

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

February can be a particularly grim month, lightened only by the fact that it is my birthday. But seriously, just as Jesus had his life and ministry, ignited by his experience of the Holy Spirit, that is how we will kick off this month – with the Holy Spirit component of the Alpha course being presented on Saturday the 1st February.

When I started my ministry at this church, I delivered a sermon in which I stated that I was a traditional catholic, evangelical, Pentecostal priest. Confused? Don't be, because I do believe that a Christian does need to be universal, rooted in the Christian tradition, want to spread the gospel, and be fired by the strength and leading of the Holy Spirit, which is what those words mean. The most traditional, sacramental and quiet moments of church liturgy are brought to life and bestowed with deep import when infused with the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit can work through low-key thoughtful sermons as much as any high-octane emotional barrage delivered by a Televangelist. I would argue that God 's Spirit reveals Himself to us in prayer as much through reflective contemplation as in exuberant loud praise. A person who is humble and open to the Holy Spirit is filled with a sense of deep joy and gratitude that is revealed in our personality.

I think I had always known these truths but they were confirmed to me when I read the book by my former Bishop Mark Tanner (the suffragan Bishop of Berwick in my former Diocese) called "The introvert charismatic – the gift of introversion in a noisy church". After all, the root of the word charismatic is *charis* which is Greek for Grace. As Christians we are all Grace-filled individuals. As I was saying. I am a traditional, catholic, evangelical, Pentecostal priest.

Martin

 **The WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – the conclusion of the recent Alpha Course. This will be on Saturday, 1st February in the Peter Hall from 10am to 4pm. Please come with a "bring and share" lunch.**

FRIENDS' AGM SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

This will take place immediately after the 10.00am service. Coffee will be served in the Peter Hall and the meeting will take place whilst people are having their coffee at tables scattered around the room ready for lunch. The short meeting will be followed by a light lunch of potatoes in their jackets with fillings and salad. No tickets will be required. AS ANNOUNCED IN AN EARLIER EDITION OF THE 'MINI-MAG, UNLESS OTHERS COME FORWARD TO CONTINUE THE FUND-RAISING FUNCTION OF THE FRIENDS, THIS WILL BE THE FINALE.

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A period of preparation for Easter pointing us to the time of the hope of the resurrection. After Shrove Tuesday and the eating of pancakes to clear the cupboards, Ash Wednesday is the start of 40 days (excluding Sundays) representing the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. A time of self denial, repentance, fasting, a time to draw nearer to God through prayer and reading the scriptures.



STREET PASTORS – Part 2 – Exeter.

So who are the SP's? They are all volunteers, drawn from churches of all denominations in Exeter and some from nearby towns and villages. To qualify, they must have been a practising Christian for at least a year and be a member of an existing orthodox Christian church community. They must complete an application form, have a DBS check and two references, followed by an interview. The opportunity is open for anyone who can meet those conditions to apply, regardless of age. In the past they have ranged from 20 to over 80 years of age, coming from the whole range of denominations, all happy to work together in the common cause.

Once accepted, they are asked to contribute £300 towards the cost of their training and their uniform. Some churches may, exceptionally, offer to contribute towards this cost if the applicant would find it hard to find. But the intention is that applicants are genuinely keen to pursue this line of service and willing to make some sacrifice to do so. Part time training takes about four months, running from February to June each year.

There is a panel of over 50 SP's in Exeter on active duty, and around 15 Prayer Pastors (PPs). SPs are attached to teams who deploy once every four weeks, ie 13 times a year). This also applies in general to PPs. The SP's will not go out unless there are always two PPs at base. If only one PP turns up, then one of the SP's will remain at base to support the other.

The SPs operate in teams of at least three, and patrol the principal streets of Exeter on Friday and Saturday nights from 10.30 pm to around 3.30 am, keeping an eye on the human traffic thronging the streets between the many clubs and pubs in the city. There can be upwards of 2000 young people milling around, many of them students. As stated before, SPs carry a first aid kit, a dust pan and brush to sweep up broken glass, flip flops to give to girls who get unsteady on their high heels, and bottles of water to help youngsters to sober up if necessary, but absolutely no money. They are in radio contact with the other teams, the PPs at base, the Police, the City Council CCTV base, and the bouncers at the clubs.

TO BE CONTINUED

Signs & Symbols: When is a Nod not a Yes?

Do you ever find yourself nodding madly when listening to another person whilst at the same time completely disagreeing with what they are saying? You're really just waiting for them to pause so you can say something like, 'Yes, but ...'. We nod for all sorts of reasons – and sometimes we are definitely not saying 'yes' or 'I agree'. Sometimes it's not even a *nod* but rather it's meant as a *flick of the head* indicating 'over there' or even 'go away'!

