SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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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 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.



Increase in the Number of Candidates for Ordination

The number of female clergy in the Church of England continues to rise with more women than men entering training for ordained ministry for the second year running, according to recently published statistics. More women, 54%, than men began training for ordained ministry in 2018, for the second year running. Just under a third, or 30%, of the estimated 20,000 active clergy in the Church of England were female compared to 27% in 2014, according to Ministry Statistics for 2018. The report also shows that the proportion of senior posts such as Dean or Bishop occupied by women rose from 23 per cent to 25 per cent over the last year. The figures do not take into account six new appointments of female bishops in 2019, making a total of 24

The proportion of people identifying as from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds starting training for ordained ministry in the Church of England rose to 8% in 2018, (4% in 2016). 33%, of people beginning their training were aged under 35 and 53%, were under 45. The number of men and women ordained as deacon rose from 485 in 2016 to 535 in 2019. The figures have been released as the Church of England seeks to fulfil a key target of a 50% increase in the number of candidates for ordination as part of its programme of Renewal and Reform.

Celebrate the Wonderful Story of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus!

In songs, instrumental music and readings

If you enjoy singing, or reading Scripture, or playing an instrument, why not take part in

EASTER MUSIC by local composer Patrick Brandon

Saturday April 18th, Temple Methodist Church

WE NEED - singers and readers of all ages.

And if you play an instrument, we will do our best to accommodate you.

Rehearsals will be on Saturdays from 2.00 to 3.30 at the Baptist Chapel, Little Knowle, starting on January 25th, to April 4th (none in Holy Week).

I need to know if you wish to take part or to at least find out more please!

Please contact Pat Brandon on 01395 708327or email: patbrandon.music@gmail.com

This could be a really rewarding venture, and it will be a powerful witness to the people of Budleigh Salterton!

This event is supported by Budleigh Salterton and District Church Partnership



The recent Alpha Course at St. Peter's set out to introduce the basics of the Christian faith for those who perhaps knew little and wanted to know more but at the same time the material covered in the talks and discussions strengthened others in their faith. Approximately 30 attended the 12 week course, meeting at first for coffee and cake and after a video small groups were able to discuss questions which were introduced for discussion. This part was not easy and very often there was no clear conclusion. This didn't matter for what did matter was that the evening gave time for each and everyone to come a little closer to the meaning of life and know there is a way forward with the help of the Holy Spirit.

News from St Peter's School

Please see the enclosed flier asking for volunteers to support the school.

The school is the first in Devon to declare a Climate Emergency. For lots of thoughts from the children and photos go to to http://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/news/we-declare-a-climate-emergency/

The School Christmas Fair raised an amazing £3,426.82!

OPEN THE BOOK 9th January The Wise Men's Visit 23rd January The Helpful Servant

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

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| 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

QUICK CONTACTS

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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 Ha | ıll | 8 th January | | | | |
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| 11.00am. Refreshments available from 10.30am. Proceeds in aid of Fairlynch Museum. | | | | | | |
| LADIES TEA @ the Hub (Contact Dorís to book on 443522) | | 14 th January | | | | |
| MEN'S BREAKFAST @ the Hub (Contact Malcolm to book on443333 | | 16 th January | | | | |
| WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - United Service St. Peter's | 10.30 | 19 th January | | | | |
| FRIENDS NEW YEAR'S PARTY AND QUIZ Peter Hall | | 2 | | | | |
| Up to 8 per table. £10 entry íncl. a meal | | 25 th January | | | | |
| Film 'Yesterday' at The Huly | 2๖๗/ | 30th Tanyary | | | | |