

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

"Thank you for waiting. Your call is very important to us". As I get older, those words start to grate more and more. It is quite a feat to speak to a human being nowadays without negotiating what seems like hours of pressing buttons, being continually re-directed to the website (which wasn't working in the first place – which is why you are 'phoning), listening to music "on-hold", and being inadvertently cut off while nearly reaching the head of the queue.

I also get tired of being informed that things are continually changing "for our safety and convenience" – theirs mostly, not yours!

The de-humanisation of interaction between companies and their customers is in my view a retrograde step and provides cover for incompetency as well as saving them all a few quid.

There are of course many benefits to the technological revolution that we are living through, but as many people are now noticing, a lot of bad comes with the good to the extent that it appears that the nature of human beings is being changed, from much shorter attention spans, to depression, anxiety and many other ills associated with young people having access to hugely inappropriate material like hard-core pornography and "how – to" suicide sites.

And the worst of it is, we all of us feel absolutely powerless to do anything about it. I'm sure we all feel on our own trying to push a boulder uphill when even trying to fight against it.

What it has done to me is make me suspicious of all technology unfortunately, even though I know I use it every day to my benefit, but there comes a point when we cross a line and "enough" becomes "too much".

Of course, even the church has tried all of this, and has pushed "on-line" services and the like. I'm having none of it – it was all right during the pandemic but real face to face interaction, especially during communal worship is where I am and where I'll stay. Call me old-fashioned.....

"Thank you for waiting. You are now number three in the queue".

Love and peace,

## [April 100 Club Draw results](#)

The winners in April were: £5 – Mary Morris, £10 – Rose Milverton, £20 – Neil Downes. Congratulations to them all!

### Budleigh Salterton Ladies Choir 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert



This will be in St Peter's church on Wednesday 22nd May at 7 pm (and if you miss that, at Holy Trinity in Exmouth on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June). The concert celebrates with music from the 70s and 80s, which will include Abba, The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Elton John as well as songs from the shows Les Miserables, Barnum, Evita etc. Guest artists will be Flute Suite. Tickets only £8 and refreshments provided - a bargain!

Budleigh Salterton Ladies Choir was formed in 1984 by the inimitable Pam Jones who passed away earlier this year aged 99 years. Today the choir is led by our Musical Director Nicky Perry and our accompanist Mark Perry.

We are very fortunate to have the benefit of their wide musical experience and expertise. The choir is a great place for people who love to sing - you don't even have to read music. As a tribute to Pam, we will be raising money for Hospiscare, which was her chosen charity.

*Maggie Cairns*

### Mothers' Union

Our April meeting was very enjoyable when Andrew Kingsnorth gave us an interesting and inspirational talk on his work about surgery in Nigeria Brazil and India. Many thanks Andrew. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May at 2.30 pm in the Peter Hall, when Luc Vandamme from the Mission Aviation Fellowship is speaking. All are welcome to what promises to be an interesting talk followed by light refreshments.

*Rosemary Baker*

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert: Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir 25<sup>th</sup> May St Peter's Church 7 pm

The Choir will start the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Year with a Concert with their special guests, the Exeter University Singers.



Since January 2023 the Choir has been holding rehearsals each Tuesday at 7.00pm in East Budleigh Village Hall and would welcome the interest of any potential new members to come along and join us. No audition is required, as singing is very good for your health and is a means of meeting new friends.

Tickets for the Concert are £12 and are available from: [www.budleighmvc.co.uk](http://www.budleighmvc.co.uk) or from THE CARD SHOP TOO, 3 High Street or cash on the door on the night.

*Richard Gerry, Secretary*

### Salterton Drama Club

Our next production is "When We Are Married", by J B Priestley an ageless comedy set in Edwardian times. Performances at 7.30pm every night between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets £14.00 are on sale from May 1<sup>st</sup> through our website; Ticket Source or the Budleigh Information Centre.

Also, there is a special one-night performance from the South Devon Players of William Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.00 are on sale NOW.

*Judith Stewart-Young*

### Salvation Army Band concert last month

In April we had a great concert in church by the Exeter Temple Salvation Army band and Songsters. A rich and varied programme, ranging from cornet duet via solo song to FULL BRASS and audience participation! It raised nearly £900 for our church fabric fund. Rev Jean Burrows described the event as a joy and she was absolutely right. A marvellous way to end one of our few sunny days. If you missed it— kick yourself! In addition £404 was raised for the people of Gaza.

