

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

I went to the Memorial service in Exeter cathedral to commemorate the life of Lord Clinton. Nine hundred people thronged the cathedral. I was there, in the procession representing the churches of All Saints, East Budleigh, St. Michael's Otterton and St. Peter's Budleigh Salterton because Lord Clinton was our patron.

As part of this procession, we were asked to bring a token that represented our churches and areas, so I took the parish magazines of East Budleigh, Otterton and St. Peter's Mini Mag to lay on the table where we were to all lay our tokens. These publications represent all that is good about our church and communities and are a vital link between them. We don't operate in a vacuum for we are a part and parcel of where we are situated. Whether anyone is religious or not, the church building is symbolic of God's presence at the centre of everything we do.

Whether you realise it or not, the church prays for the communities and peoples in which it finds itself. It prays for its health and wholeness and are places of calmness and stillness in the midst of our increasingly frenetic lives.

There is no doubt that Lord Clinton was a privileged man. But what marked him out was his humility and approachability. He didn't wear his privilege on his sleeve, and he had a genuine warmth and affection for Devon and its environment. He was a farming and forestry expert who valued sustainability and the LORP project will be a lasting reminder to us all of his influence. Just over a year ago he opened the 20th Annual Scarecrow Festival, and my job was to look after him and Lady Clinton while they were with us. Typically gracious and generous it was a pleasure rather than a chore.

Clinton Devon estates has a huge influence in our corner of East Devon so it is in all our interests to wish his successor Charles, 23rd Baron Clinton every good wish and success as he takes over the reins of this huge concern that touches so many lives.

Love and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Martin'.

[July 100 Club Draw result](#)

£5: Number 67 Neil Downes.

£10: Number 81 David Waddington.

£20: Number 103 Mary Leat
Fiona Hennah

Thank you to our regular contributors

As you are probably aware, the role of the editor is to collect contributions and to fit them into the space available. The creative people are those who send me pieces for the Mini-Mag, and without our regulars, where would we be?! So thank you to Martin Jacques for his monthly message, to Fiona Hennah for the 100 Club results, to Jean Burrows for both Open the Book and A Little Something, to Rosemary Baker for the Mothers' Union, to Christine Channon for diligently proof-reading and to Fran Mills for printing, not only at the beginning of the month but keeping the box topped up during the month.

Editor Lizzy

Budleigh Music Festival is a major event in the calendar of the town, and the last festival in July was another wonderful success. It is based almost entirely in our church, for which we receive very welcome funds. Clearly any festival will cause upheaval, which impacts on the daily life in our church, however there are great benefits too. Thank you to all the church members who enable this to happen, from Martin's willingness to be adaptable, all the people who help with concerts and particularly putting the church back to rights once the festival has finished.

Mothers' Union

About fifteen members and guests had a very jolly outing on a rather bleak day to Otterton Mill in July - they had thoughtfully put us in the adjacent marquee. We all enjoyed delicious meals and some of us stocked up on goodies from the shop before returning home. On 13th August at 2.30 pm we will have our Cream Tea and Bring and Buy at the Dolphin Café. This is our main fundraiser – please be generous!



Sue Low

A Little Something

As I write this I am also preparing to leave for Tanzania. I have lists for packing and lists of all I need to do before I go. I fluctuate between thinking I will never get everything done and yes, I will have enough time – don't panic. In the Bible there is kairos time, the right or good time for action which is God's time, and there is chronos time which is chronological time. Chronos time is easy, we can look at our watch or clock. Knowing kairos time takes prayer, reflection, more thought and maybe some trust as well. I believe my going to Tanzania at this time of my life is part of kairos time, part of God's timing for my life. To know that gives a confidence and increases faith, I'm sure many of you know kairos time in your life too.

Jean Burrows

Open the Book

We finished the school year with the story of Jesus healing the ten men with leprosy and only one returned to say thank you and Jesus' parable about prayer, the Pharisee and the tax collector. We'll all enjoy the long summer holiday and come back refreshed for the new school year in September.

Jean Burrows

Summer Church Barbecue – thank you!



It is a long time ago now, but what a splendid time we had at the barbecue at the end of June. Thank you to all the people who made it happen – from setting out the tables and chairs, ordering the delicious food and drink, cooking it to perfection and then tidying up afterwards.

The Loaves and Fishes lunch was a very jolly event in July with lots of cheery smiling faces – and they would like to see more people in August! Details of how to book can be found, each month, in the Dates section of the Mini-Mag.

Talk about David Shepherd on Tuesday 6th August at 2 pm in the Peter Hall

The talk will cover David Shepherd's life as an artist, his passion for wildlife, conservation and the legacy. This is to celebrate the 40th anniversary of David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. Cost £5 to include refreshments on the door, from the Budleigh Information Centre or from Amanda.butler9@icloud.com. There will be the opportunity to purchase some of David's artwork.

