

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 May 15th – Easter 5

This Sunday morning Rev'd Martin will preside at St Peter's for the 8.00 Holy Communion, the Reverend David Fayle at the 10.00 service and the Reverend Margaret Scrivenor will officiate at both All Saints and St Michael's at 9.30am and 11am respectively. This is the Reverend David's first time at St Peter's so please give him a very warm welcome.

Thought for the day

The news that my Dad failed his home assessment and will have to go into a nursing home marks a chapter in my family's life that most, if not all of you will recognise. Even when something is expected, when it finally happens you enter a kind of shock that the person that cared for you and brought you up now can't look after himself. Coming all too hot on the heels of my mum's decline and death, everything changes and you can't help thinking about your own life in ways that you didn't when you were young. As dad enters the final stages of his life you need to keep in the forefront of your mind that whatever his current physical or mental condition, he is the same person that he ever was. Our belief is that everybody is made in the image of God and is "very good" as the book of Genesis says. As you may also know, I believe in universal salvation, so the vision of bliss that the passage from revelation speaks about this week will be all of our futures. Our understanding that each person is loved and cherished by God and that God's love doesn't stop at incapacity, illness or death is a fundamental, integral part of my Christian faith.

Every human being is of infinite worth, and if you, me, my dad or anyone else were the last person on earth Jesus would willingly die for us.

The prayer for today is: Patient Trust by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.

And so, I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete. - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

We offer prayers for: Rosie Smith, John Heaven, Margaret Bown, Brian Shackleton, John Hutchinson, Chris Teuten, Laura, Di Bagshawe, Gillian Andrews, Rosemary Goode, Bernard Jacques, Stuart Yerrell.

Recently Deceased: John Hutchinson (Thanksgiving Service, St Peter's Church, 16th May @ 14.00)

Annual Remembrance: Donald Pink, Ann Procter, Ivy Graham, John Rhill

Dates for your diary

All Saints Church East Budleigh	15 th May	Annual meeting & APCM. Immediately following the 9.30 service in the church.
St Peter's Church Budleigh Salterton	22 nd May	Annual meeting & APCM. Immediately following the 10.00 service in the Lady Chapel.
Solos	22 nd May	Tickets from Christine Channon
Singing for Sylvia	22 nd May	@ 18.30 a memorial concert for Sylvia Pritchard
St Peter's Lunch Time Concert	27 th May	Tickets from Fran or available on the door. Organ Recital
St Michael's Church Otterton	29 th May	Annual meeting & APCM. Immediately following the 11.00 service in the church.
Queen's Jubilee Concert	5 th June	18.30 Free admission – retiring collection.
St Peter's Lunch Time Concert	10 th June	Tickets from Fran or available on the door.

Music at St. Peter's: The popular lunchtime concerts are resuming after a two year hiatus this Friday 13th at 1.30pm when Dylan Brewer on Trombone and Stephen Tanner on organ. There will be further lunchtime concerts on the 27th May and the 10th June, both also at 1.30pm.

Sunday 22nd May at 6.30pm – A festival choir of over 100 singers will sing at the Sylvia Pritchard Memorial concert to include selections from The creation (Haydn) Messiah (Handel) and Five mystical songs (Vaughan Williams)

Sunday 5th June 6.30pm – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee concert

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18: Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Acts 11:1-18. There is an interesting trinitarian dimension to this reading. It is God who made all things clean (thus rendering the food laws as always misguided), the risen Lord who speaks to Peter in his vision and the Spirit who empowers the household of the centurion. Of course, Paul recalls a very different story and talks about his disagreements with Peter and him being cowardly for refusing to eat with Gentiles (Galatians 2: 7-14) but Luke wants to accentuate church unity on this point.

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

Revelation 21: 1-6. The essential characteristic of the new age is that everything that separated mankind from God – the rebellion and conflict - has been overcome. There is union between heaven and earth resulting in a divine peace. There is no sea because the sea symbolises the old order of things unsubdued by God. This is a reading popular at funerals nowadays.

