



The Parish Church of St Peter, Budleigh Salterton

St Peter's Mini-mag



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A message from the Vicarage.

Dear Friends,

These are exciting times for the R.M.C. and St. Peter's as its largest constituent part.

We are now fully staffed.

As a community, we are a growing church. Long may that continue and may that growth be in spiritual depth as well as numbers.

We will be receiving excellent new hymn books soon featuring the very best of the traditional hymns alongside the best of the new;

I now conduct weekly collective worship at all three church schools; we will be initiating new services for the schools in church on Sunday afternoons on the major festivals.

Pastoral care is well run and organised through the excellent pastoral care team.

Loaves and Fishes, Rendezvous and Solo's Lunches continue to provide excellent social provision.

We will welcome local business leaders to a social evening on the 6th February to help initiate and cement good relations. We will meet on the 6th April as a whole community, at All Saints Sidmouth to discuss the way forward to grow into an even healthier church. More details later.

Through lots of conversations (sometimes over lots of food and wine!) I have discerned a hunger to grow deeper and more purposefully as a church.

The important thing is that we grow together, utilizing as many of the gifts and talents as we can galvanize, to our common cause. As I started by saying, these are exciting times. There is a time for everything, as it says in Ecclesiastes, and this is a time to be happy and rejoice.

With every blessing

This month's quote with the uncertainty of Brexit and the economy in mind:

We have seen better days. – Shakespeare

Be my Valentine?

St Valentine's Day falls on 14th February and since the 18th Century has been associated with the declaration of love, albeit anonymously. Originally this might be through the offering of sweets or flowers, and now more commonly by the sending of an unsigned card.

One suggestion is that St Valentinus was a Roman Christian who performed weddings for soldiers in the Roman army, even though they were not permitted to marry. According to this story, Valentinus was sentenced to death for his offence, but during his imprisonment prayed for the blind daughter of his judge, who miraculously recovered. Before his execution he left her a note, which he signed 'Your Valentine.'

All of us long to know that we are loved by someone, but declaring our love to another is always a risky business since we may be rejected. They may consider us not attractive enough, or unsuitable in any number of other ways. The pain of unrequited love is indeed great and so many of us hold back because of the fear of rejection.

One thing we can be sure of, however, is that we are loved by God. He loves us because He made us and likes us as we are. He loves us because He gave His Son to die for us and thought we were worthy of such a sacrifice. Here is One who knows everything about us and loves us just the same. His love is unchanging and unending and we need never fear His rejection.

Here is the best declaration of love ever made. God says to you, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3).

HELP NEEDED NOW! *PLEASE*

Your Editor has decided that it is time to retire. On 6th February he will start the 89th year from his birth! He feels that as he has been involved with the St Peter's Magazine and more latterly the St Peter's Minimag for the last 19 years and by Easter will have edited 125 editions, this would be a good time to retire. April 2019 will be his last edition.

When he suggested some time ago that a successor was needed, the job specification then required someone to do the printing and folding as well as the creation. The new photocopier in the church office avoids some of that. Only the creation is now required. Also the original is now just four A4 pages that can probably be done in Microsoft Word, though he still does it in Adobe InDesign.

So, are there any willing people out there? If nobody comes forward this little Church Magazine may cease to exist quite soon. Surely there must be someone in the St Peter's congregation who could give it a try. 19 years is not the pre-requisite timescale! How about just 1 year for a start? Some other churches have two Editors, doing it on alternative months. So if two volunteers ?

Chris is very happy to talk to any interested person or people to discuss what is involved.

Valentine present

Man in car showroom: "I've come back to buy that car you showed me yesterday."

Sales assistant: "That's fine, I thought you'd be back. Tell me, what was the dominant feature which made you decide on this car?"

"My wife."

The Church at Laodicea - by Megan Carter

May we be faithful and guard against the same fate that befell the Laodicean Church.

The Faithful True Witness sees into His church,
He stands alone not wanted inside,
Contented and useless, neither hot or cold,
A complacent church more dead than alive.

"O Laodicea, can you not see?

You say you are rich, but I know you are poor,
Come buy from Me, I have all that you need"
The Ruler of All still stands at the door.

"Behold I stand at the door and knock,
And long for My church to be vibrant and true,
If you hear My voice and invite Me in
Together again we can fellowship anew."

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Rev.3:22)

If you want to get anything into this Mini-mag, space permitting, just Email candjparrish@icloud.com or put it into the Mail Box in the church in the Magazine slot by, latest, **Mon 25th February** for the March edition, please.

The Friends of St Peter's - the active fundraisers for our Church!

