

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

March is traditionally the time when we start to welcome spring. The daffodils are starting to emerge, the clocks go forward an hour (on the 26th), lighter mornings and evenings make life a little easier – especially if you suffer from S.A.D. (seasonal affective disorder) like I do. Not terribly mind you, but enough to make a noticeable difference. Sunlight makes you feel better, lighter and gives you more energy.

Just to underline the fact, I see I have meetings with wedding couples in my diary and just to further ram home the point that spring is about new life we celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 19th March.

That brings together all these themes into one package – flowers, motherhood, gratitude for life and continual love and nurture.

No wonder that is the day for our third “Funfaith” event - our new junior church event.

Of course, not everyone can celebrate that event. This can be a painful day for women (and men) that couldn't conceive a child and for others who had a less than ideal relationship with their mothers, but we acknowledge that we are celebrating an ideal that for whatever reason not everyone can partake fully. With anything positive, there is always a shadow side. I always try to acknowledge that in any celebration that I am involved in.

This is a time when it is good to count our blessings, when the natural cycle itself seems to be telling us that not everything is doom and gloom, the future is open and new life and light are coming our way.

We don't hibernate like some animals do, but perhaps many of us do metaphorically. Everything, life itself, can be “on hold” during winter, but now it is time to shake off those winter blues and enjoy and appreciate life.

Peace and Love,

Martin

February 100 Club

The 100 club now has its full complement of members, AT LAST, Hooray!

February winners were: £5 Pat Morley. £10 Gordon Marshall. £20 Mark Perry.

Congratulations!

Fiona Hennah

A Little Something to Reflect on

Rowan Williams, a previous Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'God's way with us becomes our way with others'.

Do you ever reflect on God's way with you?

Are you aware of that being reflected in how you are with other people?

Jean Burrows

We need a new PCC secretary – could it be you?

Christopher Briscoe retires as PCC secretary from the date of the APCM in May. We need a replacement. Anyone interested should please contact either Iris Cooper or Christopher himself.

This role is just for St Peter's. Most parish business now is done through the Raleigh Mission Community. The PCC meets only four times a year. The secretary's job is to prepare and issue agendas and to minute meetings. There are rare Standing Committee meetings, but very little else to do. All you need is a kind heart and basic computer skills.

Note from Editor Lizzy: Christopher will be a hard act to follow, but I am confident that full support will be given!

FunFaith – our second session

♡ LOVE was the theme. ♡ Following on from creation, we explored how God loves everything and everyone. We likened God's enormous love to an elephant and a giant heart with each piece inside representing people on earth. We also decorated heart shaped biscuits! 😊

Our next FunFaith falls on Mother's Day 🌸



FunFaith



A Spring concert by the Exeter Salvation Army Band and Songsters

At 6.30 pm on Saturday 25th March there will be a spring concert in church. Tickets are £8 from Card Shop Too in the High Street. The concert will comprise Christian music presented in a variety of styles, which have been composed or arranged by Salvation Army composers to the glory of God. Included will be melodies and/or lyrics that will be familiar to many, and there will be opportunities to join in and sing some favourite hymns with the Band. It is hoped that the evening will be both encouraging and uplifting.

Malcolm Jones

From the Editor: I have been editing the Mini-Mag for a year now, and I would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful contributors, and to the many people who make brilliant suggestions about what might be included. The Mini-Mag is only as good as the contributors, so it is classically a team effort. Thank you also to all those kind people who have been encouraging; it spurs me on for next month! My final thank you is to Christine Channon, who proof reads each copy; swiftly, carefully and with her great local knowledge.

Editor Lizzy

Open the Book



It's lovely to be back in our three primary schools (Otterton, East Budleigh and St Peter's Budleigh). Last term was Old Testament stories and this term is Jesus stories following on from Christmas and leading up to Easter. The children always enjoy our visits especially if they can dress up and join in. The adults enjoy our sessions too. Anyone who is interested in seeing Open the Book in action in school is very welcome to come along and watch. Please contact me, Jean Burrows, on 07498 073665.

