

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

This year at Wimbledon both the women's and men's finals will be held 4pm instead of the traditional 2pm. It is not well known but the men's final has been moved on the 13th July so as not to clash with Saint Peter's annual barbecue which starts at 12.15 for which we are very grateful – it is not often that major sporting events listen to the letters of outraged parishioners of Budleigh Salterton but there you are!

Spanning late June and early July we also have the pleasure of the annual music festival in Budleigh. Hot on the heels of the Open Gardens event in Otterton and the scarecrow festival in East Budleigh we certainly have plenty going on in our patch of East Devon. Not to be outdone, Budleigh held its very own Open Gardens event on the 21st/22nd June and all profits going towards the wonderful work done at Seachange.

Summer is certainly upon us and while you can never completely guarantee the weather in Britain we hope the sun shines on all these events.

"The fine weather is in your hands, vicar" is an oft heard quip, as though I can control the weather systems of the planet – I wish I could!

Everything looks better and more hopeful in the sunshine. Everyone's mood seems to lighten. I know mine certainly does. I've never been diagnosed with SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) but I just know that I feel better when the sun is shining.

The Sun holds an important symbolic meaning in Christianity of course. Did you know that all churches were built with the altar at the East end of the church? That is so the priest (who faced not the congregation but the rising sun) faced East when he prayed the Eucharistic prayer (Prayer of thanksgiving prayed over the bread and wine). Light and darkness have a symbolic resonance with good and evil.

But in the new heaven and the new earth there is no need for the sun for the Son said, "I am the light of the world"

Love and Peace,

June 100 Club draw results

The winners were: £5: number 57 John Keay, £10 number 80 Trish Browne, £20 number 58 Marjorie White
Fiona Hennah

News from St Peter's Primary School

Pupils at St Peter's will run the school for a day: If pupils collectively raise £3,000 through community-based challenges (with no direct sponsorship from parents), they will take over St Peter's for the day—stepping into roles such as Headteacher, class teacher, office staff, or lunchtime supervisor. Adults will supervise—but the pupils will lead the day. Exmouth LED (Leisure Centre) have generously donated goggles for St Peter's pupils to use in their onsite swimming pool.

Andrew Kingsnorth, Governor



Mothers' Union

We all enjoyed our June meeting when Jo Talbot-Bowen spoke on "The Beauty of the Lute"; an engaging and inspirational talk. In July our summer outing to the Golf Club for lunch. Numbers should already be in.

Rosemary Baker

We sent £600 after our AGM to the Exeter Office which has a board of Trustees to distribute the funds across the Diocese and abroad. We usually nominate local needs. Early this year we sponsored a request to Exeter MU from Steve Hitchcock of St. Peter's Primary School for a Computer programme which would transform the learning of SEND children (this is for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). I am delighted to tell everyone that the MU Exeter Diocese Trustees have granted this full request of £300.

Sue Low

Mothers Union Cream Tea - our major fundraiser - to be held on Tuesday 12th August at 2.30pm at the Dolphin Cafe. Entrance donation of £5.00. Raffle and Bring and Buy included. All welcome.

Loaves and Fishes Lunches

At the end of 2024, with thanks to our regular diners, we had enough funds in the Loaves & Fishes account to be able to send £500 to St Peter's School. This year, our next meal is on Thursday 10th July, after which we will have a rest for the month of August, and resume our lunches on **Thursday 11th September**.

Mary Jones

Events at Budleigh Library

On Saturday 19th July from 9.30am. Budleigh Salterton Library is launching "The Summer Book Quest". There will be prizes on offer, plus a free "Deep Sea Adventure" joining pack. Watch out for a poster in the front window of the library for more details nearer the start date. We'll also have a treasure hunt around the library too.

On Tuesday 19th August from 10.30 - 11.30. "Create a Creature" wildlife craft workshop with Amanda Butler, from the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. For children ages 5 plus. Limited number of FREE tickets will be available from the library from 19th July.

Jane Cordy, Librarian

A Little Something

The world seems a very insecure place at the moment with an increasing number of dangerous conflicts. Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called the children of God,' and we are in desperate need of peacemakers at the moment. Winston Churchill famously said, 'To jaw-jaw is better than to war-war,' emphasizing the importance of dialogue over conflict. I wonder why Jesus made the peacemakers 'children of God'? Perhaps because Jesus, in coming to earth, was himself a peacemaker, bringing reconciliation between God and humanity through his death and resurrection. That reminds us peace-making can be a costly calling. We urgently need more peacemakers and their voices to be heard.

Jean Burrows

FunFaith is coming back!

FunFaith is returning in October! It will run from 10 am to 11.15 on a Sunday in October, November and December. The sessions will include arts and crafts, fun and games and prayer and praise. The sessions will be suitable for all children between the ages of 3 and 11. For more information call Stacey on 07891 482 169, or email at funfaithbudleigh@gmail.com.