The Quiz Evening last month was very successful. About 75 people, including several new faces, enjoyed both the meal and the Quiz, expertly run by Tony Gray. Jackie Clemo had an excellent result making more than £100 with the raffle. This resulted in a splendid profit for the Friends fund of £891.

The delayed Friends AGM will now take place in The Peter Hall at 3pm on 26th February.

The next event is at midday on Tuesday 5th March, Shrove Tuesday, in the Peter Hall. when we will enjoy pancakes. Just come and leave a donation. You are bound to enjoy the pancakes.



Community Larder: January 2019 report from The Salvation Army

Christmas with all its affluent excesses is now behind us and we settle back to normal life. The Bible story tells how the baby Jesus was rushed to Egypt as a refugee from the murderous despotism of Herod - so much for mankind then and now.

While 2018 was a record year for people needing help at The Larder, 2019 was very similar - needs don't seem to change as much as one would expect. Thanks to your generosity in the run up to Christmas - *see picture below of our contribution; fantastic* - we now have more reserves than ever before, so are well placed to support whatever is needed in 2019. Donations always drop off after the Harvest Festivals and Christmas, so please don't imagine the job is done!!

Whatever crisis people face, being hungry doesn't assist a response to the problem. But getting easy food hand-outs does not help people to face their problems. They may need expert help to challenge a ruling after Benefits are curtailed, or help confronting an addiction; there are as many reasons as we have clients!



A miscellaneous observation on modern life...

A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did!

SOME USEFUL LOCAL NUMBERS

 <p>PREMIER CAFÉ</p> <p><i>Traditional Fish and Chips and more.....</i></p> <p>01395 442962</p>	<p>Roger Pollard</p> <p>Plumbing and Heating Engineer</p> <p>01395 444049</p>	<p>Bright Garden Services</p> <p>Mowing & Edging, Hedges & Strimming, Decking, Gates & Fences, Garden Clearance</p> <p>David Bright 01395 225386, Mob 07790 022767</p>	<p>Sherwood's Tree Care</p> <p>Fully Insured Free Consultations Friendly & Efficient Tree Care</p> <p>Edward Clarke NCHArb 01395 444423 07961929 383</p>	<p>Palmers Funeralcare</p> <p>Here for you when you need us most</p> <p>Funeral Planning Pre-Paid Funeral Arrangements Memorial Masonry & Floral Tributes Available 24 hours</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Budleigh Salterton 45 High Street EX9 6LE Tel: 01395 442252 also at Exmouth Tel: 01395 222333</p> </div>
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St PETER'S CALENDAR for February (including **East Budleigh** and **Otterton** Services)

Fri	1st	Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion	10.00am 11.30am	Tues	19th	Ladies Tea at the Hub	2.30pm
Sun	3rd	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion Taizé Service	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Wed	20th	Holy Communion BCP	9.30am
Mon	4th	PCC Meeting	7.00pm	Thurs	21st	Silent Meditation	6.15pm
Wed	6th	Holy Communion BCP Bible Study in the Lady Chapel 6 Zone (formerly Youth Group) in the Peter Hall Wine and Cheese Evening for Budleigh Business in The Peter Hall	9.30am 2.30pm 3.30pm 7.00pm	Fri	22nd	Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion	10.00am 11.30am
Thurs	7th	Silent Meditation	6.15pm	Sun	24th	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion Solos Lunch	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm
Fri	8th	Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion for healing	10.00am 11.30am	Tues	26th	Friends Of St Peter's AGM	3.00pm
Sun	10th	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Wed	27th	Holy Communion BCP Bible Study in the Lady Chapel 6 Zone in The Peter Hall	9.30am 2.30pm 3.30pm
Wed	13th	Holy Communion BCP Loaves & Fishes Lunch 6 Zone in The Peter Hall	9.30am 12.30pm 3.30pm	Thurs	28th	Silent Meditation	6.15pm
Thurs	14th	Silent Meditation	6.15pm	Fri	1st	Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion March World Day of Prayer Service at the RC Church (see below)	10.00am 11.30am 3.00pm
Fri	15th	Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion	10.00am 11.30am	Sun	3rd	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am
Sun	17th	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> World Day of Prayer, formerly Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March 2019 at 3pm. In Budleigh, this year's service is being hosted by the RC Church, St Peter the Apostle, in Clinton Terrace. The service has been devised by the women of Slovenia. The theme is 'Come - Everything is Ready!'. The service is open to all, irrespective of gender or age. it would be good if we could attract a mix. For further information please contact Jackie Clemo 445134. </div>			

*Morning Prayer is said at **All Saints' East Budleigh** on **Tuesday mornings at 9.30am.**
Morning Prayer is said at **St Michael's Otterton** on **9.30 Thursdays.***

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