

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

St Peter's Church

The Lawn

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends,

The biggest national event that takes place in November is of course remembrance Sunday. This is a national event, not a religious festival, although as the national church we generally frame the national commemorations from the Cenotaph in London to almost every village and town in England.

I always make a point of remembering that this is a commemoration that encompasses all people no matter what their faith or none. Suffering and death, war and peace, and wanting to honour the sacrifice of millions in a common cause are common to all people no matter what they believe.

Of course as a Christian church I feel that our core values that cover peace, redemption and forgiveness have a lot to offer and have a vital contribution to make.

I also realise that what makes this commemoration special are all the thousands of intensely personal stories the commemoration embraces.

My Dad, now deceased, remembers seeing his Dad down the end of the street dressed in uniform trudging home after the first world war. Because he was a country boy used to dealing with horses, that was his assigned role in the trenches of northern France.

And I remember one of the most poignant personal experiences for me was when we visited the grave of one of my wife's relatives who was buried in one of those ubiquitous fields of white crosses in France. We looked up where he was buried and while we in France, as well as visiting Theipval and the Canadian trenches we made a pilgrimage to visit his grave at "Blighty ridge". What made it even more special was that as far as we were aware we were the first family members to visit his grave ever. It was an emotional moment when we came across his grave, a certain Thomas Brook, and laid flowers on his perfectly kept grave.

All the pomp and ceremony embraces thousands and thousands similar stories and it is a yearly privilege to be involved with them all.

Love and Peace,

October 100 Club results

£5 Tina Lisle No 95. £10 Michael Carroll No 53. £20 Lizzy Doorbar (for William) No 39
Goodness me – will next month be third time lucky?! Editor Lizzy *Fiona Hennah*

Poetry afternoon at Budleigh Salterton Library at 2.15 on Friday 31st October (yes, October, not November!). Bring your own poems, or those by another author to share with a warm and friendly audience. Entry £4 on the door, tasty home-made refreshments included. *Jane Cordy, Librarian*

Open the Book

We told the story of Noah and the flood, and involved the children by asking them to bring up soft toy animals to the ark and to make the sound of rain by tapping first 1, then 2, 3 and 4 fingers on their palms, getting faster and faster. It was very effective! The cardboard ark rocked as the blue towels representing the flood we're waved up and down, and a paper raven and then a dove were flown around by a helper until the olive branch was fixed to the latter's beak! At the end the rainbow was raised as you can see in the photo. Also in the photo is Ruth, as the narrator, a founder member of the Open the Book team who was with us for the last time before she leaves Budleigh. She will be much missed.



Nicky Perry

St Peter's PCC report

The St Peter's PCC met and as usual was well attended by members. The following was agreed:

- To obtain quotes to improve & modernise the sound system in the church which has been described as an antique!
- To obtain quotes to replace the unreliable projector in the church and to mount the one in the Peter Hall on the ceiling to comply with health & safety concerns when in use.
- To commence work on a faculty (a permission from the Diocese) to reduce the damp in the RMC office which is causing issues with the stonework.

The Treasurer reported that, whilst there is no room for complacency, due to an uplift in lettings of the church & hall and a number of legacies kindly bequeathed to St Peter's, the coffers, although not full, are not as empty as they often are.

The PCC also recognised that it is a 'big ask' for one person to organise the social events & fundraisers for the church community. (Many thanks to Iris Cooper who has taken on this role recently). Therefore volunteers to take on organisation of an existing event, or to create a new one are sought, there are lots of willing hands to help but coordinators for each event are needed.

Of the current provision some are for enjoyment & companionship only whilst others are vital in providing much needed funds for the upkeep of the church & burial ground.

Please email or speak to Fran if you would like to become involved or may be interested in joining the PCC.

Fran Mills, PCC Secretary

This month's Big Thank you goes to Fiona Hennah

At the beginning of the year Fiona diligently sells tickets for the 100 club, and each month manages the draw. This raises valuable funds for the church, as well as a frisson of excitement for those of us who participate!

Editor Lizzy

Mother's Union

In October we enjoyed an extremely interesting talk given by Wendy Reynolds, who had worked as a teacher in the Falkland Islands. It was informative, and we saw the beauty of the landscape, wonderful bird life and local flowers. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November, when Mick Harrison will be talking about the important topic of Cyber Crime and Scams.

Alison Newson

Irish Evening

Please come and join us for an evening of Irish food, music and story-telling in aid of Cancer Research UK on 29th November in the Public Hall. Tickets £25.00 from Hays Travel. There will also be a bar, a raffle and a quiz.

Judith Stewart-Young

Budleigh Salterton Ladies Choir will be having their Christmas Concert on Wednesday 10th December 7pm at St Peter's Church Tickets £10 - refreshments included - cash, card, contactless on the door. This is a early reminder for you to put the date in your diary!

