

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

Of course, the biggest national event that takes place in May is also the biggest religious event. In a service framed by the Church of England and led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, King Charles III will be anointed and crowned king and he also assumes the title of the supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The anointing of Charles has its roots in the practice of anointing kings in ancient Israel and the oil used in his coronation has been harvested from two olive groves on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and it has been perfumed with sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin, amber and orange blossom. Some traditional ingredients derived from animals have been left out and this accords with Charles' views surrounding animal exploitation.

But what does anointing mean? It conveys a blessing from God to equip Charles for the trials and rigours of his role. A blessing I'm sure he'll be needing! In the same way, anointing with oil is part of baptism and confirmation and for the same reason.

Uniquely, the oil was consecrated by the Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem making it also an ecumenical event and also reflecting Charles' long-standing interest in Eastern Orthodox Christianity (the original faith of his father, Prince Philip). So, quite an event, rich in symbolism with consequences stretching far and wide. I am certain that most of the country, perhaps the world, will be watching on TV somewhere (the coronation is to be screened live in All Saints church). Even republicans may well be drawn just by the sheer spectacle of it all.

Most of the coronation service is essentially how Archbishop of Canterbury Dunstan originally wrote it for the coronation of the first King of all England King Edgar, in Bath Abbey in 973 AD. When you settle down to enjoy the coronation you are being immersed in history and symbolism, a religious spectacle to just sit down and enjoy.

Martin

April 100 Club

The winners were: £5 Doris Godfrey £10 Mary Jones £20 Betty Clement
Congratulations to all our lady winners. Good luck to the gentlemen next month!

Fiona Hennah

A Little Something to Reflect on



Christian Aid Week is 14th to 20th May and the quote, attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, 'Live simply so others may simply live' is one that challenges me, not just in Christian Aid Week but all year round. Our lifestyle has an impact on others around the world and we are part of a global community. There are probably small changes we could all make to lessen our footprint on our beautiful world and all who live on it.

Jean Burrows

St Peter's Lunchtime Concerts in May and June

Lunchtime Concerts return to St Peter's for a new Spring series on Fridays at 1.30pm from 12th May to 2nd June. The first concert will be given by Gregory Steward from Taunton who recently graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Art. His programme will feature popular classical favourites as well as songs from the shows. On May 19th we welcome Alex Davies, organist of Lyme Regis Parish Church, who will be joined by his wife Alison on saxophones. An unusual combination of instruments not to be missed! Our wonderful organ will also be put through its paces on May 26th by Stephen Bell, former Director of Music at Queen's College Taunton, and the final concert will be given by resident organist Stephen Tanner whose programme will choose from the vast wealth of organ music which uses hymn or chorale melodies as its inspiration.

Tickets will be £7 on the door and a season ticket for all four concerts will be available for £25.

Stephen Tanner

FunFaith – our latest session



We had a BRILLIANT FunFaith session celebrating and learning about Palm Sunday!

The children started the session off processing through Church waving their palm crosses throughout the hymn 'Make Way' before heading into the hall for arts and crafts.

We made handprint palm wavers and donkey faces! We had some colouring, dot to dot worksheets and a maze where we had to get Jesus to his donkey. We finished off listening to the Palm Sunday story with a drink and some snacks before heading back in to church to show the congregation what we made!

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter and look forward to seeing you all again on Sunday 14th May.

Stacey James



Mother's Union April Meeting

We had an amazing attendance of 27 people to listen to a very interesting and moving presentation on Ukraine and Moldova by Hugh Scudder – a trustee of Christian Response to Eastern Europe. This charity works out of a massive warehouse in Exmouth and constantly sends out lorries of supplies to these areas.

Our visitors included a few from the Square Circle – a RMC knitting group who send knitted blankets, jumpers and hats to CR2EE and several Methodists, who also contribute massively to the Shoebox appeal for the children and families at Christmas. Hugh showed us pictures of the excited families receiving these gifts. Hugh told us he was leaving to drive to Ukraine the next day and we were able to collect £180 at the meeting for help with transport costs.

