



A message from the Vicarage.

Dear Friends,

The future is bright but not necessarily orange!

It has been great to see more green shoots and larger congregations across the R.M.C. including here at St. Peter's – some obvious and visible and some not so visible - and there has been a lot to be excited about. I have even heard people from outside our parishes refer to revival! Now that may or may not hold water, but it is definitely preferable to the alternative.

Unfortunately, one of the defining characteristics of many Anglican congregations nowadays is a pessimism engendered by decades of declining congregations, accompanied by a retreat from the public square. I have no intention of that pessimism ever taking a firm hold within the R.M.C.

A pessimistic, joyless church has no hope of growing.

What will stop that decline and restore hope within us is not to collude with that sense of pessimism but to become agents of Joy in the very message that we believe and seek to promote. We must inhabit the good news that we preach.

We sometimes sing 'We have a gospel to proclaim' and the primary proclamation of the gospel is ourselves. How we live our lives and encourage, bear with, and treat our fellow human beings is the very best advert there is for the truth of the gospel. It is the verifiable evidence of the Joy within us that transcends all and any setback or frustrations that happen to us.

We have no control over things that happen to us. As a community the only control we have is how we react and respond to events.

The future is bright because we shine with the light of Christ and that light will never be put out. We can go forwards with hope in our hearts, a smile on our faces, and with joy in our hearts. That is the Christian way – that is our way.

Love and peace,

This month's quote

Jesus can be contacted 24 hours a day: just go on on-line via your knee-mail. *Anon*

Stewardship 2019



We have been conducting an annual Stewardship Campaign for the last three years to try to eliminate the shortfall of income over expenditure. However, whilst we are most grateful to those who responded positively, we still have a long way to go. The PCC has now agreed a budget for 2019 which forecasts that our expenditure will exceed our income by £20,863. There is no significant abnormal expenditure included in the 2019 budget. The costs in the 2019 budget all fall within 'normal' expenditure. The shortfall of £20,863 is the difference between our annual income, which this year includes an expected legacy of £10,000, and our normal annual expenditure. Although this is a significant

improvement on the shortfall of £66,000 quoted three years ago this level of shortfall continues to be unsustainable in the long term. Unless we are able to eliminate this shortfall our reserves will eventually be exhausted. We must also continue to be aware that the church building is expensive to maintain and that we must be in a position to carry out any necessary repairs when the need arises.

As always our costs are kept under close scrutiny. Unfortunately we were not in a position to continue to employ a Youth Worker when James McAdam's contract ran out at the end of 2018. We also continue to work to increase income from sources such as the letting of the church and hall and to raise funds through the activities of The Friends of St Peter's.

However, the largest part of church income still comes from the generous giving of the congregation. The only solution to avoid our reserves from being exhausted is for regular giving to continue to be reviewed and increased. We will have to review this each year until our normal income covers our normal expenditure. You will therefore be seeing a 2019 Stewardship Campaign over the next few months asking all of the congregation again to review their level of giving. This will culminate in a Stewardship Day on 2nd June. Again we don't imagine that the whole of the problem will be solved this year and we anticipate that the levels of giving will have to be kept under review annually in order to put our finances on a stable footing. We, as members of our church family, remain responsible for our church and its future. Please reflect prayerfully about how you can contribute.

Tony Gray, Treasurer, on behalf of the PCC

EDITING THE MINIMAG - a second appeal

Your current Editor, having recently decided to retire from editing the Minimag after the April edition on account of his extreme age, and publishing this decision, two volunteers stepped forward to consider taking on the job. Great!

Sadly one of them has since withdrawn because of computer problems. (Though we are working on her!) The second one is still keen to take it on but needs to find someone to take on her existing job of being the Safeguarding Representative.

So, are there any people out there willing to either do the Minimag or the Safeguarding? If nobody comes forward this little Church Magazine may cease to exist quite soon. 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.

REALLY LAST CALL

The Electoral Roll has to be renewed by March. That's now! This happens every few years in all churches.

That means that if you want to be on the Electoral Roll still, you must complete a very simple form to say this. Like NOW! Even if you are on the existing Roll you still need to do it. If it took you as much as a minute to do, we would be surprised.

Barry Laver, the Electoral Roll Officer at St Peter's, told me that despite this appeal having been in the Pew Sheet for several weeks, only a third of the existing members of the church have actually done anything about it!

Why not pop into church today and get it done? Please! Today means NOW!

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 March** for the April edition, please.

