

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear friends,

It is about a year now since lockdown restrictions curtailed our lives and threw us back onto our own resources. We had no choice over what happened to us, but we did have a choice over how we would respond.

I have written before about adopting a "rule of life", a disciplined approach to our mental and spiritual and physical well being and as we are all now starting to emerge from the dark days of restrictions, it is of course important that this rule of life is sustainable as everything opens up again.

One such area is food! You will have heard the adage "You are what you eat" and food is absolutely integral to all life and the Christian religion in particular. We now have a revolving rota of thirty-five favourite meals that are all heathy, nutritious and a real high point of the day. The meals are planned in advance and we each have our own job to do in preparing each meal.

Such discipline always has exceptions of course but this process is now embedded in our lives and will continue. Of course eating and drinking is the very centre of the life of the church because our central act of worship is an elaborate meal modelled directly on the last supper of Jesus that he ate, the night before he died. These meals too are planned in advance and everyone has their own job to do.

As eating and drinking is essential for our physical health, our spiritual health and well being is sustained by the spiritual (and also physical) meal of the Holy Communion service.

Under the guise of the body and blood of Jesus, when we eat the communion wafer, we are uniting ourselves to all creation and when we drink the wine we are in union with all unjust suffering in the world that has ever been or ever will be.

In celebrating the sacredness of eating and drinking in this special meal we affirm the innate sacredness of all eating and all drinking, indeed of the sacredness of all life. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)

Love and prayers,

Holy Week There will be a **7pm compline service** every night Monday 29th March through to Thursday 1st April and at **3pm on Good Friday I will preside at a Good Friday reflective service**. These will all take place in St. Peter's for the whole RMC. Easter Day services will be at the normal times in each church. (The only change there will be that as it is Easter Sunday Otterton will also have a Eucharist and their first of the month "service of the word" will happen on the 11th April courtesy of John Archibald).

HOT CROSS BUNS Spiced buns eaten for breakfast on Good Friday. They are believed to have originated in St. Albans when a 12th Century monk baked a tray of buns marked on the top with a cross. This was originally cut into the dough as a reminder of the cross on which Jesus died for us. The four quarters remind us of the four corners of the world. He gave all these buns away to the poor or pilgrims on Good Friday so they became known as Alban buns. The recipe has varied over the years. Traditional ones have spices to remind us of the embalming oils used on the crucified Jesus. The yeast makes it rise as Jesus did on Easter Sunday and brings eternal hope.



News from CR2EE (Christian Response to Eastern Europe)

CR2EE is a Devon-based Christian charity which supports families in Moldova, one of Europe's poorest countries. Every year it transports and distributes several thousand tonnes of humanitarian and medical aid to families and organisations. The pandemic has made it difficult for lorries to travel but in the brief period between lockdowns, two very laden lorries made it to Moldova with nearly 30 tonnes of aid, including 11 tonnes of shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts. Additional financial support has been provided in lieu of aid. A number of parishioners from across the RMC support this work and during lockdown the Square Circle group has been busy knitting, a perfect occupation in the circumstances. Blankets and woolly garments are beginning to pile up ready to be displayed at the East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival if it takes place this year. They will then be sold to raise funds or sent to Moldova.

It may be more difficult to get through to Moldova now Brexit has taken place but every effort will be made so that clothes and other aid will reach this very poor country. Money has been sent for people to purchase wood for their fires as the winters are bitterly cold. This is local charity run entirely by volunteers, even the lorry drivers. If you would like to know more about the work of CR2EE please contact Elaine Harewood or Sue Low or visit their website www.cr2ee.org.uk

St Peter's Easter Egg Collection for the Food Bank!



Fabergé Eggs

In the 19th Russian Orthodox church, the most important date in the church calendar was Easter Day. Having fasted strictly, Holy Week built steadily to the climax of the Midnight Service. Early on Easter Day friends and family greeted each other and responded to the jubilant cry of “**CHRIST IS RISEN** with “**HE IS RISEN INDEED**”. There followed the old pagan rituals of exchanging eggs. Following tradition Alexander III gave his beloved Tsarina a plain white enamelled egg. Opening it up like a Matrushka doll inside was a brilliant gold yolk and inside the yolk a golden hen sitting on a nest of gold straw. Inside the hen was concealed a miniature diamond Imperial crown from which hung a tiny ruby pendant, both of which have since been lost. It was the first egg made by Carl Fabergé and became known as the “hen” egg. Carl’s father owned a jewellers in St. Petersburg – Fabergé. They were commissioned to craft a different surprise egg each year. It is thought he created 68, of which 57 survive. Three are owned by HM Queen Elizabeth. During the Revolution Stalin gathered all the eggs and stored them in the Kremlin. Years later as Russia’s fortunes dwindled, they were sold off to raise funds.



The ‘hen’ egg, with Mosaic and Spring Flower Basket eggs from the Royal Collection.

The Prayer Book Society

Following on from last month’s article, listed below are some of the words and phrases we use today in everyday conversation whose origins can be found in the Book of Common Prayer.

- land of the living
- all sorts and conditions of men
- a tower of strength
- till death us do part
- weigh the merits
- lead a new life
- all my worldly goods
- give up for lost
- at death’s door
- make haste
- peace in our time
- at their wits’ end
- make much ado
- the upper hand
- works of darkness
- babes and sucklings
- fire and brimstone
- the beauty of holiness
- due season
- softer than butter

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



PTA Chair Catherine Fitzgerald and Head Steve Hitchcock were featured on BBC Spotlight news on 4th March before the children returned to school. They set up a stall outside school for parents to collect donated school uniform, as many children would have outgrown their original uniforms.

Community Challenge - £8,547 (+£1,572 Gift Aid) has been raised so far, including £969.20 raised by 11-year-old Alex Roper who ran a marathon in 7 days – quite an achievement! Head Steve Hitchcock has been swimming in the sea each week (without a wetsuit!) and has almost reached his target of £500, when the children can vote on a way to get their own back!

www.iustgiving.com/budleighcommunitychallenge

100 CLUB RESULTS - March 2021

£5 Neville Humphreys, £10 Jackie Eyles, £20 Peter Julian Still tickets available Could be YOU next month!

Moses Revisited

His mother asked nine-year-old Joseph what he had learned in Sunday School.

“Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.”

“Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you? His mother asked, somewhat alarmed.

“Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you’d never believe it!”

Lee Ford Gardens Open Day

Saturday 17 April 1 – 5pm and Saturday 8 May 1 – 5pm

In aid of National Gardens Scheme charity. Entry £6 per head. Limited number of pre-booked tickets available from ngs.org.uk. Takeaway refreshments, home baked cake and tea. Outdoor seating on adjacent lawn. Plenty of parking available next to garden gates.

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