Virginia Powlesland – our town midwife who died in October last year aged 98

Virginia grew up in Budleigh, and even as a child took part in events to support the cottage hospital. At 15 she left home to start her nursing training. During the war she worked in Reading, Lincoln and Newark and returned to Devon in 1950 as a district nurse and midwife. She would attend home births on her bicycle - just like in the TV series Call the Midwife. Later she used a BSA Bantam motorbike and eventually a Ford Anglia car. Sometimes she would have to abandon her car to trudge up a muddy or snow-covered lane.

All the GPs had great faith in her experience. During a difficult childbirth when a doctor needed to be in attendance, they would defer to Virginia who would take the leading role. She was made a Queen's Nurse and received a long-service award from Princess Anne. In the 1970s she moved to Truro in Cornwall to manage a team of health visitors, but on her retirement returned to Budleigh Salterton, and worshipped in our church.

Thank you to Edwin Powlesland, Virginia's brother for this insight into her remarkable life

Salterton Drama Club

Our next production is "Dangerous Obsession", a tense psychological thriller written by N.J.Crisp. Performances at 7.30pm every night between Sunday 5th and Friday 10th March with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday 11th March (please note the additional Sunday performance). Tickets £12.00 are on sale through our website; Ticket Source or the Budleigh Information Centre.

Judith Stewart-Young

PCC Meeting on 7th February

The main concern was the alarming rise in energy costs, particularly a massive £2000 bill for last December. This is completely unsustainable. It was agreed that temperatures must be reduced and the number and length of times the whole church is heated strictly controlled. People must dress sensibly for church. We may need to move some events to the Peter Hall, which is much less expensive to heat. Revenue from the carpark is not yet sufficient to repay and service the loan. The Carpark Committee will take urgent steps to increase income.

One of the wardens, Chris Parrish, and the secretary, Christopher Briscoe, are both retiring from date of the APCM on the 21st May. Volunteers and nominations are urgently needed for these crucial posts.

Christopher Briscoe

Events in Budleigh Library

On Friday 17th March we're having an "Afternoon of Poetry" with the Poets on the Shore at 2.15pm. Entry £4.00, to include some tasty homemade refreshments. Please bring along any of your own poems you would like to read out and share or, just sit back, relax and enjoy the show. Doors open from 2pm. All proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of Budleigh Salterton Library who help support our Library with funding for extra events and competition prizes throughout the year.

Looking forward to next month, "Storm in a Teapot" is a fun and interactive show - with original songs - and is ideal for children aged 4 - 8 years and their families. Boo to a Goose Theatre is a multi-award-winning local troupe and they are bringing their new show to Budleigh Salterton Library on Tuesday 4th April. "Storm in a Teapot" starts at 10am and runs for about one hour. Children's tickets cost £3.00 with one FREE adult entry per child. Tickets are available from the library or ring 01395 443245 or email budleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk to book your place.

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Wednesday 1st 11 am: Fairlynch talk. Ken Atherton - Have you seen my little rubber duck? - Global pollution of the marine environment. Peter Hall, £5 or £3 for Friends. Coffee and biscuits served from 10.30, talk starts at 11 am and lasts 45 minutes

Friday 3rd 2 pm: World Day of Prayer in church, organised by the Mothers' Union

Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th: Salterton Drama Club play (Details elsewhere)

Tuesday 7th 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 7th 5.30 pm: Julian Group at 7 Exmouth Road, Budleigh EX9 6AF

Thursday 9th 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10

Sunday 12th 6 pm: Choral Evensong

Thursday 16th 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Sunday 19th 10 am - 11.15 am: FunFaith for Primary age children, Peter Hall

Thursday 23rd 12.15 pm: Loaves and Fishes lunch, details as above

Friday 24th 9 am - 1 pm: Farmers' Market in the Public Hall

Saturday 25th 6.30 pm: Exeter Salvation Army Band concert (See elsewhere for details)

Sunday 26th 12.15 pm: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday

Rendezvous Café every Friday at 10 am in the Peter Hall

SERVICES

Sundays Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am. Choral Evensong 6 pm 2nd Sunday

Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30 am

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

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