*Pat Rogers*

## Sundays at Six

We have an exciting series of concerts underway at St Peter's Church, and details of the remaining concerts are as follows:

5th May: **David Davies** – organ. From Bach and Mendelssohn to Ennio Morricone's Gabriel's Oboe and Johann Strauss's Radetsky March.

12th May: **Choral Evensong** - The Choir of St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton. To include C.V. Stanford's Evening Service in C and My soul there is a country by Parry.

19th May: **Stephen Tanner** – organ. To include Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and music by Mendelssohn and Bédard.

26th May: **Choral Concert** - The Choir of St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton. Sacred Music for the Seasons from Advent to Trinity with organ solos from Andrew Millington and audience hymns. *Refreshments will be served after this concert.*

Admission to all concerts is free with a retiring collection.

*Stephen Tanner*

## People in our church: Peter Dolling

Some of you may have been surprised to see Peter back in our church after some years – but here he is, with all his musical talents! Peter has been involved in music since he started piano lessons at the age of five, and music has been central to his whole life.

Peter was born in Budleigh, and lived in Budleigh all his life until the last fifteen years, when he and his wife Ann moved to Exmouth - so not far away.

Peter joined the church choir at the age of six (in those days the choir comprised boy choristers and men). He started to learn the organ when he was eleven, and when he was thirteen he played for the whole of a service when the organist was unavailable. Quite an achievement! Peter says that early on he knew that music was going to be his life, and that has certainly been the case.



Peter left school at fifteen, and worked as a railway clerk in Exeter for three years, until Dr Beeching cut his job (and that of many others). He also worked for Carters, Budleigh Town Council and East Devon Council.

At the young age of twenty-four he was appointed as organist and choir master at St Peter's, having studied the organ for some years under Christopher Gower who was then Assistant Organist at Exeter Cathedral. One significant event was in 1969, when the BBC Songs of Praise came to St Peter's, when Peter was organist. In that same year Peter and Ann were married in St Peter's Church, and now have two sons and three grandchildren.

In 1976 Peter resigned as organist, due to lack of time. He was working in Sidmouth, and had a young family so time was at a premium. Despite that Peter has the remarkable record of having sung in St Peter's Church Choir for thirty years, and in addition been Organist and Choir Master for a further nine years. During his time at St Peter's Peter helped run the Pathfinder Group for ten to fifteen year olds with Christine Channon, Mary Leat and others.

In 1990 Sidbury church asked Peter to be their organist. He was happy to do that, and found the people to be warm and friendly. He stayed at Sidbury for twenty years and is still in touch with them.

After 2010 Peter was a freelance organist, and also spent ten years at Withycombe as a member of the choir and occasionally deputising as organist. However in August last year, Peter returned 'home' to St Peter's, to sing again in the church choir where he had begun his life in church music.

If church music wasn't enough, Peter joined Budleigh Male Voice Choir in 1979 and is still with them, forty-five years later! He was also a member of the erstwhile Budleigh Choral Society, until it closed in 1979.

Next month Peter will be eighty, and he wants to continue being active in music as long as he is able to, as music has always been central to his life. Peter believes it is a gift to be explored to the full.

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY

*Saturday 4th 7 pm : Exmouth Choral Society concert in Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth*

*Sunday 5th 6 pm : Sundays at Six - David Davies, organ*

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

*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 (part of the Sundays at Six series)*

*Tuesday 14th 2.30 pm : Mother's Union talk by Luc Vandamme 'Mission Aviation Fellowship'*

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

*Sunday 19th. 6 pm : Sundays at Six - Stephen Tanner, organ*

*Wednesday 22nd 7 pm : Budleigh Salterton Ladies Choir concert (See elsewhere for details)*

*Friday 24th 9 am - 1 pm : Food Market and Craft Fair in the Public Hall*

*Saturday 25th 7 pm : Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir concert in church. £12*

*Sunday 26th after the 10 am service : Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

*Sunday 26th 12.30 pm : Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday*

*Sunday 26th 6 pm : Sundays at Six - Sacred Music for the Seasons. The Choir of St Peter's directed by Stephen Tanner with Andrew Millington, organ.*

*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](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk)

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