Malcolm Jones

People in our church: Fiona Hennah



I was born in hospital in Abadan, South Persia. My father worked for the Anglo Persian Oil Company; but as I left when I was eighteen months old, I have no recollection of life there. In 1944 my mother and I came home on a troop ship from Port Said to live in Macclesfield with my grandparents. I was very keen to have a sibling, but it was explained to me that this could not happen until my father came home - which he did four years later, and my sister was duly born!

At the age of ten I was sent to a boarding school near Bedford, too far from home for weekend visits but I stoically accepted the situation. I detested sports, and hid under the bed to avoid games times. I joined the chapel choir, and ended up as Head of House. At eighteen I moved to London to train as a primary school teacher at The Froebel Institute, which is now Roehampton University. I enjoyed the training, loved being in London and made some very good lifetime friends. My first job was in Kennington, where I taught for two years and shared a flat in Baron's Court with two friends.

I met my first husband at a school friend's 21st party. He was in the army, so in our eleven years together we moved house thirteen times and had four children. We had several overseas postings; the first was to Malaysia which involved travelling out alone with my eight week old baby; a daunting twenty-four hour journey! Later we moved to Germany (now with two children) and our winters were spent in a tiny village in the beautiful Bavarian mountains. Luckily I had the excuse of having to look after a 2 year old and a six months old thus avoiding the hassle of learning to ski! We also had a posting to Northern Ireland during The Troubles (four children now) where I found the people to be the most friendly that I have ever come across, in spite of the fact that our Married Quarters had armed guards on the gate.

My connection with Budleigh Salterton began in 1971 when my parents moved to Swains Road. In 1976 my marriage broke down, we divorced and the children and I moved in with my long-suffering parents. We managed to get a council house and the children went to St Peter's Church Primary School. We were all involved with Salterton Drama Club, where I was quite useful as 'I could sing', and three of my children were also in the church choir. I particularly remember the family being invited to tea with Joyce Dennys, who had written a play for the club, called 'Stable Folk'. I was a little nervous taking my four, aged between three and nine, to this important and elderly lady's house for tea, but all went well!

I met Roger in 1979 and we married in 1981, two days after Charles and Diana. We managed a two day 'Mini-Moon' in Cerne Abbas; as we had six children between us it was tricky arranging for their care! In 1982 we moved to a house on West Hill, which was in much need of restoration, and while living there I was offered a one-term supply teaching job at Stoke Hill First School in Exeter. This lasted for fourteen years! I worked with children who had Special Needs and those for whom English was their second language. I became aware of the difficulties experienced by the mothers in the families from other countries, most of whom spoke little English, and with backing from the head and governors, I set up a group called 'Overseas Teas', which met in school time. We had speakers from a bank (remember them?!), a doctor's surgery, education and so forth, in an effort to clarify and support their settling into a new country. At one point there were members from fourteen different countries, which was great, and very interesting.

Meanwhile in 1984 the new vicar's wife, Barbara Parry, had persuaded me to join the church choir. Later that year she persuaded Roger to join, although initially he wasn't keen 'to wear a frock'; and we are still members! In 1996 after my youngest son, Toby, died in a traffic accident in Spain, I decided to take early retirement from teaching. Roger and I took a leap in the dark and opened The Brook Gallery. This was an exciting and stimulating decade, and we ended up selling an average of thirteen original prints per week, which kept the wolf from the door! We sold the gallery in 2007 and since then have travelled extensively. We down-sized to Clinton Terrace in 2014 and are currently building an eco-home in our garden which will be my twenty-ninth home!

I am currently involved with The Budleigh Film Society, the Music Festival, the Literary Festival and I run the 100 Club for church funds. Our children and six grandchildren all enjoy regular visits here and think of it as home. I cannot think of a better place to live; Budleigh has so much to offer in a beautiful setting, and has such a great community. *Fiona Hennah*

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 6th 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 6th: 2 pm in the Peter Hall: Talk about David Shepherd (See elsewhere for details)

Thursday 8th 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10

Saturday 10th: Budleigh Flower Show in the Public Hall 12.30 - 4 pm. £1 admission

Sunday 11th 6 pm: Choral Evensong

Tuesday 13th 2.30 pm: Mother's Union - Cream tea (See elsewhere for details)

Thursday 15th 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Sunday 25th 12.30 pm: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday or Christine Channon on 442927

Friday 30th 9 am - 1 pm: Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall

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 second Sunday**
Wednesdays **Holy Communion at 9.30 am**

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

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Contributions to the Mini-Mag are most welcome. Please send them to me by 20th of the month. The earlier I receive your piece, the greater the chance of it finding space in the Mini-Mag!