch Museum** is hosting an exhibition about the Lower Otter Restoration Project. The exhibition will run for two years and covers the history of the estuary, the aims of the project, its funding, climate change and looks at objections to the scheme. If you are concerned, interested or intrigued about the project, a visit to the museum could be useful.

News from St Peter's School

The children and staff at St Peter's have been working hard to reduce our impact on the planet by reducing, reusing, and recycling. We are lucky to have been accepted onto Devon County Council's WoW (War on Waste) project and all classes are taking part in workshops on topics such as composting and recycling. As part of the WoW project, a Waste Education Officer is working with our Eco Champions to carry out an audit of our school's waste and identify ways to reduce it.

Some of the actions that we have taken include: collecting our food waste for anaerobic digestion; ensuring that everyone knows which recycling bins to use; switching to refillable cleaning products; reducing the single-use packaging in our school kitchen and sharing information with families about how to pack a low waste lunch; using reusable cloths in classes and encouraging children to use just one paper towel to dry their hands; holding swaps and sales of preloved items such as toys, books, and clothing. We also have 'Terracycle' collections for waste, such as pens and make-up packaging which can't be recycled within our normal collections.

Jemima Moore

For those who enjoy the light-hearted side of church life: (from actual church bulletins – I think not ours...)

'At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.'

Rendezvous

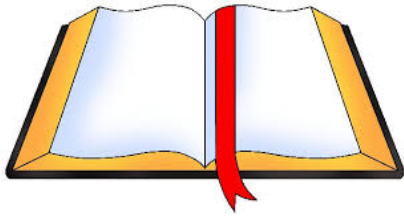
The Friday morning "Rendezvous" held at the Peter Hall was the idea of our local vicar at the time, Canon Ken Parry – about 30 years ago. It was in order to get the townspeople together after their shopping since there was only one bus a week on Fridays. It has been running successfully all this time in spite of regular daily bus services and more cars! Unfortunately, it had to cease during times of "lockdown" for Covid but has been resumed since October 2021. It is a very friendly gathering in the Peter Hall from about 9.45 to 11.30 and provides filter and decaf coffee, breakfast tea (and decaf) as well as Earl Grey, fruit and peppermint teas and chocolate. After expenses, any money remaining goes to good causes. When we closed in March 2020 we were able to send £250 to the Community Larder. Please consider joining us from time to time!

This is the first of a little series explaining about regular events that take place under the church auspices.

Thank you to Doris Godfrey for telling us about Rendezvous.

Open the Book

A few years ago the Bible Society created a project entitled "Open the Book". Its aim was to encourage churches to set up small groups to act Bible Stories in school assemblies. It is a three year plan which covers key stories from the Old and New Testament of the Bible.



A group was set up in the Raleigh Mission Community which also included members of other churches. This group was large enough to split into two and once a fortnight either one group or the other visited Otterton, East Budleigh, and St Peter's Schools. The children loved their visits, particularly when they were able to take part. Unfortunately, during the Covid pandemic we could not continue with these visits,

however during March we returned to carry out a couple of visits to the Otterton and Drakes, East Budleigh schools. The first story we produced was about how God created the world and the second about how Adam and Eve disobeyed God, misled by an evil snake, and were banned from the beautiful garden. We had some marvellous props and the team gave a most convincing performance. The children loved it and concluded our worship with some wonderful singing. We hope to return to all three schools in May.

Christine Channon

Music at St Peter's

Music has always been an important part of the life of St Peter's and in May and June we are delighted to be offering a series of five concerts. The lunchtime concerts will last around half an hour. The three May concerts are:

Friday 13 May 1.30pm: Dylan Brewer - trombone and Stephen Tanner – organ

Programme to include Let the Bright Seraphim and Where'er you Walk (Handel), Nessun Dorma (Puccini) and works by Mozart, Ulrich Nehls and Alexandre Guilmant.

Sunday 22 May 6.30pm

"Singing for Sylvia" Sylvia Pritchard Memorial Concert

A festival choir of over 100 singers including members of the Choir of St Peter's Budleigh, St David's Singers, Heritage Singers and the St David's Players.

Programme to include sections of The Creation (Haydn), Messiah (Handel) and Five Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams).

Soloists: Thomas Hobbs – tenor, Martin Shaw – baritone, Josie Walledge - soprano

Friday 27 May 1.30pm: Stephen Tanner - organ

Programme to include Fanfare (William Mathias), Prelude in B minor (J S Bach), Andantino in G minor (Cesar Franck), Fountain Reverie (Percy Fletcher), and Variations on Lasst uns erfreuen (Denis Bédard).

Stephen Tanner

Friends of St Peter's

For the last two years there has been very little fundraising by the Friends of St Peter's due to Covid restrictions. Prior to that it was agreed not to continue running the Friends through a committee but for individuals or groups of people to take responsibility for running specific events.

At the last PCC Meeting, as fundraising is much needed, I agreed to act as Co-ordinator for the Friends. My role will be to encourage people to stage events and to ensure no clashes of dates etc. We could do with some new ideas so if you have any please let me know. There are two aims: to raise funds for the fabric of the church and to have social gatherings.

This year the following are being planned (more details later)

26th June: Lunchtime BBQ

22nd July: Evening Wine Tasting

12th November: Autumn Fayre

Tony Gray

From the editor: thank you so much to people who have said kind words to me about the Mini-Mag. You have all been very encouraging!

Lizzy Doorbar

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

Tuesday 3rd 9.30: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 5th 2.00: Film at Seachange "The Last Bus" - a widower takes a nostalgic journey from John o' Groats to Lands End and uses his free bus pass. £4 including light refreshments

Saturday 7th 9.30 - 12.20: Plant sale outside Budleigh Library. Proceeds go to Libraries Unlimited, the charity which helps to keep the library in our town.

Sunday 8th 6.00: Choral Evensong

Tuesday 10th Mothers' Union 2.30: 'Small is Beautiful' talk by Chris Cant in the Peter Hall.

Thursday 12th 12.15: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Alan and Heather French on 444369 by 6th. Due to cancellation April tickets can be used for May.

Friday 13th 1.30: St Peter's Lunchtime concert (see elsewhere in the Mini-Mag for details!)

Thursday 19th 8.45: Men's Breakfast, Dolphin Café. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Sunday 22nd 12.15: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran in the office by the previous Wednesday

Sunday 22nd 6.30: St Peter's Evening concert (see elsewhere for details)

Friday 27th 9.00 - 1.00: Farmers Market in the Public Hall

Friday 27th 1.30: St Peter's Lunchtime concert (see elsewhere for details)

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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