

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. D. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

Frank Sinatra once sang a number called the September song where September was a metaphor for the aging process – days getting shorter, temperature getting cooler, and people taking a more reflective view of their lives.

As I am now in my early sixties (I know – a mere whippersnapper compared to some) one does naturally start to look back as quite naturally there is far more behind us than ahead of us on this mortal coil. As we reflect, we can't help noticing that the things that really count in our lives revolve around our family and friends and we desire to fix relationships that may have gone wrong and other relationships naturally start to coalesce as age gaps cease to be as important as they once were. My relationship with my brother for example, eight years my senior, seemed like a chasm when I was a teenager but the age gap has now melted away to being almost meaningless.

As I look back, all the scrapes I got into, all the decisions I made – both right and wrong – all the achievements I thought were important really fade into the background as the only things that matter are my relationship with my wife, my daughter, my family and my friends.

If there is a relationship that has gone south in your life but you think it may be salvageable, give that person a ring, for no other reason than to say hello and re-establish contact – for this is the real stuff that is important and lasts in our lives. As a Christian I am also bound to say that if it a long time since you have given divinity a second thought, just trying closing your eyes and addressing God consciously has to be good. No-one needs to know but you and Him.

I started with a song and I end with a song by Nat King Cole called nature boy. One of the lines goes like this "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return".

Love and prayers,

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

August 100 Club Draw result: £5 Rose Milverton £10 Roger Hennah £20 Margaret Keay
I can confirm that the results were independently adjudicated, so we don't need to worry that Fiona was keeping it in the family
Editor Lizzy



Loaves and Fishes

We had another jolly time at Loaves and Fishes in July and would love to see more people in September. Tickets from Mary 443333 or Fran are £10 for a 2 course lunch. *Maggie Tapping*

Budleigh Literary Festival is here again, from 16th to 22nd of September! A full programme of exciting events is planned, and tickets to the festival are available online and by phone at budlitfest.org.uk and on 0333 666 3366, and in person at the Budleigh Information Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

St Peter's Primary School Prize-Giving

In July St Peter's church was full of enthusiastic and well-behaved children from our school at their prize-giving service. The average age of congregation was possibly an amazing 13.7 years! This figure was deduced from a careful analysis of the ages of the people attending, or alternatively pure guesswork!
Pat Rogers



Mothers' Union

We had a full house on Tuesday 13th at the Dolphin. Thank you so much Maggie Tapping for hosting us. It was a huge success with nearly 30 members and friends having a jolly time. We were so lucky with members donating cream and jam and Tesco's giving us 40 scones as part of their "Help our Local Community" scheme. A very successful bring and buy and raffle, together with donations for teas raised a fantastic £305.
Sue Low

A Little Something

Worship in St Philip's College chapel in Tanzania is often exuberant with drums, whistles and dancing but it can also be quiet and reflective. A popular chorus is 'Father we adore you,' sometimes sung before the confession, but my favourite is a simpler one, 'Jesus we are here, Jesus we are here, Jesus we are here for you.' It's a very simple declaration of what it means to worship. Sometimes we make it too complicated, God just wants us.
Jean Burrows

Open the Book

At the end of July most of our Open the Book team attended an in-person training given by someone from The Bible Society about the new Open the Book programme. Everyone found it very helpful, even the 'old-timers.' Our two teams return to our schools this month with some Old Testament stories, Naomi and Ruth and Elisha and Naaman. The accountant here in St Philip's has named her baby Naaman, from this story, because the prayer is he will serve the Lord.
Jean Burrows

Salterton Drama Club at Salterton Playhouse

Our next production is "Something Narsty in the Woodshed" by Sally Hedges. It is an hilarious adaptation of the novel "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons. Performances at 7.30pm every night between Monday 2nd September and Friday 6th, and at 2.30pm on Saturday 7th. Tickets £14.00 through our website; Ticket Source or the Budleigh Information Centre.

Also: Saturday 14th September at 7.30pm – a Gypsy Jazz & Hot Swing evening with La Vie En Rose. Tickets £14.00

Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm – An evening of popular music with the Classical Wind Concert Band. Tickets £12.00

Judith Stewart-Young

Ann James sadly passed away in July. She was a keen supporter of the St Peter's Wives group, was on the committee and was chair. She was a member of the congregation and the original scribe for the Book of Remembrance which she kept up for several years. She and Ted owned the Lawn Bakery, and baked the large Wheatsheaf Loaf which was the centrepiece for the church Harvest decorations. She also supplied delicious jam doughnuts to the weekly Saturday morning meetings of Vicar and Wardens, which made them the best attended meetings in the calendar! Thank you Ann.
Pat Rogers

Please Note: the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, run by Rendezvous, will be held on the 20th September and will take place in The Dolphin in the High Street due to there being a Literary Festival event at the Church and the Peter Hall. This runs from 10 am to 11.30 or until the last person has left!
Doris Godfrey

Best-selling author **Graham Hurley** will be at **Budleigh library** on Tuesday 3rd September, talking about his new book, "Dead Ground". A gripping World War Two thriller, involving a young British nurse and the Spanish Civil War. Tickets cost £5, to include refreshments, and are available from the library, or ring on 01395 443245 or email budleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk.

