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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

The gathering chill wind and grey skies of autumn and winter are reflected in a sober and reflective remembering of those who have died on various occasions in the month of November. All Saints' Day remembers the Saints of the church on 1st November followed by All Souls' Day, which remembers all the faithful departed, and which has morphed into exuberant forms in some places, especially in the Mexican

"Day of the Dead". This colourful celebration affirms the fact that the dead are still with us and takes on pragmatic manifestations like having picnics in graveyards in the presence of dead relatives. For practical reasons both All Saints' and All Souls' services in the church are actually transferred to the 30th October, but you get the gist!

A couple of weeks after them we mark Remembrance Sunday which specifically remembers all victims of man's inhumanity to man in warfare. And personally, I have the 12th anniversary of my first wife Alexandra's death on the 17th November.

So death and its remembrance loom large this month and while the reality and pain of death is very real and hurts, Christians amongst many other religions believe that death is not the end. This belief is the leaven in all these occasions and is the leaven in every Christian funeral. That is why I habitually wear a black scarf called a stole which represents the reality of death but I wear it over a white robe which symbolises resurrection. Our belief in resurrection mirrors the seasons exactly here. Autumn represents the dying process and winter symbolises death itself but after every autumn and winter what inevitably follows in spring and summer.

A common enough question is, "Do you believe in God?" but a more pertinent question perhaps is, "Do you trust in God?". Do you trust in the signs embedded in nature, trust that God raised Jesus from the dead, trust that you and your loved ones will be raised as well?

Trust that nothing valuable can ever be lost because we and all people and all of creation are held together by a person in whom life itself dwells, so anything held in God's embrace can never die.

Love and peace,

Martin

October 100 Club

This month's results are:£5Marjorie White£10Beryl Branson£20Jenny SteeleOnly one more draw until the BIG one!Fiona Hennah

A Little Something to Reflect on

God gave us two ears and one mouth. Perhaps that's a reminder to us to listen twice as much as we speak. Whether it's with other people or with God, sometimes we forget that conversations and prayer are via telephone not Dictaphone. Jean Burrows

From Editor Lizzy: Jean is kindly giving us something to reflect on each month. Thank you Jean!

Plants delivered as Harvest Gifts

A huge thank you! After the October Harvest service, congregation members duly took plants to those widowed in the last year, and also to the more frail who may not be able to attend Church services any longer. Many thanks to all of you especially the people who offered to visit more than one home! We can't help feeling there may be more ex congregation members who we don't know of. If you know of anyone do let Jenny Steele or Sally Rogers know their names and addresses.

The Julian Group

The Julian group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 17.30. It involves 30 minutes of quiet contemplation stimulated by the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich. All are welcome. Winter meetings, starting on 7th November, will be at 7 Exmouth Road, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6AF. As you drive from Budleigh, towards Exeter or Exmouth, this is on the left, after Links Road and opposite the lay-by on your right. Please come up the drive or park in the lay-by if you prefer. For further information please contact Christopher Briscoe at c.g.briscoe@googlemail.com or Penny Franklin at <u>onesummerbythesea@gmail.com</u>.



Open the Book

It's a great joy to be back in school after all the disruption of Covid. We're now presenting four times in one day, Otterton, Drakes, St Peter's key stage 1 and St Peter's key stage 2 (there are too many children to fit comfortably in their hall and give us some space as well.) We're looking at Old Testament stories this term and all the children have joined in with sound effects for the ten plagues and being moaning Hebrews. A smaller number of children each time can also dress up and join in the story which they love. The photo is one of our groups in St Peter's School.

Jean Burrows

London Marathon success!

Elaine Parnell is our long time church cleaner. Elaine's son George completed this year's London Marathon in four hours, running in aid of Prostate Cancer Research. He chose that charity because his family have encountered the illness. What a tremendous achievement! Pat Rogers

News from the Foodbank

September saw another significant increase in the number of people turning to the Food Bank for help, particularly those with large families where demand has risen by a further 34%. In total we distributed 288 parcels to feed 716 individuals – this is more than anything we experienced during the pandemic. The cost of living crisis is biting in and behind these statistics lie real people, facing real hardship. Thankfully, the community of Exmouth continues to rally and we continue to be well supported with monetary and food donations.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Food Bank this Harvest Festival. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support we have received from across the community. Our heartfelt thanks go out to you all. YOU ARE AMAZING! Exmouth Food Bank Team

Rendezvous changed its name for one week only

"Rendezvous" became "Macmillan" one Friday in October, and we managed to total £205.75 for the Charity. Gift Aid improved the original total by £25.75. It is very useful to have a reputation for good service and acceptable refreshments! Clearly Rendezvous clients are very generous! Doris Godfrey

Mission Sunday

Sunday 6th November is Mission Sunday at St Peter's and will be celebrated at the 10.00 service. There will be a speaker, Julie Hinkley, from The Church Missionary Society (CMS) and also a special collection after the service for CMS.

If you have CMS collection boxes, please bring them to the church at the 10.00 service on 6th November, if you are able to attend. If you cannot attend you could leave your box with Fran earlier in the week. Please let me know if you are unable to get to the church and I will arrange for your box to be collected at a mutually convenient time. The collection boxes will be taken up to the altar when the collection from the congregation is taken up.

Betty Clement 01395 444032 St Peter's Mission Representative

50:50 Auction - Final Reminder



All items to be sold must be in the Peter Hall between 12.00 midday and 6.00pm on Friday 4th November. The team will then prepare the hall and the catalogue to be ready for the viewing which will commence at 9.00am on Saturday 5th, and the auction will start promptly at 11.00am. Piers Motley of Piers Motley auctions will be looking after us and we hope to raise as much as we can to add to the Car Park fund. You can see from the picture that progress is being made with the car park! If you require assistance please call Roger Hennah on 01395 488671.

Veterans Community Support - East Devon

To live in private rented accommodation with the fear of a rent rise or request for you to vacate is a concern for many people. Fuel costs for heating and cooking are another cause of stress and for our small Veterans group that meet each Friday in the Peter Hall these concerns are very real. Many of the group have physical and mental health difficulties and rely on the companionship of their forces friends with whom they can relax and share concerns.

St Peter's church very generously permits use of the hall without charge and for this we are very grateful. The hall offers a safe and friendly place to meet which is important and valued by Veterans Community Support group - thank you.

Margaret Revell, Secretary to the VCS

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 31st October 3.00: All Souls' Service Tuesday 1st 9.30: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel Tuesday 1st 5.30: Julian Group in the Lady Chapel Wednesday 2nd 10.30 for 11.00 : Fairlynch Coffee Time Talk - Alex Leger 'Blue Peter -Behind the Badge'. £5, or £3 for Friends of Fairlynch Saturday 5th: 50:50 Auction (See elsewhere for more details) Sunday 6th: Mission Sunday. (See elsewhere for more details) Tuesday 8th 2.30: Mothers' Union talk - Barbara Watson 'Weather Matters' Thursday 10th 12.15: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 442197 by six days in advance Friday 11th 11.00 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Saturday 12th :Friends of St Peter's Autumn Fair starting at 10 am Sunday 13th 2.45: Remembrance Service in church Sunday 13th 6.00: Choral Evensong Thursday 17th 8.45: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance Friday 25th 9.00 - 1.00 Farmers' Market in the Public Hall Saturday 26th : Candlelít Supper at 7 pm Sunday 27th 12.15: Solos' Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday Sunday 27th 6.00: Advent Service Rendezvous Café every Fríday at 10.00 in the Peter Hall

SERVICES

Sundays	Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am.	Choral Evensong 6pm 2 nd Sunday		
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