Sue Low

March concert by Exeter Temple Salvation Army Band and Songsters

The concert 'raised the roof' and £800 in donations towards the church fabric fund. The spring concert was a rousing and a thoughtful performance. From the startling flashes of light and drum beats of the opening, to the calmer notes of the closing 'The Day thou gavest', the large audience was rapt. Malcolm Jones had worked tirelessly to organise this splendid concert. We were all reminded of the values of the Church as well as being entertained. A collection for the earthquake disaster fund raised £168.

Pat Rogers



Events at Budleigh Library

Budleigh Salterton Library will be holding a plant sale outside the library on Saturday 6th May from 8.45am. The library is still open on this date, although the Coronation is happening later that morning. We would be grateful for any donations of plants for our sale **from** Thursday 4th May until 8.30am on Saturday 6th May but please don't bring any donations in **before** the 4th. All monies raised will go to Libraries Unlimited, the charity which helps keep a library in your town.

"Clay Sea Creatures", a children's craft workshop with Anna Boland takes place on Tuesday 30th May from 10.30am to 12.30. Let your imagination go and your hands get mucky in this workshop for children aged 7 - 11 years. Tickets cost £3.00 BUT we advice booking early, as there are only 12 places for this fun and creative event. Tickets are available from Budleigh Salterton Library, by phoning 01395 443245 or by email budleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk.

Exmouth Food Bank April 2023 News

The community of Exmouth and its surrounding areas have rallied again, not only to top up our core stock of supplies but to ensure that we were able to supply Easter eggs to all of our families with children. Thank you to each fund raiser and egg collector – you did a truly amazing job and we hope you all had a very Happy Easter.

Demand for the Food Bank remains consistently high, and thanks to our volunteers and supporters we were able to distribute 287 parcels in March that provided food for 608 people.

Sue Low



Open the Book

The spring term ended with The Great Parade, the story of Palm Sunday, minus a donkey; but we and the children have very good imaginations. We did however have lots of lovely 'palm' (aka bamboo) branches from the vicarage garden for the children to wave. They joined in very enthusiastically with the cheering and hosannas. We like to try and use the space we have, not just present from the front, and this was an ideal time for us to move around the hall or church and among the children so they really are part of the story. We're looking forward to the summer term with Jesus' parables and stories of people Jesus met. Please continue to hold us in your prayers.

Jean Burrows

Open garden for Hospiscare on Sunday 7th and Monday 8th May

Come and explore the brightly coloured spring garden at Metcombe Court, on the edge of West Hill, on Sunday 7th and Monday 8th May from midday until 5pm. Wander through the winding paths discovering the different areas of this two-acre garden full of azaleas, rhododendrons, spring bulbs and mature trees. There is no charge for entry but donations to Hospiscare are very welcome. Parking is in the field adjacent to the garden, off Metcombe Hill, towards the top of the hill coming up from Tipton on the left-hand side. Tea and cakes will be served. Well-behaved dogs on short leads are welcome.

Christine Channon

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

Tuesday 2nd 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Tuesday 2nd 5.30 pm: Julian Group at 7 Exmouth Road, Budleigh EX9 6AF
Saturday 6th: Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla
Tuesday 9th 2.30 pm: Mothers' Union talk by Wendy Reynolds on 'Wildlife in the Falklands'
Thursday 11th 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10.
Friday 12th 1.30 pm: Lunchtime concert by Gregory Steward, tenor
Sunday 14th 10 am - 11.15 am: FunFaith for Primary age children in the Peter Hall
Sunday 14th 6 pm: Choral Evensong
Thursday 18th 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance
Friday 19th 1.30 pm: Lunchtime concert by Alex Davies, organ and Alison Davies, saxophone
Sunday 21st 3 pm: Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday 21st 6pm: Church Choir concert 'The King Shall Rejoice'. Choral and organ music celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. Admission £8 on the door for church fundschristine
Friday 26th 9 am - 1 pm: Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall
Friday 26th 1.30 pm: Lunchtime concert by Stephen Bell, organ
Sunday 28th 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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