Stacey James

St Peter's Annual Church Barbecue will be held on Sunday 13th July at 12.15. Tickets are £10 from either Iris Cooper or Fran. A lovely occasion to enjoy!

Open the Book



We are continuing with stories from Acts this term, probably not as well-known as the Gospel stories but they contain a lot of action involving either Peter or Paul, the new kid on the block. In June we portrayed Peter's miraculous escape from prison and Paul being stoned in Lystra. The children are enjoying the very catchy Open the Book song and this term are learning some Makaton signs to go with it. The photo shows Peter (Pat) in prison with his two jailers (Rick and Heather) on either side. Back row, L to R, Tricia, Nicky, Mark and Hazel.

Jean Burrows

This month's Big Thank You goes to our congregation!

Without people who attend church services, whether frequently or occasionally, we would not have the active church community which we all enjoy. Thank you for coming to Sunday and other services, to annual services such as those at Christmas and Easter, and to the wide range of church events which are on offer. Each one of you is valued and valuable.

Editor Lizzy

People in our church : Peter Julian

Peter was born in Hampstead, and spent the war in the Isle of Man and then Barrow Gurney near Bristol; the family moving as his step father was a Surgeon Captain RNVR. Peter went to several boarding schools, including Stowe School in Buckinghamshire. By his own admission he didn't work hard, but joined the 14th/20th Kings Hussars in the Regular Army, wanting to be a tank driver.

Peter moved a great deal literally from post to post, undertaking training of different sorts and after promotions. At Guisborough he became an Officer's Mess barman, which he found very educational! He spent three years in Libya, which included promotion to Corporal in charge of vehicles. He found tank driving great fun in the desert, although also extremely hazardous at times.

Peter was posted to Germany, where he had the good fortune to meet Joyce, his wife-to-be, while they were both doing Scottish Country Dancing. In due course Peter applied for a commission, and did Officer Training at Aldershot. In 1961 Peter and Joyce were married, and the following year Peter was sent to Borneo for six months. Later they both went to Malaysia, where they enjoyed living on a very nice camp with good facilities, which included an officers' club on the beach, a sailing club and many other excellent opportunities. Their daughter Hazel was born during this time, and Rosie was born when they were back in the UK.

Other postings included the headquarters of the British Army of the Rhine, South Cerney near Cirencester, and Dunfermline where, despite being a 'sassenach', was asked to be the President of the Pipes and Drums. Peter went to most of their events, and fortunately liked both the pipes and the drums! In Longmoor in Hampshire, Peter organised NATO courses involving joint movements (Army, Navy and Airforce, as well as NATO).

With the army being slimmed down, redundancies were being offered, and the first time Peter applied he was not accepted - clearly the army valued him too much at that stage! At the second attempt he was successful, and subsequently worked at Southend airport as the Ground Services manager, responsible for receptionists, air hostesses and ensuring flights left on time. Later he worked for a company involved with container and trailer operations within Europe. He also carried out consultancy for another container company, and then retired.

Peter and Joyce were living in a small village in Essex at this time, and decided they wanted to live somewhere larger where there was a lot going on. They knew Budleigh, after many visits to Joyce's sister who lives here, and they moved here 23 years ago.



A highlight for Peter was taking part in the Northcott Theatre Community Company's production of Matthew Miller, a story about Exeter. This was a fantastic production, for which the Northcott Theatre was sold out, and Peter played seven parts!

In 2009 Peter helped in organising the Third Annual Budleigh Salterton Bacchus Safari, a cultural wine tour to Spain. The following year he organised the 2010 safari to the Loire Valley, attended by 39 people. Also in 2009 Peter was appointed Honorary Secretary of Budleigh Salterton and District Hospicecare, a position he held until 2024. During the later years he was also a Trustee.

Both Peter and Joyce became involved in St Peter's Church from their arrival in Budleigh, as regular readers and sides people. Peter loves the community here in Budleigh and is involved in a variety of activities, including Probus and both the Literary and the Music Festivals.

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

Friday 27th June to Saturday 5th July : Budleigh Salterton Music Festival

Tuesday 1st 9.30 am : St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 8th 2.30 pm Mothers' Union - lunch at the Golf Club (places are already booked)

Thursday 10th 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 12.15 pm : Church barbecue (See elsewhere for details)

Sunday 13th 6 pm : Choral Evensong

Thursday 17th 8.45 am : Men's Breakfast, Wesley's (Methodist Church Hall). Book with Malcolm Jones on 443333 three days in advance.

Saturday 19th : Summer Book Quest launches at the Library (details elsewhere)

Sunday 27th 12.30 pm : Solos Lunch. Book with Fran 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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