

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

I can't be the only one hoping for better weather in July than has been offered to us by June. I harbour misty memories from my youth of long hot summers. Not that the weather has been awful – just not “up to scratch”. This July we are blessed with the Wimbledon fortnight which coincides with the climax of the European football championships in Germany. I'll wager that there will be more than a few arguments over the “remote” and who gets to watch what. On top of all that we have the Music festival in Budleigh so quite a few choices will have to be made. Thank goodness the scarecrow festival in East Budleigh is firmly rooted to a firm date in June!

We almost have too much choice in the first two weeks of July. It will mean that we may have to be a bit brutal as to what we choose to watch or attend. More important than all the above are of course all the things happening in our personal lives. It is my daughter's birthday for example and she and her partner are visiting for a few days as well.

Handling this July is going to be a juggling act made up of hard choices between various sporting and musical options and fixed unalterable family things that must be done.

It can all seem a bit frenetic and that doesn't even begin to consider church commitments. You know I really don't think I have time to have an actual job!

So in amongst all that is happening I'll be savouring those times when I can just sit in the sunshine and think of absolutely nothing or entertain myself with my fanciful daydreams. Hence why I am hoping for sunny weather. Everything looks better and feels better in the sunshine.

Don't get too stressed, takes time out when you need to, take time to survey the scene and appreciate all the blessings that this life has given you. Football, tennis and concerts are all ephemeral really, unlike the long lasting and truly important things of life like love and relationships and that precious peace of mind to cultivate and enjoy them.

Love and peace,

Martin

June 100 Club Draw result

No 22 £5 Joan Shaw.
Well done to all concerned!

No 85 £10 Michael Carroll.

No 16 £20 Jenny Steele
Fiona Hennah

St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26th May

Iris Cooper & John Rockey were elected as Wardens to serve for another 12 months. The Vicar led the assembly of some 50 congregants in thanking Iris & John for their hard work in 2023/24 and for everything they will do during the next year. The Annual meeting was followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the Vicar gave a report in which he thanked everyone who contributed to making St Peter's a thriving and growing community. Tony Gray, the wonderful Treasurer for the PCC, gave an account of the financial wellbeing of St Peter's which I am glad to say is currently doing OK & the Wardens reported that the fabric of the building gives no current cause for concern.

Other reports were read out at the meeting which were interesting & informative. If you would like to see a full set of minutes or a copy of the annual accounts please ask Fran who will be happy to supply you with them. *Fran Mills*

Open the Book



Open the Book started twenty-five years ago in Bedford, when I was a vicar in north Bedfordshire, so my church was among the first to take Open the Book into our local school. Since then Open the Book has grown, not just in this country, it is beginning to spread around the world. Twenty-five years on a new book of stories has been produced and from September we'll be using these. To introduce the new material we're hosting a training in the Peter Hall given by our Open the Book area rep at the end of July. The material may be new but the method stays the same with big props and children taking part which is what makes Open the Book so popular. Thank you to everyone who prays for and encourages us. *Jean Burrows*

Looking ahead: on Tuesday 6th August at 2 pm in the Peter Hall there will be a talk about 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*

Mothers' Union

Our June meeting was very enjoyable when our very own Betty Clement spoke to us about the W H O Project in Indonesia where she played a pivotal and impressive role in improving maternity services. Next month on 9th July our outing is to Otterton Mill and names should already be in. *Rosemary Baker*

A little something

I'm spending August, September and October in St Philip's Theological College in Tanzania, teaching and helping out as well as just being part of the community. It is lovely to be accepted and I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and students who were there last year as well as making new friends. The words 'We are one in Christ' take on a new meaning when we meet Christians in other countries and they give us a ready-made family to worship with and learn from. 'Bwana asafiwe' (Jesus is Lord) is a common shout in Tanzanian worship to which the reply is 'Amen!' *Jean Burrows*

Rendezvous at The Peter Hall

"Rendezvous" has been a regular feature of the Church for 40 years (when there was only one bus a week – on Fridays) and the then incumbent was Canon Parry. He and his wife Barbara were concerned that everyone came to the town on a Friday for the shops and felt that there was an opportunity to assist the locals and bring a little help to the community so they arranged that a Coffee Morning would be held in the Peter Hall on a Friday morning for a donation! It has continued since with a variety of helpers and, at present, I organise the mornings with the help of Maggie Tapping, Alison Newsome and Wendy Simson – all parishioners at St Peter's. Our only request is that local people continue to come!

After the purchase of the coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits we regularly have money over for general payments to the Food Bank or the Church (rarely). We are extremely grateful to St Peter's for the use of the Peter Hall every Friday and appreciate the cost involved ie lighting, heating and use of equipment, very much and especially the help given by Fran who always prepares the room and puts out the tables, chairs and advertisement board. Why not come and see us? We are really not very frightening and, you never know, you might really enjoy it! *Doris Godfrey*

People in our church : Angie McKenna

I was born as the Second World War was ending, in Hornchurch, Essex. Following school, I went to South East Essex Technical College to study exhibition and display, and was the first to go to that college from my school. Work took me to London: Regent Street, Bond Street, Earls Court and lastly with Elizabeth Arden Head Office. My parents had founded a Tennis Club comprising three grass courts, where Jim, my husband-to-be, and I met.

