

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

November is remarkable for having remembrance at its core. The 10th is Remembrance Sunday of course when all people killed in war are remembered, and also the 1st is All Souls Day when all our dear departed ones are remembered. If you add into this that every Christian communion service is done "in remembrance of me" then remembrance is an important Christian, nay human concept.

Why do we remember anyone at any time? Surely it can't be for the sole reason of remembering for its own sake? No, we remember so that it has an effect on us, perhaps to change us. Remembering the war dead might make us less likely to rush headlong into war at the slightest reason.

Remembering our dear departed ones might conceivably lead us to contemplate our own lives, and change how we live them or to prompt us to contact other members of our family before it's too late.

Remembering the sacrifice of Jesus might empower us with the knowledge of the depth of God's love for us. It might make us sorry for doing the things we know we shouldn't have done. It could strengthen us to face life's difficulties head on knowing we have someone battling for us.

The word we use for remembrance in the original Greek carries the meaning of "to make present". When we remember the war dead we make present their pain, death and sacrifice and remember also the benefits their sacrifice won for us. When we remember our departed loved ones we make present their personalities, hopes, dreams, our relationship with each other and how they added value to our lives.

When we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, we make present his pain, death sacrifice and love and remember the healing he wrought for us. Through remembering and making present we hope to be changed.

Love and prayers,

*Martin*

### October 100 Club draw result

Number 104 : £5 Elizabeth Schofield.      Number 86 : £10 Lizzy Doorbar for Sebastian  
Number 38 : John Keay £20.      *(Note from Editor Lizzy – at last I have seen some success!!)*

### Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union meeting in October was well attended when we enjoyed a lace - making talk and demonstration. We were able to see how incredibly skilfully lace is made . Many thanks to our demonstrator.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12 November when Jo and Chris Cant will be speaking on Community Sponsorship Programme. All welcome. Light refreshments.

*Rosemary Baker*

### New Women's Group in Budleigh Salterton

A new branch of National Women's Register (NWR) will be starting shortly in Budleigh. It will bring women together, and will comprise evening meetings which will bring friendship, conversation and fun. For more information please visit [www.nwr.org.uk](http://www.nwr.org.uk), or contact me, Lizzy Doorbar, at [doorbars@btinternet.com](mailto:doorbars@btinternet.com).

### Open the Book



Our second presentation of this term was the less well known Old Testament story of Josiah, which we performed in our usual enthusiastic way. We were delighted that Otterton School had learnt the Open the Book song, which we only introduced this term. Their singing lifted our spirits for the rest of the day. Once again we were short on numbers so if you feel you could help with this important outreach to the children in our parishes, please contact Reverend Jean Burrows. In the picture we can see Hilkiah Huldah Josiah and Shapham, also known as Rick

Heather Pat and Jenny!

*Hazel Harland*

### News from St Peter's C of E Primary School

During the last school year PTA fund-raising events totalled a whopping £19,868 and on top of that the local community donated a further £17,530. Much of the funds have already gone to providing numerous school learning resources such as the new Read Write Inc (RWI) programme.

At the recent Exmouth Area Cross Country Finals, the school won in every category! Head Teacher Steve Hitchcock remarked, "It's a wonderful moment to reflect on - what true achievement means and a powerful reminder that hard work and perseverance really do pay off". And finally, the school won first place at the recent Carnival! *Andrew Kingsnorth, governor*

### A Little Something

In Tanzania it's relatively easy to be a millionaire. The highest denomination note is 10,000 Tanzanian Shillings, that's about £3. The money that comes out of the cashpoint of the bank in town is usually not new but clean. The notes in the market are the opposite, so dirty their colour and denomination are hard to see, maybe they've got a tear or two as well. The good news is that however dirty or damaged a banknote may be it still has the same value, it's still legal tender. Whenever I've been given a dirty banknote it reminds me of myself. However broken or damaged I may be I'm still of infinite value to God. It's a relief to know that there's nothing I can do to make God love me more and nothing I can do to make God love me less. That's even better than being a millionaire!



*Jean Burrows*

### St Peter's Harvest Lunch in the Peter Hall in October



Sixty-seven folk sat down for a wonderful Harvest lunch presented by Mandy Butcher. The buffet was an absolute work of art and almost too good to eat .... but after some encouragement and singing the Grace together the food was enthusiastically & unanimously enjoyed. Many thanks to Mandy & her Team for a magnificent spread, to Maggie, Wendy & Beverly for lending a helpful hand and once again to Tony and Alan for manning the bar. *Fran Mills*

## Harvest Decorations

The ladies of the St Peters flower arranging team did a fabulous job in decorating the church for the Harvest. The team currently consists of 15 wonderfully creative ladies who share an enthusiasm for using God's bounty to decorate our beautiful place of worship. A very loose brief is agreed for all festivals which enables each arranger to bring an individuality & character to their arrangements which blend together into a feast for the eyes. Tony the Treasurer at St Peter's Church budgets for the provision of flowers during the year but this is supplemented by the arrangers often supplying their own blooms and greenery and for this we are most grateful. Arrangements are usually changed on a fortnightly basis by rota & the whole team comes together for festivals & special occasions. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in memory or in celebration do see me to book a date for you.

