

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 16th January – Epiphany 2

I will be presiding at both services at St. Peter's and Reverend Colin Randall will be presiding at the 9.30am at All Saints and the 11am service at St. Michael's.

Thought for the day

Seeing and understanding more clearly is the theme of the season of Epiphany yet it still comes as a surprise when you do begin to see things more clearly.

Whether we buy into the saying that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" or not, we do get set in our ways of thinking and believe that what we thought we knew and believed would always be at that same level. A dawning realisation or increased clarity and insight don't come easily or necessarily through any hard work of our own, though it pays to be attentive.

God works and communicates through "matter", people, situations, life events, sometimes successes but more often through failures. The interconnected nature of all things means that whether you intend to or not, God can use you to say something to someone else that is instrumental in changing their outlook and understanding of things or how they feel about things and about themselves.

In that way we are all potential "angels" – the word means a messenger – delivering something of God to another. Not consciously perhaps but a messenger, nonetheless. And I don't mean through something like a sermon (though I hope that is so) but through our normal interactions with people on a daily basis. So, while that of course could be a word of Judgement in some circumstances our default setting should be to build up and not break down, to encourage and try to engage and enthuse people. In other words, try and be a blessing to other people and not a curse. If you want to change the atmosphere in a room make it for the better and not for the worse. We know we are all on an eternal path together so we have to get along for an awfully long time!

Covid regulations in church

Currently we are doing everything in accordance with the national rules so there is no need to change anything for our normal church services. Congregations, as you know, have to wear masks (unless exempt) but can remove them if they wish to sing hymns. Refreshments after the services continue as normal. Communion in one kind will continue. So apart from being told to wear masks, just use your own common sense and do what seems right to you which includes staying at home if you are very anxious.

We offer prayers for: Rosie Smith, John Heaven, Glenys Callaghan, Deborah, Keith Baker, Margaret Bown, Brian Shackleton, John Hutchinson, Chris Teuten, Laura, Di Bagshawe, Gillian Andrews.

Recently Deceased: David Beagley

Annual Remembrance: Mary Sanders, Ida Gawthorne, Joyce Smith, Margaret Carter, Edwon Mules

Dates for your diary

Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper	29 th January	Save the date – see below
Solos	Sunday 30 th Jan	Tickets from the RMC Office or from Christine Channon. Please note this is a week later than usual.
Loaves & Fishes	10th February	Tickets @ £10 from the RMC Office or Mary Jones.
RMC Away Day	12 th February	All Saints church Sidmouth 10 – 16.00



Fish, Chips & Quiz Night.

In the Peter Hall, 29th January 2022, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start
Bar & Raffle. Tickets £10.00



Please come along for a fun evening in aid of St Peter's Church Funds. Individuals and teams of up to 8 are welcome and tickets are available from Fran in the RMC Office or from Tony Gray.

On the 12th February we have an RMC Away Day planned at All Saints church Sidmouth. I have booked the use of the church from 10am to 4pm and I am now looking for people to help with refreshments – teas coffees that sort of thing. I envisage people taking a packed lunch. This will be a quiet day to rest away from our home churches, engage in some spiritual practices, and wait on God to reveal himself to us. It is open to all people in any of our churches to engage and immerse themselves in the stream of His Spirit. "Unless the Lord builds the house they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1)

Wednesday 9th February at 7pm We are hosting at St. Peter's an event that aims to increase the interaction between science and the church on behalf of Exeter University. My wife, Louise as both a scientist and Christian will be one of the speakers. It should be interesting and engaging and we will be inviting other churches from around the area to attend. It is an opportunity to find out how you can get more involved with science in our area. Your views on how science should be designed and carried out are always welcome!

BLISTER PACK COLLECTION @ St Peter's Church. We are unable to recycle the large blister packs. Please don't put any more in the bins! Meanwhile you are doing wonderfully with the small ones. Many thanks. Collections are taken to Superdrug in Exmouth.

Exmouth Foodbank: on an ongoing basis the Foodbank requests (which should not be left in church but taken to one of the supermarkets in B/S) If you are still able to donate we are in need of and would really appreciate the following items please: Long life milk, long life fruit juice, bottled fruit squash, jars of pasta sauce, tinned vegetables and tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, packet custard, packet instant potato mash, noodles, rice, packet pasta in sauce and we are also short of cleaning products. Many many thanks for your continued & ongoing support.

Collect: Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

It isn't clear whether this is addressed to people still in exile or to people who have returned to Jerusalem and living amidst ruins and poverty but the poetic language of promise is vivid. It uses the language of a woman being abandoned and replaces it with that woman (Jerusalem) being married and secure with God as her husband. The marriage of earth and heaven. A wonderful and expansive piece of writing that oozes Love and protection for God's people who will be set free and gathered up from all points of the compass and gathered into God's loving arms.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A text that proclaims loud and clear that the church operates as a whole and that gifts, services and activities are distributed amongst the faithful so that we all need each other to thrive and grow. The source is the same of course – God's spirit coursing through us and amplifying our natural attributes.

Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

"The gospel in miniature" is how the sign of turning water into wine has been described. The water of our lives is turned into rich intoxicating wine when we accept God's Spirit into our lives. There are only ever "signs" in John's gospel – he never uses the word Miracle – and this is the first and keynote sign that all the other signs in John's gospel refer back to. So understanding this sign is the key to understanding the entire Christ event and understanding our own life.

The Prayer for the Day was written by Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak

We give you thanks O gentle one who has touched our soul.

You have loved us from the moment of our first waking and have held us in joy and grief, stay with us, we pray.

Grace us with your presence and with it, the fullness of our own humanity.

Help us claim our strength and need, our awesomeness and fragile beauty, that encouraged by the truth we might work to restore compassion to the human family and renew the face of the earth.

2022 Services

St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 16 th January	Holy Communion	8.00
Sunday	Holy Communion Hymns 491, 687, 337, 798 Setting: Mass of St Thomas – Thorne Anthem: The Blessed Son of God – Vaughan-Williams Voluntary: Prelude on "How brightly shines the morning star" Flor Peeters	10.00
Wed. 19th	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 23rd Jan	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 16th January	Holy Communion	9.30
Tuesday 18th	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 23rd January	Holy Communion	9.30

St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 16th January	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 20th	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 23rd January	Holy Communion	11.00



The Children's Hospice South West is seeking donations of good quality clothing for all ages. No appointment needed to drop off donations, just pop in and you will receive a friendly & appreciative welcome. The shop in Budleigh Salterton High street is open from 9.00 – 5.00 most days. Many many thanks.

Winter Fuel allowances Luke 3 verse 11 'John replied, "If you have two coats, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry' As part of our mission and outreach in the Raleigh Mission Community, we have over the last six winters, collected in un-needed winter fuel allowances, and redistributed them to individuals & families within our local area who are in need of help to pay their winter heating bills. Names are sourced through the schools and through the health visitors and social service teams. Over the last eight years over £12k has been redistributed in this way. If you would like to take part in the scheme this winter, we would welcome any contribution you feel able to make, as and when you receive your fuel allowance. If you know of any individuals or families who would benefit this winter, please, with their permission, give their contact details to Fran Mills who administers this scheme on our behalf. Please make any cheques payable to St Peter's PCC, and hand to Fran, or alternatively use the 'Winter Fuel Just Giving button' on the RMC website. We, in turn, give a church cheque to those in need thus maintaining anonymity on both sides. Finally a huge thank you to those who have given so generously over the last six winters.



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