Gospel Reading: John 13: 31-35: When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

The “now” in verse 31 is significant because Jesus’ moment of exultation honour and praise occurs at the same time as the very act of betrayal, showing us these betrayals cannot thwart the divine intention. The mutual glorification of both Father and Son underscores their functional unity just as the “I and the Father are one” did last week. What makes the commandment “new” is that we now have a concrete demonstration – a new concrete model of what it means to love in the life and death of Jesus. New also because it inaugurates a new era, the life of the church which will be marked by mutual love for each other.

2022 Services - The Common Cup : I received notification from the Diocese last week that unless there are very good reasons not to – we should be offering the common cup in all churches. After two years there is obviously no rush to reintroduce this part of communion but over the next few weeks we should all be working towards introducing the practice according to our local situation. I should state straight away that drinking from the common cup is optional, but it will be offered as a matter of course and as we have had drummed into us over the last two years, communion in one kind (bread only) is FULL communion so don’t feel pressured. We will do so as local circumstances allow and as we have all got our annual general meetings coming up we might discuss how we manage this. And to pre-empt any suggestions in advance, individual cups of the kind used by non-conformist churches are NOT sanctioned by the C of E.

St Peter’s Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 15th May.	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion Hymns: 10, 322, 19, 556 Setting: Mass of St Thomas David Thorne Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord Always – Redford 1973 Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in D Major – Buxtehude.	10.00
Wed. 18th	Holy Communion	9.30

Friday 20th	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday 22nd May	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00
	APCM following service in the Church	11.30ish

All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 15th May	Holy Communion	9.30
	APCM following service in the Church	10.45ish
Tuesday 17th	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 22nd May	Holy Communion	9.30

St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 15th May	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 19th	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 22nd May	Holy Communion	11.00



The DEC appeal is active and can easily be obtained on line - £30 will provide essential hygiene supplies for 3 people for 1 month, £50 provide 4 families with blankets, £100 provide emergency food for 2 families for 1 month. Please remember gift aid and give what you can?



A Reminder that the Foodbank demand has risen by 10% this year and all donations of food/toiletries can be made in any of the 3 supermarkets in Budleigh Salterton. Alternatively money can be sent to "Salvation Army, Exmouth Corps" and marked "Foodbank " on reverse. Address: - The Salvation Army Hall, Sheppard's row, Exmouth EX8 1PW.

Thank you for all who have donated sewing machines:

We have now given nine machines to Afghan ladies who were based in Exmouth. Three have now moved to London taking their machines with them. I have received a photo of a child's dress one lady has made.

Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth and Seachange kindly provided funding and we were able to purchase fabric for each lady too so they can make an outfit for themselves. Exeter fabric shop provided scissors, tape measures and thread. We hope to continue with monthly meetings to provide support for the women with their sewing projects. Thanks for the part you played in helping with this!

The Mothers Union meeting on Tuesday 10th May were lucky enough to have Rev'd Chris Cant as speaker. He told us about the fund raising by the Budleigh Salterton Syrian Committee to bring a refugee Syrian family to Exmouth. The family is now settling in and the 3 children at the local schools. It was very enlightening and uplifting. We raised an impromptu donation of just over £75 for the fund. Thank you Christopher.

Supporting Afghan ladies in Exmouth A few new Afghani families have arrived in Exmouth. Four more ladies have requested electric sewing machines. If anyone knows of anyone who has a machine they no longer use please let me know.

Also at our last meeting with the ladies, we discovered they share one iron between 11 families at the hotel. If anyone has a spare iron or would like to donate one we will get them PAT tested and delivered there. Lastly the families get very little fruit due to financial constraints. Seachange have said we can donate fruit if we want. This seems such a positive, practical thing we could do. If you want to give anything towards this please get in touch!

Many thanks, Jo Cant joannacant@gmail.com or 01395 488178 or 07783954389

