

Dear friends,

I have recorded a reflection on the readings set for this coming Sunday which we celebrate as “the Baptism of Christ” in the season of Epiphany. If you’d like to watch it just click on this link. <https://youtu.be/n9lq-m8H4Zw>  
Alternatively, if you’d prefer to read it just click on this link to my Blog. <https://revmartinjacques.blogspot.com/2021/01/you-are-my-son-beloved-with-you-i-am.html>

## Live streaming at All Saints, East Budleigh.

From this Sunday, we have decided to live-stream the Sunday service from All Saints so if you are currently reluctant to attend in person you can participate safely from home by following this link from 9.30am on Sunday morning when Rev. Karen Young will lead the service of Holy Communion. Just click on this link on Sunday morning which also appears on our website and Facebook page. <https://app.faith.online/p/events/zlBlzyBC9>  
And there is also a dial-in number for those who would make use of that method to listen to the service - 01395 891035

## St. Peter’s Carol concert

Our wonderful “live” carol concert on 20<sup>th</sup> December at St. Peter’s was recorded and although the spoken bits (me and the readers) are a bit quiet, Stephen and the choir have been picked up marvellously. This is opportune because while it has been decided to stand down the choir until the lockdown is over, we can be reminded here just how good they sound and look forward to their return. So turn up the volume and cheer yourself up with some Carols from St. Peter’s by clicking on this link. <https://youtu.be/VJfcqgwX3vk>

## Cursillo

My name is Martin Jacques and I am a Cursillista. (Apologies to AA). What does that mean? Well, it means that I took part in a long weekend of intense sacramental Christian immersion in the year 2000 in what was one of the most moving spiritual experiences of my life. The Cursillo movement started as a Catholic renewal project in Spain just after WWII (Cursillo is Spanish for a short course) and has since spread far and wide and then migrated into the Anglican church. I took part in the 15<sup>th</sup> Cursillo “happening” at Aylesford priory in Canterbury Diocese in the year 2000. Deeply experiential, and theologically and emotionally constructive the whole weekend provided me with a rock of

experience and practice that has stood me in good stead ever since. It is a vehicle for spiritual renewal. Once we get through this lockdown I think it is time that we explored the possibility of introducing individuals from the RMC to the Cursillo movement. I am not sure if the movement is very strong in the South West but I will start making some tentative enquiries. The weekend also involved talks from priests and lay people on specific areas and I still have the words of Fr. Jacques Desroziers ringing in my ears from his presentation on the Eucharist. God is telling you "I'll meet you there" at the altar rail and in that final Eucharist all those years ago I remember crying at the altar rail in a packed church - definitely the most meaningful and moving worship experience I have ever had. If this has piqued your interest I provide this link to the British Anglican cursillo council so you can find out more if you are interested. <https://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/>

## The Prayer for Today is by Frank Colquhoun

**Lord Jesus, may your light shine upon our way,  
As once it guided the steps of the Magi,  
That we too may be led into your presence  
And worship you,  
The child of Mary,  
The word of the Father,  
The king of nations,  
The Saviour of mankind,  
To whom be glory for ever.**

Love and peace,  
Martin

Please note my new email address is [vicar@rmcommunity.co.uk](mailto:vicar@rmcommunity.co.uk)