Six years later we married, and as Jim was with the Bank of West Africa, we flew to Nigeria, just as the Biafran War started in 1966. We got out of Enugu on the last weekend before the border closed, on our way to Lagos, where we spent our first three years together. I taught arts and crafts at a school as I was able to obtain a work permit.

Jim was transferred to Bathurst, in The Gambia, as assistant manager. We had a lovely bungalow overlooking the sea and River Gambia estuary. A minor drawback was that the garden was infested with spitting cobras. Black mambas and pythons were often found in the neighbourhood! Next we went to Accra in Ghana, where we stayed for nine years. By this time we had three sons, and enjoyed the happiest of times. Except during the political coups, we never felt insecure. We lived a hands-on busy life, with work colleagues, home entertainment and outdoor sports. No TV or home phone! My interests in arts and crafts were a great asset, useful for fetes, dinners, workshops and charity work, connected with the British Women's Association. This organisation supported ex-pat women to do fund-raising work. The beaches were beautiful and social weekends were a bonus.

Jim became Senior Corporate Lending Manager in Hong Kong in 1980. Quite an eye-opener, such a contrast with Africa – how the other half live! Still – more fund raising was needed, this time for the hospital on the Peak, the hill in Hong Kong. I enjoyed three years of cultural change, from vegetable carving to copper work. It was a high voltage business world. Socially it was not unusual to 'suffer' cocktails followed by fifteen course dinners! From 1983 to 1986 we lived in Nairobi, Kenya. Jim was responsible for all branch operations and travelled all over the country. Blessed with good times, safaris and the coast, it was another contrast to enjoy. 1986 to 1989 saw our happy return to Ghana, Jim as Managing Director. We were involved in a charity for street kids, and helped set up a maternity clinic in a deprived shanty area. After a spell in Head Office in London, we returned overseas to Lusaka in Zambia, then Jakarta in Indonesia and Singapore Off-shore Banking. Finally we went to Harare in Zimbabwe, where Jim was Managing Director of Standard Chartered Bank and Chairman of the Merchant Bank. Again he established a charity for street kids, and made appeals on TV, even writing a speech for President Mugabe, to get his support!

In 1997 he retired, and we came back home. First we lived in Poole, then three years ago moved to 'Lovely Budleigh' to be nearer our youngest son and to see their boys grow up some! (Keeping in mind our London grandson is 6'8"!). Our eldest son lives in Adelaide, where he is happily married with three children, and he is now a fully-fledged 'Ozzie'. Our life together could never be described as dull. To keep ourselves grounded, after all, we remind ourselves that we were 'just two little kids from Hornchurch!'

Volunteering with Devon Air Ambulance

Could you spare an hour or two to help your local community through volunteering for Devon Air Ambulance? We have a host of volunteering opportunities to offer, including:

- * Retail Volunteer - support one of our 20 charity shops & e-commerce team, warehouse operative
- * Fundraising Volunteer - box collections, supermarket collections, delivering talks, support events and logistics

No experience is necessary as we offer a full induction, training, and friendly support. Volunteering is hugely rewarding and allows you to connect to your community and support others by raising important funds. Even helping with the smallest tasks can make a big difference to the people of Devon and help save lives! Volunteering is a great way to meet people, boost your wellbeing, develop new skills and gain experience. Volunteering with DAA is fun and flexible and can fit in with your lifestyle and around other commitments. So, why not pop into your local DAA shop and chat to one of our store managers or a volunteer.

Volunteer Engagement Officer, Charlotte Fleetwood



News from Exmouth Food Bank

Demand during the past quarter Between 1 March and 1 June 2024 our loyal team of volunteers have packed and distributed 905 parcels that provided food for 1867 people. The majority of those seeking help are families in need who struggle to put food on the table. This quarter we have also worked closely with EDDC's resettlement team to support families who have indefinite leave to remain in the UK; frequently they are placed in emergency accommodation, with little to no money for food. We provide food for two or three weeks as they settle and secure work or access benefits. In addition we have responded to a rise in referrals from social services and GP surgeries to assist individuals struggling to access food due to complex medical and mental health needs.

Sue Low

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

Tuesday 2nd 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 9th 2.30 pm: Mother's Union - Outing to Otterton Mill

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

Sunday 13th 6 pm: Choral Evensong

Thursday 18th 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance

Friday 19th 9 am - 1 pm: Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall

Sunday 27th 12.30 pm: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday

Tuesday 6th August: Talk about David Shepherd (See elsewhere for details)

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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