*Fran Mills*



### People in our church : George Lisle

You couldn't be more 'George' than George Lisle. His paternal grandfather and father were both George, he lived in St George's Road and attended St George's Church in Cullercoats in Northumberland! Because of his parents' deep commitment to the worship and fellowship in the most nurturing of churches, George and his three sisters were fully immersed in the many aspects of parish life – missions, clubs and activities, Sunday School (of course!), concerts and pantomimes, Scouts/Guides and, in George's case, the church choir. He joined at the age of six and eighty years on, is still singing! This early commitment was to stay with him throughout.

After leaving Tynemouth High School, George joined the Civil Service, where his office was beside Admiralty Arch in London. National Service saw him posted to RAF Dishforth, North Yorkshire, after which he embarked on Teacher Training in Sunderland. George took up his first post at St Peter's C of E All-Age School in Wallsend-on-Tyne in 1961, which was the year of his marriage to Maggie, from Dublin. Where did they meet? In church!

In 1966, the Lisle family, now including Tina (2) and Peter George (5 months) left their first home in Whitley Bay to fly to Singapore. George had secured a teaching position in a newly-built Royal Naval Primary School in Johore Bahru, Malaysia (north of Singapore, just over The Causeway). The school was officially opened on Trafalgar Day, 21<sup>st</sup> October. A memorable day, as it was Maggie's thirtieth birthday, it was the first time they had experienced gin and tonic and, very sadly, the day of the Aberfan disaster. Five years on the school was closed following the withdrawal of the British Forces, but not before their third child, Aidan, had been born – one of the last in the British Military Hospital. He was christened by a Naval padre in St George's Chapel, HMS Terror. It was a wonderful experience for George to progress from Class Teacher to Head of Department to Deputy Head in the last year. The school attracted many visitors, such as Denis Healey (then Foreign Minister) and regular visits from Naval padres, not least the Chaplain of the Fleet, Ambrose Weekes who, as George was later to discover, was a friend and colleague of Canon Kenneth Parry!

The Lisle family lived for the majority of the time in Johore Bahru and was happy to be involved, not only with the trappings of 'service life' but also with the local scene. They joined the Civil Service Club, played sport and George enjoyed being in the multi-cultural 'Hash House Harriers'. One day, Maggie was surprised by a visit from the Sultan of Johore who came to their compound, enquiring after the welfare of his errant peacock, Percy! George refereed football in local and army leagues and joined the Stage Club, and played 'Dame' in two pantomimes.

Wherever George has lived he has been fully involved in church life, including in Johore Bahru where the family were active worshippers at St Christopher's Church. George was on the PCC and a member of the choir. It was a great privilege to be part of such a devout, sociable and primarily Tamil congregation.

In 1971 the family moved to a small school house attached to Penshurst C of E Primary School in Kent, where George was a 'Teaching Head'. Five years on, in his role as Headmaster of St Peter's C of E Primary School, here in Budleigh Salterton, he found and developed strong connections between the church and the school. He remained at St Peter's until retirement in 1997. The 'Fire of 1987', the provision of new toilets, the refurbishment of the swimming pool, the advent of Ofsted and Pupil Assessment, the residential experiences in Dartmoor, Chagford and London are all vividly remembered.

The Lises have been happy and content to make Budleigh Salterton their home and have been much involved in church and local life. George has taken part in many productions at the Salterton Playhouse and in retirement worked for twelve years at Palmer's Funeral Services. Living locally, it has been a great joy in seeing past pupils as they grow. They have six grandchildren, with Tina (Ellett) living in Swains Road in Budleigh and their sons, Peter in Sydney and Aidan in Stockholm. George and Maggie say they came to Budleigh by chance and stay in Budleigh by choice!

### DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

*Tuesday 5th 9.30 am: St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel*

*Sunday 10th - no Choral Evensong; it has been moved on a week for this month only*

*Tuesday 12th 2.30 pm: Mothers' Union - Jo and Chris Cant on the Community Sponsorship Programme (details elsewhere)*

*Thursday 14th 12.15 pm: Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10*

*Sunday 17th 6 pm: Choral Evensong, which will be attended by the new Bishop of Exeter*

*Tuesday 19th 7 pm: PCC meeting Peter Hall*

*Thursday 21st 8.45 am: Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance*

*Sunday 24th 12.30 pm: Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday or Christine Channon on 442927*

*Friday 29th 9 am - 1 pm: Food Market and Crafts - Public Hall*

*Saturday 30th. Advent Fair*

*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 third 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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