In some churches you see people, particularly around the altar, nodding away every few moments. What are they saying? The easiest to understand is when passing or receiving something and not wanting to be impolite and not say 'Thank you' but at the same time being involved in outer or indeed more likely inner prayer. So, the server passing across the bread, wine and the water is effectively saying with their nod, 'Here you go' and the priest or deacon is acknowledging that action with a nod of 'thank you'.

It's the same for those who have brought up the offering plate. But often those people then do another nod – what's that all about? Surely, they are not bowing to the altar itself? Actually, it is more like they are rather giving reverence and respect to that particular place set aside for the bread and wine to be consecrated. It's more about acknowledging the overwhelming love of God and His presence here in this place.

This is part of a series entitled 'Why do they do that?' by Dr Jo White, looking at things that happen in churches which don't need to remain mysterious.



Healthy Walks

Did you make a New Year's resolution to take more exercise? The Budleigh Hub organises Healthy Walks on Monday mornings at 10.30 starting and finishing at the Hub. The walks are Grade 1 or 2 (30 – 60 minutes) on flat ground, gentle or moderate slopes. For more information call the Hub on 446896.

(If you don't feel energetic, the Film Club shows box office movies or classic films on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm. Downton Abbey is on the 27th February.)

ST VALENTINE

Many Christian Festivals have been extensively commercialised – Christmas and Easter are obvious examples – but at least most people know that Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. As soon as Christmas is over, the next big commercial 'festival' is Valentine's Day on February 14th - but who was St Valentine? It's not generally known that this festival is actually rooted in the Early Church.

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers but he suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage. A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for the couples who wanted to marry but now couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.' This eventually led to the tradition of sending Valentine's cards.

Claudius came to like Valentine. He offered to pardon him and set him free if he would renounce his Christian faith but Valentine refused. He was beaten, stoned, and beheaded on February 14, 270AD. By 496AD, Pope Gelasius designated February 14th as Valentine's official feast day.



Date: 22nd February 2020

Time: 10am-4.30pm

Venue: Exeter Cathedral

You are invited to a one-day festival of thought and action at Exeter Cathedral to join up faith and the environment.

The aim is to inspire us all to make a difference on climate change and other crucial issues.

Keynote speaker: Bishop Nick Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury and lead bishop for environmental affairs.

Workshop contributors include Christian Aid, Tearfund and the University of Exeter.

Tickets cost £8 to cover costs. Under 16s are free.

To book please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-green-event-tickets-86794132587>

or contact chris.keppie@exeter.anglican.org

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

Please keep in mind that volunteers are still needed, please contact the Head (head@sps1.org.uk). They are particularly looking for help with swimming sessions in the school pool. If you think this is something you could do or would like to know more please contact Mr Lee (plee@sps1.org.uk).

OPEN THE BOOK

6th February Snatched to Safety
20th February Small King, Big Task

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Saturday	1	Alpha Course Holy Spirit Day	10.00
Sunday	2	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	2	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	2	Friends of St. Peters AGM and lunch	11.30
Sunday	2	Taize Service at All Saints East Budleigh	18.00
Tuesday	4	St Peter's Prayer Group	9.30
Wednesday	5	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	5	Youth Group/6Zone	15.30
Friday	7	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	9	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	9	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	9	Choral Evensong	18.00
Wednesday	12	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	12	Youth Group/6Zone	15.30
Friday	14	Holy Communion for healing	11.30
Sunday	16	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	16	Holy Communion	10.00
Wednesday	19	Holy Communion	9.30
Friday	21	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	23	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	23	Holy Communion	10.00
Wednesday	26	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	26	Youth Group/6Zone	15.30
Wednesday	26	Imposition of Ashes at All Saints East Budleigh	18.00
Friday	28	Holy Communion	11.30

Rendezvous every Friday at 10.00

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Deadline for items to be included in the March Mini-Mag, space permitting, is the 24th February

Please email to both RNHumphreys@aol.com and gillian.heathfield@gmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIENDS' AGM 11.30 St. Peter Hall (see box above) 2nd February

MANAGEMENT OF THE PEBBLEBED HEATHS by Kim Strawbridge 11.00am 5th February
 Peter Hall. Refreshments available from 10.30am. Proceeds in aid of Fairlynch Museum.

 ***MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S*** at 1.30pm. First in the series is the Clifton Trio 7th February
 The second concert is Andrew Millington - organ 14th February
 Concert only, £5 or each week lunch is available from 1.30pm at a combined cost of £8



MOTHERS' UNION 2.30 in the Peter Hall. Visitors are welcome 11th February
 Kate Ponting will talk about the "Clinton Devon Estates"

MEN'S BREAKFAST @ the Hub (Contact Malcolm to book on 443333) 20th February

DINNER CLUB, first of the year at the East Devon Golf club. 27th February
 The Area Dean, Father Robert Sellers will be the speaker.