We were delighted to have over 50 people attending the talk on **David Shepherd's** life in July. The talk covered David's life as an artist, and his safeguarding of some of Africa and Asia's last stronghold population of endangered species, including the Painted Dogs and Pangolins. After expenses a profit of £400 was made for the Wildlife Foundation. A brilliant success, and grateful thanks to everyone who attended.

Malcolm Jones

People in our church: Pat Rogers



I was born and grew up in a small village on the Welsh Borders. I completed my 2 years National Service in the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, mostly in Germany, so that took me out of the village. So once National Service was over, I couldn't settle in the village after that. I joined the Colonial Police Service and was sent to Northern Rhodesia, still a colony at that stage. I eventually met and married Sally, who was a Nursing Sister in an African hospital. She civilised me! Whilst there we had our first two children. Northern Rhodesia became Zambia and two years after Independence, we returned to the UK.

An unsettling period followed, where we needed to find somewhere to live and find a means of earning a living. Ultimately, after the arrival of our third child, we moved to Exeter where we bought a small nursing home and I became a cook (not a bad one in the end!). We extended this building and business as far as we could, but we needed more capacity. So in 1972 we found a hotel called Nattore Lodge in Budleigh Salterton, and despite no prior hotel experience, we enjoyed running it as a hotel for the following year. After much renovation we changed it into a Residential home, with new fangled ensuite bedrooms for all! We had assumed we'd eventually return to Exeter, where I had been involved with RoundTable and Rotary Clubs, becoming President of both. But Budleigh is Budleigh and there is no escaping!

I had served on the Social Security Appeal Tribunal and was invited to become a JP on the East Devon Bench. I sat in criminal and family courts, eventually Charing both types, often with Mary Leat. My judicial experience culminated in being appointed a Lay Member of the Immigration (later the Asylum and Immigration) Appeal Tribunal in London. So for several years, I worked in London for 2 days a week on this challenging and demanding role, being very mindful that failed applicants were at risk of return to dangerous conditions if we got it wrong.

I've been involved with the Chamber of Commerce, including for several years playing Father Christmas at late night shopping events & breakfast with Santa (an occupational requirement with my moustache!). I've helped Sally, with others, founding Budleigh Salterton Hospiscare, becoming Chairman twice. I am a member of Raleigh Probus, a voluntary Car Scheme Driver, and a volunteering Steward at Fairlynch Museum.

I gained an OU Degree which involved completing a Foundation year covering art, music, history sociology and applying this study to, in my case mid Victorian England, followed by three years of in-depth courses of own choice. I chose European history, American history and finally Law. I enjoyed it all immensely! On paper it's called History. Last but not least the Church of course! I started as Sidesman when Sally was Church Warden, then Deputy Warden, becoming Warden after David Bond, though lacking his knowledge of wine. I'm still a Deputy Warden and enthusiastic member of the Open the Book Team, plus admirer of the Mini - Mag.

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd to Saturday 6th : Salterton Drama Club (See elsewhere for details)
Tuesday 3rd 9.30 am : St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Tuesday 3rd 10.30 am : Graham Hurley talk at Budleigh Library (See elsewhere for details)
Sunday 8th 6 pm : Choral Evensong
Tuesday 10th 2.30 pm : Mother's Union - Kay Hassall talk on her teaching experience
Thursday 12th 12.15 pm : Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10
Saturday 14th : last day to complete Budleigh Library Summer Reading Challenge
Saturday 14th : Gypsy Jazz and Hot Swing at the Playhouse (See elsewhere for details)
Tuesday 17th 7 pm : PCC meeting in the Peter Hall
Wednesday 18th to Sunday 22nd : Budleigh Literary Festival (See elsewhere for details)
Thursday 19th 8.45 am : Men's Breakfast, Seachange. Book on 443333 three days in advance
Friday 20th 10 am : MacMillan Coffee Morning at the Dolphin (Details elsewhere)
Saturday 21st : Wind Band Bonanza at the Playhouse (See elsewhere for details)
Sunday 29th 12.30 pm : Solos Lunch. Book with Fran by the previous Wednesday or Christine Channon on 442927

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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