

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 26th June – St. Peter

Rev'd Martin will be presiding at St. Peter's at the 8am and 10am services and Rev'd Margaret Scrivener will be presiding at All Saints at 9.30. Please note there is NO service at St. Michael's this week as so many people are involved with the open gardens event.

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

I ended up killing a shrew this morning. Not on purpose you understand but our cat had brought him in and let him go and he was running around our bedroom. I fetched a Tupperware container and eventually trapped him but it was a feisty little thing and really fought to get out of the container. In trying to slide a mat under the pot so I could transfer him outside I inadvertently must have crushed him under the side of the pot. I felt profoundly sad that something that had fought so hard for his life, I had unceremoniously ended. Dead mice, shrews, and the occasional bird and rabbit are ten a penny when you have a cat but this instance just spoke to me. Was God trying to say something to me about the innate sanctity of all life in the great scheme of things? Certainly, the strength of the little thing's fight for life made an impression on me. We all have a strong will to survive, which makes suicide such a shocking thing to most people, and people having to endure chronic pain and suffering have led to lively debates on the subject of euthanasia for example, but there is no doubting that life in all its forms is good, as the Bible says and in the case of humanity – very good. Martin.

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, Iris Reeves Williams

Annual Remembrance: Edgar Coulthard, Joyce Clemens, Kay Price, Villiers Dennys, Edna Simmonds, Toby Holroyd, Eddie Elves

The Prayer for Today is by former Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie.

Eternal Father, source of light and life,
Whose love extends to all people, all creatures, all things:
Grant us that reverence for life which becomes those who believe in you;
Lest we despise it, degrade it, or come callously to destroy it.
Rather, let us save it, serve it, and sanctify it,
After the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

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: Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Ezekiel 3: 22-27.

Then the hand of the Lord was upon me there; and he said to me, Rise up, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you. So I rose up and went out into the valley; and the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. The spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, shut yourself inside your house. As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people; and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them; for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak

with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; let those who will hear, hear; and let those who refuse to hear, refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel has a religious experience of the truth and life-giving presence of God. And the Spirit of God tells him that He will use him and speak through him to relay his words to the Israelite people, though many will refuse to listen because they are so rebellious.

Second Reading: Acts 12: 1-11.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

Peter Delivered from Prison

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

We needn't see a "miracle" here, it could be a dramatic rescue but either way the hand of God was in it. An angel is also a messenger of God (The word means the same thing in Hebrew). The take home message here is that God has big plans for Peter that means his escape and protection from Herod was necessary.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-19.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

The pivotal declaration "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" is given to Peter by the Father speaking through the Spirit of God. Is "the rock" the statement of faith or Peter himself (or the church)? Do the infallibility of Peter's pronouncements (binding and loosing) die with him or extend to his successors of the see of St. Peter? Here is the seedbed of all the arguments and schisms that have plagued the church for 2000 years.

St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 26 th June	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion Hymns: 454, 521, 190, 215 Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne Anthem: Thou art Peter – Paul Morgan Voluntary: Paeon – Percy Whitlock	10.00
Wed.29th June	Holy Communion	9.30
Friday 1st July	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday 3 th July	Holy Communion	8.00
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All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 26th	Holy Communion	'9.30
Tuesday 28th	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 3rd July	Holy Communion	'9.30

St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 26th June	NO SERVICE	11.00
Thursday 1 st July	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 3rd June	Morning Prayer	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.

NEWS FLASH FROM CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO EASTERN EUROPE - a lorry left the Exmouth Warehouse last Thursday 16th June destined for Ukraine via Poland.