Maggy Cairns

Mission Sunday

Sunday 16th November is Mission Sunday and will be celebrated at the 10 am service. Martin Gordon, Bishop of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), our missionary who we support through the Church Mission Society (CMS), has sent a pre-recorded video about his mission in the DRC.

There will be a special cash collection for CMS after the service. If you have a CMS collection box please bring it to the service as the boxes will be taken to the altar. If you cannot attend the service please leave the box with Fran earlier in the week, or if you are unable to get to church please let me know and I will arrange for your box to be collected. If you would like a box for next year, please let me know.

Andrew Kingsnorth 07551 495189 St Peter's Mission Representative

A Little Something

These are some words from the author Kathy Galloway that have been with me recently:

A blessing on our departures,
without them we cannot walk the way.

A blessing on our lostness and delays,
these too are life.

A blessing on the Trinity of journeys,
Giver of the Way, Jesus of the Way, Spirit of the Way.

A blessing on all travellers,
Border-crossers, wanderers in strange lands.

A blessing on our arrivals,
Homecomings, new beginnings, bright horizons.

Jean Burrows

People in our church: Malcolm Jones

Malcolm was born in Manchester in 1937, and after the war he moved with his parents to Eastbourne. This is why Malcolm likes the sea, pebbles and boats! He loved to walk to Beachy Head, either along the cliffs or along the beach. Malcolm went to Prep school in Eastbourne, then to St Lawrence College in Ramsgate. He was summoned for National Service Medical after school, but was turned down for medical reasons (asthma), which made him very cross!

Malcolm joined the British Bank of the Middle East in London as a trainee. After 18 months, he was posted to Dubai in 1955 which was a great experience and a fascinating place to learn about the Arab world. However the summer months were ghastly with no air conditioning in the bank. He was then posted to Tripoli in Libya, although more nationalism was becoming apparent. Malcolm enjoyed North Africa, and bought a Sunbeam Rapier vehicle (much loved) in which he drove home. A tremendous journey, no satnav or map, picking up his mother in Marseille en route. He had been away for three and a half years before getting home leave.



Malcolm met and married Mary in 1968, and moved to Billingshurst in West Sussex. Within 6 months, Malcolm was working for a Saudi company promoting products for big international companies. During the next 6 years Emma and Hedley were born. Two years in Dubai followed, with the addition of Alasdair. Malcolm and Mary made the decision to return to the UK for the children's education.

In 1981 Malcolm set up Falcon Overseas Limited, which was to trade with Gulf markets. It was a challenge to ensure correct payments were made on time, but with good experience of the Gulf markets, and in 27 years, there was only one bad debt. A record Malcolm is quite rightly very proud of!

Later that year the family moved to Coombe Dingle in Bristol, where Malcolm became involved in the Chamber of Commerce. He was also chair of the Parent Teacher Association at Westbury-on-Trym Primary School (where in subsequent years your Mini-Mag editor taught!), where there was a happy atmosphere. Often there was a barbeque going – Malcolm was very skilled in this area.

In 2001 Mary and Malcolm moved to Vision Hill Road in Budleigh (the move had to be to the coast) as preparation for retirement. Malcolm continued to work from home for the next 5 years before selling the Company. On his first meeting with Reverend Robert Charles, Malcolm was persuaded to become Chairman of the Friends of St Peter's Church. The Friends were a lovely team who worked well together, raising funds for particular projects in the Church, such as revamping the Peter Hall. Malcolm feels that it is a shame that the Friends are no longer an active group. For the last eighteen years Malcolm has also been an active member of the Raleigh Probus group.

Malcolm started the Mens' Breakfast some years ago, at Seachange, feeling that something was needed in the town just for men, and despite a second location it continues to be successful. Malcolm and Mary have no regrets about moving to Budleigh!

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Friday 31st **October** : Poetry at the library (See elsewhere for details)
Sunday 2nd 3 pm : All Souls Service of Remembrance
Monday 3rd 2.30 onwards : Bay Court Coffee afternoon
Tuesday 4th : St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Sunday 9th : Remembrance Sunday. 2pm Service at the War Memorial for wreath-laying, followed by service of Remembrance at St Peter's Church at 2.45
Tuesday 11th: 2.30 pm : Mother's Union – Mick Harrison speaking on Cyber Crime and Security
Thursday 13th 12.15 pm : Loaves and Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran, or Mary Jones on 443333 by six days in advance. Cost £10
Sunday 16th 10 am : Mission Sunday
Sunday 16th 6 pm : Choral Evensong
Thursday 20th 8.45 am : Men's Breakfast, Wesley's (Methodist Church Hall). Book with Malcolm Jones on 443333 by three days in advance
Saturday 22nd : Candlelight Supper – tickets from Fran or Iris Cooper £25
Friday 28th from 5 pm : Late Night Shopping in Budleigh
Saturday 29th : Irish Evening in aid of Cancer Research (see elsewhere for details)
Sunday 30th 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 **Third Sunday**
Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30 am

For services at the other RMC churches see www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk

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