

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 31st July – 7 after Trinity – Proper 13

Reverend Colin Randall will be presiding at St. Peter's and Rev'd Martin Jacques will be presiding at All Saints and St. Michael's.

Thought for the day.

To my shame I often approach baptisms with a sinking feeling because the gap between the significance the church places on baptism and the significance the family place on it are often poles apart. I have to remind myself that it is the child I am baptising and not uncle George or Cousin Lionel. I have to remind myself that God's grace is living and active and done in faith is effective. People have the legal right to have their child baptised if they live in the parish which is a further layer so there is a theological and legal imperative to carry baptisms out no matter what I think privately so I long ago decided to make them as meaningful and as relevant as I can, and as thoughtful and thought provoking as I can suited to every family and their needs and circumstances. And then I am brought up short when, despite myself, everything goes swimmingly, people are moved, the child is lovely and smiley, and thanks are profuse. One never knows what seeds are being sown in all these occasional offices (I mean baptisms, weddings and funerals) so a high standard of service is what is required at all times. I also have to remind myself that it isn't all down to me (my lesson of the month!) – that God does have a hand in these things as well, so if we offer the best we can and pray that does the rest. Of course, the personal prayers of all of us are invaluable in trying to make sure that "Thy Kingdom comes" in any and all situations.

We offer prayers for: Rosie Smith, John Heaven, Margaret Bown, Brian Shackleton, Chris Teuten, Gillian Andrews, Rosemary Goode, Stuart Yerrell, Maureen White.

Annual Remembrance: John Harewood, Hilary Rolls, Charles Southcott, Joyce Hauser, Joyce Clemens & Betty Pyne

The Prayer for Today is by a former archbishop of Canterbury Donald Coggan.

Lord, still me. Let my mind be inquiring, searching. Let my heart be open. Save me from mental rust. Deliver me from spiritual decay. Keep me alive and alert. Teach me, that I may teach them.

Julian Group: Many of you will be aware of the work of Mother Julian of Norwich, a 14th Century anchoress who, when seriously ill, received a series of 'Divine' revelations. Julian went on to transcribe these visions. In current times Julian's 'Revelations of Divine Love' have fostered a movement for the practice of inter-denominational Christian contemplative prayer and meditation.

Julian meetings consist of small groups (6-15 people) held in churches and people's homes. Our Julian group takes place on the first Tuesday of the month (in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's). It starts at five-thirty and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Keeping to the principles of a Julian meeting, we have no set leadership and minimal organisation. After the meeting, we can share some of our contemplative insights if inspired to do so. The group is open to all, and we would be pleased to welcome you.

NB we hope to meet in people's homes during the winter as doing so will be warmer than the Lady Chapel. For further information, please contact Christophe Briscoe or Penny Franklin (07590481149).

Carpark Scheme update: The Carpark will close from 18 July till 9 September. During that period there will be no parking at all available on site. Access on Sundays will be on foot from the Upper Gate on The Lawn to the West Doors. On Weekdays it will again be from upper gate, either to the North Door direct into church, or to the back door of the Peter Hall Lobby. Contractors' security fencing will prevent any access to the South Porch or Disabled Door.

When the Carpark reopens, there will be new rules to try and prevent misuse, which has grown through covid. The Carpark will always be open on a 'first come' basis on Sundays or for other services or advertised events. Church Members wishing to park on weekdays and outside service times will be asked to donate a minimum of £60 (£15 for the remainder of 2022) for an annual permit.

Councillor Christine Cannon has kindly asked for wardens to be kept away for those 8 weeks as the one hour limit is not enough for the Sunday Service. However, blue badge holders are allowed three hours. The rest of us should try to leave those spaces for those in real need.

We are inviting parishioners to apply now for the new Parking Permits, which will be required after September 12th to use the newly extended and beautified carpark on weekdays and outside advertised Service/events times. The basic charge for these will be £60 annually for one vehicle. For the remainder of 2022, £15 will be the minimum. As we are still struggling with funding for the whole project, we do hope those who can manage it will offer more by donation. These can be made at any time to either Fran or Tony Gray and may be electronic. All that is required is the vehicle registration number and your name and e-mail address. The actual permits will be issued prior to the Grand Re-opening on September 12th. While the carpark remains closed, please let Fran know if you need a lift on either Sundays or Wednesdays.

Exmouth Foodbank Current volumes

We have just finalised our numbers for June and this month we supplied 198 parcels to feed 483 people. After a slight fall in numbers in May, demand has started to rise again particularly from families. In June there was a 20% increase in take up of our services when compared to May. Many of these families are new to us, have 3 or more children and, due to the cost of living, are struggling to make ends meet. We are of course here to help anyone struggling to buy food and will continue to support where we can through these difficult times.

The Syrian family we support through the Community Sponsorship scheme is settling well. They have regular language lessons and the children enjoyed their first term at school. We are arranging cycling proficiency for the two eldest over the summer. The eldest has a bike but the 11 year old girl doesn't have a suitable one. Does anyone have a girl's bike that might be suitable for a tall 11 year old? If so, please let me know: Jo Cant 01395 488178 /07783954289

Dates for your diary

Mothers' Union	9th August	Cream Tea at 19 Swains Road
Loaves & Fishes	11th August	Tickets from Mary Jones or Fran
Solos Lunch	28th August	Tickets from Christine Channon

Mothers Union August get together will take place on Mary Sumner day – 9th August at 3pm – a Cream Tea Afternoon at Elaine Harewood's home – 19 Swains Road. All welcome.



Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

It is a credit to the Bible that it includes so many different voices and points of view. The writer of Ecclesiastes (about 400BC) is a pessimist, unsure about organised religion and recognises the futility of trying to discover the meaning of life through human observation. It is an antidote to those of us who maintain we can see signs of God's goodness in creation. But the writer is a seeker after truth and whether we agree with him or not, it is honesty not doubt that leads him to these conclusions. Hardly the gospel, but rather the gospel is an antidote to such a pessimistic outlook on life.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

In total contrast to Ecclesiastes, Paul sees the renewed humanity "in Christ" that we call the church in terms of hope, purpose and virtue. In this renewal, distinctions of race and culture are naturally transcended because we are restored to the virtuous state of Adam, before the "fall from grace".

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21.

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them,

'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

The lure of wealth and possessions and in Luke's opinion the "evil" of it is a mark of his gospel. In the reality of the early church of course, money and property (in which to hold worship) became very important in the growth of the church so there was an internal tension there. Despite this, the eternal significance of love and relationship and virtuous behaviour are set against the transience of material wealth and comfort and the message is unmistakable that God prizes the former over the latter.

St. PETER'S CHOIR There will be no Choral Evensong during August to give the Choir a break. On the other hand, there will now be a Choir for the Sunday Eucharist in August as experience shows that many choristers no longer take their summer holidays in August.

St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 31st July	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion Hymns: 583, 687, 424, 820 Setting: Mass of St Thomas – David Thorne Anthem: O Priase the Lord - Batten Voluntary: Toccata in Seven – John Rutter	10.00
Wed. 3 rd August	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 7 th August	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 31 st July	Holy Communion	'9.30
Tuesday 2 nd August	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 7 th August	Holy Communion	'9.30

St Michael's Otterton

Sunday 31 st July	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 4 th August	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 7 th August	Holy Communion	11.00

No Pewsheets 7th August. Dear all, please note that there won't be a pewsheets on Sunday 7th August as Fran is taking a much needed holiday. Usual service will be resumed on Monday 8th August.

