

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 19th June – Trinity 1 (Proper 7)

This Sunday due to covid the Reverend Chris Cant will be presiding at All Saints and St. Michael's and the Venerable Dr Trevor Jones will be presiding at both services at St. Peter's.

Thank you both for your support.

Q: What's going on across the RMC? A: Quite a lot....

- And in Otterton. The resumption of the much anticipated Open gardens day on **Sunday 26th June** from 11am – 5pm. 9 gardens to enjoy for £5 (under 16s go free). Refreshments in the village hall. Proceeds are split between St. Michael's church and a local charity
- **St Peter's BBQ 26th June.** Tickets from the RMC Office @ £10
- **Sunday 3rd July at 6pm.** An organ recital in St. Peter's by David Davis, the organist at Buckfast Abbey and great friend of St. Peter's.
- **Friday 22nd July at 1.30pm.** A lunchtime concert in St. Peter's by our Director of Music Stephen Tanner.
- **Friday 29th July at 1.30pm.** A lunchtime concert by Jean-Rene Andre the organist from Rennes cathedral in France.
- **And a date for your Diary!**
- **23rd July at 3pm.** After the success of last year's get together, Louise and I are inviting you all to a joint RMC Garden party in the vicarage garden here in beautiful East Budleigh. Be there or be square!

Thought for Today

Buddhists say that the biggest source of mental suffering has its root in not accepting the present reality and always wishing things were different from how they actually are. This sentiment has its corollary in Christianity expressed if you remember, in the serenity prayer about knowing what can be and can't be changed and having the wisdom to know the difference. So, accepting that my family holiday is cancelled, accepting that I have to self-isolate for other's wellbeing, accepting that a refund from the holiday company might be impossible, accepting that we have a fridge and freezer full of food that we'll have to work through ourselves – comes a strange peace of mind.

We have little to no control over what happens to us. We only have some measure of control over how we react to things. Rage and anger are valuable emotions when the object of these emotions are things like injustice, inhumanity, or cruelty, but even then, they have to be wisely channelled to harness and use them effectively – not easy when you are angry!

Human beings are complex and a mass of contradictions but finding a still centre, against which all other things can be placed really helps you to find a sense of perspective and the space and time to react accordingly – and our still centre is where we place our God.

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

Recently Deceased: Peter Gill, Pat Meredith, Maureen Parnell, Iris Reeves Williams

Annual Remembrance: Barbara Fraser, Garry Tapping, Jack Burrige

The Prayer for Today The prayer for today is again (no surprise) that prayer that does bear much repeating and has become known as the serenity prayer written by American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr.

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

ADVANCE WARNING The **CARPARK** at St Peters will be **closed for 8 weeks from 18 July to 11 Sept.** In that time it will be extended along the south, provided with proper drainage and completely re-surfaced in durable, porous pea gravel. The dangerous slabs will go entirely. It will end up larger, looking far better, be much safer and an ongoing source of funding for all time. It will also allow us to increase our hire charges.

We realise that this will cause a lot of inconvenience, especially as parking outside is restricted to an hour by the council. We have asked our counsellors to persuade EDDC to waive that rule for the 8 weeks but have no confirmation of this so far. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout, but may be through the West Doors, or even North Door for the Hall.

Would those with mobility issues please let Fran know so that we can arrange a special rota of drivers etc.



WANTED FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH. Beryl Schmidt-Rieche who leads the lovely flower arrangers of St Peter's is looking to increase her team. If you are interested please contact Beryl ON 01395 487181

Dates for your diary

St Peter's BBQ	26th June	Tickets from the church office @ £10.00
Solos Lunch	3rd July	Tickets from Christine Channon
Mothers Union Outing	12TH July	If you intend to come please ring Margaret Keay 743093 or Sue Low - 443527
Loaves & Fishes	21st July	Tickets from Mary Jones or The RMC Office

Mother's Union Outing: The outing will be lunch at Kings Garden Centre. If you intend to come please ring Margaret Keay 743093 or Sue Low - 443527 so that we can book a table and let us know if you need a lift so that we can arrange for drivers. Please bring a friend if you wish and we will arrange to meet at the Public Hall at 12.30pm.

Collect: God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

First Reading: Isaiah 65: 1-9.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The message here is that God reveals himself and is ready to be found by those who are looking and want to find him but is also routinely ignored and sidestepped by people he loves and wants to care for. Proving that nothing much has changed from the time that was written up to the present day.

Second Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The difference between the old covenant between the Jews and God and the new covenant (agreement) revealed in Jesus Christ is that we no longer have to earn God's love through observing certain laws but enter into it by faith in God's grace.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 26-39.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away,

saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

A tormented soul is brought to his right mind through an encounter with Jesus who banishes all the things/spirits/doubts/demons that were pulling him apart. Those demons are a metaphor for our own doubts/fears /anxieties/ pride – in fact anything that separates us from God -that can be banished when we encounter God in Christ.

St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 19 th June	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion Hymns: 152, 463, 483, 777 Setting: Mass of St Thomas – Thorne Anthem: Ave verum corpus – Saint-Saens Voluntary: April Song – Maurice Wostenholm	10.00
Wed. 22 nd June	Holy Communion	9.30
Friday 24 th	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday 26 th June	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 19 th	Holy Communion	'9.30
Tuesday 21 st	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion	'9.30

St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 19 th June	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 23 rd June	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 26 th June	Holy Communion	11.00

Exmouth Food Bank June 2022 News



Current volumes: We have just finalised our numbers for May and this month we supplied 226 parcels to feed 442 people. The number of people we are feeding fell slightly in May when compared to April although we saw a 10% increase in the number of single people seeking support. We are finding that single people often fall through the net when accessing social

services and housing and many are at crisis point by the time they reach out to the Food Bank. We are fortunate that, due to our strong partnerships with agencies such as Citizens Advice and Open Door, we are able to signpost them to a way forward.

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle: We are trying to cut down on the number of bags we supply at the Food Bank and ask all of our clients to return and/or reuse them wherever possible. We are also trying out some eco-bags that are biodegradable to see if they would be a good alternative for us. If anyone has spare bags for life or carriers, we are always grateful to receive them during our hall opening hours.

Ukraine: We are starting to receive some Ukrainian families at the Food Bank and are helping them with food as they get settled in the UK. This is obviously a very stressful and unsettling time for them so we are doing all we can to help supply them with the food they need. Our help for the Afghan refugees is ongoing. Some have now moved out of the area to permanent homes while others, coordinated by Sea Change in Budleigh, are just being welcomed into the area.