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

The delayed Friends AGM was held in The Peter Hall at 3pm on 26th February. At this meeting concern was expressed about the loss of membership. The Friends' role is to raise money to repair the fabric of the church but recent deaths and the loss of Friends who have moved away have not been matched by new Friends. It was agreed that we need to raise the profile of the Friends with much greater publicity.

The Chairman, Christine Channon, pointed out that the Friends' Committee was very small and when it came to putting on events were very dependent on Friends of the Friends. She also pointed out that every member of the Committee had suffered health problems during the year. She was delighted that Sandy Stewart had agreed to join the Committee but hoped that others would also offer. Good wishes were sent to Iris Cooper for a speedy recovery and thanks expressed to Fran Mills for taking the minutes of the meeting.

Several events have been booked for 2019 and others are awaiting confirmation. Cards will be circulated in the next few weeks.

Wine Flagon

Part of our church silver, used every Sunday at the Eucharists, is a Wine Flagon - see *picture left*. Most of you do not normally see it up close as it is only used to dispense the Communion Wine into the chalices at the altar. This is a lovely piece of solid silver which dates from before St Peter's was thought of, let alone built. On the bottom is the following inscription - 'Belonging to Budleigh Salterton Chapel 1838.' This is clearly part of our heritage which we should treasure. If you are not familiar with our past, the Budleigh Salterton Chapel, no longer there, was in West Terrace near Chapel Street and was the only place of worship for the C of E in the town. St Peter's is its successor dating from 1897. This flagon was given to St Peter's at the turn of the century.



Sadly at some time in the past, though not recently, this flagon has been dropped. This has meant that the base has been distorted slightly and it now does not stand evenly but wobbles. And the lid is bent. We have consulted an excellent silversmith about whether he could repair it. But as he lives in Colchester he has only at present seen a photograph of it. But he says he can fix it, but cannot provide a firm price until he can see it. At present his estimate is between £350 and £400. We are also asking a more local silversmith whether he could fix it for a lower price.

Clearly this is a considerable sum to spend when on the previous page the PCC is also appealing for increasing contributions from the congregation anyway. The PCC also think that as it dates from before our church was built it ought to be restored to its former condition. They are therefore asking whether anybody in the congregation might like to contribute towards the cost of doing this. One member of the PCC has already agreed to give £100. Are there any others prepared to do something similar?

As many of you probably don't know what is being discussed here, the flagon will be available for you to look at and handle after the 10am service on Sundays 10th and 17th March in the Coffee area. David Waddington will be pleased to show it to you.

SOME USEFUL LOCAL NUMBERS

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

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| Fri | 1st | Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion World Day of Prayer Service at RC Church, Clinton Terrace | 10.00am 11.30am 1.00pm | Sun | 17th | Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am |
| Sun | 3rd | Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am | Tues | 19th | Ladies Tea at the Hub | 2.30pm |
| Tue | 5th | Prayer Group | 9.30am | Wed | 20th | Holy Communion BCP 6 Zone in The Peter Hall | 9.30am 3.30pm |
| Wed | 6th | Holy Communion BCP Bible Study in the Lady Chapel 6 Zone (formerly Youth Group) in the Peter Hall Service for Imposition of Ashes (EB) | 9.30am 2.30pm 3.30pm 6.00pm | Thurs | 21st | Mens' Breakfast at The Hub Silent Meditation | 8.45am 6.15pm |
| Thurs | 7th | Silent Meditation | 6.15pm | Fri | 22nd | Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion | 10.00am 11.30am |
| Fri | 8th | Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion | 10.00am 11.30am | Sun | 24th | Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion Solos Lunch | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm |
| Sun | 10th | Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Holy Communion Choral Evensong | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Tues | 26th | | 3.00pm |
| Wed | 13th | Holy Communion BCP Loaves & Fishes Lunch 6 Zone in The Peter Hall | 9.30am 12.30pm 3.30pm | Wed | 27th | Holy Communion BCP Bible Study in the Lady Chapel 6 Zone in The Peter Hall | 9.30am 2.30pm 3.30pm |
| Thurs | 14th | Silent Meditation | 6.15pm | Thurs | 28th | Silent Meditation | 6.15pm |
| Fri | 15th | Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion | 10.00am 11.30am | Fri | 29th | Rendezvous Coffee Morning Holy Communion | 10.00am 11.30am |
| | | | | Sun | 31st | Holy Communion BCP Service with Drake's School Parish Eucharist Service with Otterton School Service with St Peter's School | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm |
| | | | | Mothering Sunday | | | |

*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.***

Those Useful Quick Contacts (all 01395 numbers unless shown otherwise)

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Just like everyone else!**