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MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

Happy new year!

That one refrain, which we all hear countless times, encapsulates something very special and positive about human beings, namely our undying optimism and hope for the future.

No matter what may have gone wrong in the past or how much suffering anyone may have endured, our declared hope is that the new year will be happy. Or at least happier than what went before. "Happy new year" is a cry of hope. One of the gifts of faith in God is that this faith puts flesh on the bones of the skeleton of hope. Hope is raised from a vague wish and changed into something like a certain expectation that the future is full of wonderful promise.

The birth of Jesus was a sign of this hope – a sign that God loves us and is not aloof from the world's suffering – but is involved and suffered alongside us. The ultimate sign of hope is of course the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Yes, Jesus did die a horrible and painful death, belittled and discredited and disposed of by the authorities, but on the third day the raising of Jesus was God's "yes" to all who suffer, and beaten down by life and resounding "no" to all the powers that want to crush human beings.

Light over darkness, Life out of death, Good winning over evil. The resurrection hope is the substance of that ubiquitous phrase,

"Happy new year".

Love and peace,

Martin



THE FEAST OF THE EPHIPHANY

The end of the Christmas festivities on 12th Night when the Wise Men visited the baby Jesus. Their gifts had a special meaning: Gold was a symbol of royalty, Frankincense because it is a symbol of God and Myrrh because it was a symbol of suffering.

DIOCESAN COMMON FUND AND PCC COSTS

The PCC has received notification of the Diocesan Common Fund Request for 2020. The Common Fund contributes to the cost of clergy throughout the Diocese including salary, national insurance, pension contributions, housing costs and the training of curates and ordinands. For the purposes of spreading this cost over all of the parishes in the Diocese the cost for a full time equivalent clergy person used in the calculation for 2020 is £64,561.

Every year each parish reports to the Diocese a figure for the number of adults regularly attending church (participants). For St Peter's the number reported in 2019 was 155. An average of the last three years reported participants is used in the calculation. The number of participants reported for the whole Diocese is added together to determine how much each parish should be requested to pay. For 2020 parishes are being asked to pay **£608.08** per participant. For St Peter's, with a three year average of 158 participants the total requested is **£94,076**. This represents the equivalent of a weekly sum of **£11.68** per participant (**£23.36** per couple).

The annual figure of £94,076 above is the cost we will pay to the Diocese for supplying clergy. The PCC itself pays clergy expenses for travel, etc. This clergy cost is less than half of the total cost of running St Peter's in the budget the PCC has approved for 2020. The total cost in the budget is **£216,388** including costs of staff, property running, burial ground and administration.

Of course, the PCC receives a considerable amount of income from gift aid, letting of premises, burial services, investment income, fundraising and other minor sources. In 2020 this should amount to about £70,000 in total. That means the PCC needs to find another £146,000 in order to cover its costs in 2020. As always, we are reliant on the generosity of the congregation to find this. The stark reality is that, before gift aid, we need an average of **£942** per participant to cover costs in 2020. Of course, that is an average, a mere statistic. Some can afford more than others but the total required remains the same.

Some have asked "What if we don't pay the Diocese what they are asking for?" As the figure is clergy-related the answer is usually clergy-related. Those parishes not paying in full are likely to have fewer clergy in the future, either by reducing clergy numbers or being merged with other parishes.

Tony Gray

PCC Treasurer



GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN.



The following is an extract from one of Her Majesty's Christmas broadcasts a few years ago. Her example is always an inspiration

"The teachings of Christ and my own accountability before God provide a framework. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God".



LEARN FROM

NOAH'S ARK

Don't Miss the Boat

Remember we're all in the same boat

- ❖ Plan ahead: it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark
- ❖ Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big
- ❖ Don't listen to critics: just get on with the job
- ❖ Build your future on high ground
- ❖ For safety's sake, travel in pairs
- ❖ Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- ❖ When you're stressed, float a while
- ❖ Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals

The storm doesn't matter: when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.

JANUARY CALENDAR 2020

Friday	3	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	5	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	5	Holy Communion	10.00
Tuesday	7	Prayer Group Meeting Lady Chapel St Peter's Church	9.30
Wednesday	8	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	8	Loaves & Fishes	12.00
Friday	10	Holy Communion for healing	11.30
Sunday	12	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	12	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	12	Choral Evensong	18.00
Sunday	12	Mothers Union Meeting	12.30
Wednesday	15	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	15	6Zone/Youth Group	15.30
Friday	17	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	19	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	19	RMC Holy Communion - Service for Christian Unity	10.30
Wednesday	22	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	22	6Zone/Youth Group	15.30
Wednesday	22	RMC Joint PCC Meeting	19.00
Friday	24	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	26	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	26	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	26	Solos Lunch	12.00
Wednesday	29	Holy Communion	9.30
Thursday	30	6Zone/Youth Group	15.30
Friday	31	Holy Communion	11.30

Rendezvous every Friday at 10.00

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Deadline for items to be included in the February Mini-Mag, space permitting, is the 27th January

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE EXETER TO EXMOUTH RAILWAY a talk by Richard Giles Peter Hall 8th January
11.00am. Refreshments available from 10.30am. Proceeds in aid of Fairlynch Museum.

LADIES TEA @ the Hub (Contact Doris to book on 443522) 14th January

MEN'S BREAKFAST @ the Hub (Contact Malcolm to book on 443333) 16th January

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - United Service St. Peter's 10.30 19th January

FRIENDS NEW YEAR'S PARTY AND QUIZ Peter Hall
Up to 8 per table. £10 entry incl. a meal 25th January

Film 'Yesterday' at The Hub 2pm 30th January