

## THE RALEIGH MISSION COMMUNITY

OUR VISION: "To know and worship God, to show his love by reaching out into the community and welcoming all into his church."



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### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity – Proper 23

Rev'd Colin Randall will be presiding at both services at St. Peter's, and Rev'd Martin will be presiding at All Saints and St. Michael's and then at the choral evensong service at 6pm at St Peter's.

#### Thought for the day

Our Archdeacon, Andrew Beane spoke about "the way forward" last Tuesday evening and I think most people were comforted by the commitment of the Diocese to find us a permanent colleague for me in the RMC (whether that be another priest of some description or a curate) and for the real gratitude that the Diocese has for our extremely generous giving to the Diocese that helps to provide a Christian presence in less well-off areas of Devon. We are one of the bigger, most successful of the mission communities in the county, in both people and financial giving and we continue to be so generous out of our collegiate Christian duty to places that would otherwise have no ministry at all whether that be in rural North Devon or inner-city Plymouth. The story of the rich young man comes to mind that provides our gospel story this Sunday in determining our priorities.

Speaking of priorities, what kind of minister and on what basis they are employed is something that we have to determine for ourselves as a community. Do you remember we had an awayday in Sidmouth soon after I arrived here? I think this is the time to have another one but this time it will be a much more focussed affair with the result of the day having a direct influence on how we are manned in the future. Until then though, we are doing pretty well with our wonderful and committed band of retired priests. Keep praying for God's guidance, which I think you must all be doing anyway because, to be honest, there are so many green shoots appearing across the RMC that its beginning to look like a lawn.

**Calling all the young at heart!** We have been contacted by the headmaster of St. Peter's school saying that the year 6 children are asking if the youth club could be re-started in the Peter Hall. They are very keen! You don't have to be from the St. Peter's congregation of course. You need to have a heart for children and be able to allow them to let off some steam (They are not at school after all) while maintaining a safe environment and exuding a calm authority. Previous experience of working with children would of course be a definite advantage.

**We offer prayers for:** Rosie Smith, David Beagley, John Heavens, Philip Ringrose, Glenys Callaghan, Peter Price, Deborah, Keith Baker, Margaret Bown, Brian Shackleton, John Hutchinson.

**Annual Remembrance:** John Proctor, Robery (Bob) Pratt, Beryl Arpel, Louisa Butcher, Cyril Priest, Joyce Merricks.

The first monthly **Loaves & Fishes** Lunch was well attended with the full 30 seats taken up. The date for the next Lunch is Thursday 14 October. **Tickets in advance @£10** from Fran in the church office on Wednesday 10.00 – midday & Fridays 10-2pm. Last date for purchasing tickets is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Fran (568732/443397 or Mary Jones (443333)

**Dear Friends of the Exmouth FoodBank**, with people coming back into the Salvation Army Hall, we can offer more than basic foods. There will be a choice from a selection of fresh produce, such as bananas, oranges, potatoes, carrots and eggs, which will provide a more varied diet. People will be able to help themselves to toiletries and cleaning products and nappies will be available if required. Our volunteers are looking forward to welcoming everyone with open arms and friendly smiles. As we think of the future, we remember that the Harvest Festival is coming up. We thank you for your dedicated support and we wonder if you would be so kind as to donate any of the following from our list of most needed items: Longlife Milk Longlife Fruit Juice & Bottled Fruit Squash Jars of Pasta Sauce Tinned Vegetables & Tinned Tomatoes Tinned Rice Pudding & Tinned Fruit & Packets of Custard Packets of Instant Mashed Potato Packets of Noodles & Couscous & Savoury Rice We take this opportunity to thank the whole community for your ongoing support. Bless you

**Editorship of the St Peter's Mini-Mag** Rosemary and Neville Humphreys have decided to move to Sussex to be nearer their family. So the Mini-Mag is in need of a new editor – or editors – to take over, probably before Christmas. Rosemary and Gillian Andrews have really enjoyed editing the Mini-Mag and have had great support from parishioners. Having started with blank pages, there is always too much to squeeze in at the end of the month! You need basic computer skills and an interest in what is going on in the parish and the community. We can provide the basic template (although someone new may like to change the format) and lots of help and advice. For an informal chat about what is involved please phone Gillain (444095) or Rosemary (488524).

**Open the Book** is a group of people from our congregations who occasionally dress up and act out Bible stories in our three church schools, a venture that the children absolutely love. The schools have already been asking when we are going to re-start. Post-pandemic has seen the numbers of people involved decline and so to maintain this vital act of service to the children of our parishes we are looking for more people to get involved. If at all interested, please contact me or Fran and we will put you in touch with Christine Channon who now heads up the team.

**Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October** there will be a survey conducted in the St Peter's car park to provide an overview of the daily usage. If you are able to assist please contact Roger Henna 01395 488671

Third Men's breakfast of the summer will be held on **THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October** at the Dolphin Café at 08:45. Please be sure to register your name with Malcolm Jones if attending?

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**Walk to Colaton Raleigh** We are planning another one on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 3pm, this time with Mince pies and Mulled wine. Be there or be square!

**The Prayer for Today is apparently Scottish in origin.**

God bless our church and parish,  
And prosper all our attempts to be faithful  
And to draw others to you,  
For Jesus Christ's sake.

**Collect:** Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **First Reading: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-16**

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**The question about the nature of divine judgement is explored but never convincingly answered. We must remember that the Israelites had no concept of life after death so all judgement necessarily happened in this life. This was written sometime before the annihilation of Israel by the Assyrians in 722BC. The greatest wrong was the corruption of Justice and there is a heartfelt call for people to repent and learn to love justice. But can one be led to love ones neighbour under threat of retribution?**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**God's word is living and active, piercing and is more discerning than anything human beings can conceive. The inevitability of Judgement "to whom we must render an account" renders us all vulnerable and is to most people a terrifying prospect, but this section ends with us all having a great high priest, completely understanding of our flaws and deficiencies, interceding on our behalf before the throne of God. God's judgement never stands without God's mercy.**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 17-31**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them

again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

**Nothing causes more embarrassment to middle class Christians than passages like this one. But at its heart it is a call to singleness of mind and devotion to the kingdom of God. People with money and possessions have been essential to the life of the church from the very beginning. Money and possessions are a competing interest for this young man. Also be in mind that it is not money per se that is the problem, it is *the love* of money. Like all of the gospel message it is about becoming less self-centred and more God-centred. And at the end of the day, whatever was deficient about this young man, Jesus nevertheless looked upon him with love (verse 21). Jesus loves us and wants his love and discerning word for us to get us to further re-align our lives towards the kingdom of God.**

### St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 10th October	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion Hymns Hymns: 36 62 772 811 Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne Voluntary: Processional - William Mathias	10.00
	Choral Evensong	18.00
Wed. 13th October.	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 17th October	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

### All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 10th October	Holy Communion	9.30
Tuesday 12th	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 17th October	Holy Communion with Baptism	9.30

### St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 10th Oct.	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 17th Oct.	Holy Communion	11.00

#### *Dates for your diary*

Loaves & Fishes	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tickets from Mary Jones or the RMC Office
Mens Breakfast	Thursday 21st	Tickets from Malcolm Jones
Solos Lunch .	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tickets from Christine Channon or the RMC office
St Peter's Prayer Group	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	9.30 in the Lady Chapel & monthly thereafter.
Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	Details to come
Wine tasting evening	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	More details to come
Mens Breakfast		Tickets from Malcolm Jones
Candle light Supper	Saturday 4th Dec.	More details to come

