

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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## MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear friends,

Writing something in advance is treacherous these days because by the time you get to read this, everything could have changed but here goes regardless.

The U.K. wide lock down restrictions are loosening by the day only needing to be applied in specific areas. So far (!) the South-West has been barely touched in comparison with more densely populated areas, something to be truly thankful for.

The three Church of England churches in Budleigh Salterton, East Budleigh and Otterton are open for public worship on Sundays again and it becomes immediately apparent who and what you have missed. Normal, everyday things like having a drink in the pub, a meal at a favourite restaurant, and for me, seeing all the happy faces in church again for the first time in ages. The Rhythm of our lives has been interrupted and we are busily getting back with the beat.

Going to church is a habit like any other habit. Having a healthy set of habits is no different for our spiritual wellbeing than it is for our physical wellbeing and mental state. "Healthy body healthy mind" is an old adage to which I would add "healthy spirit" to include the whole person. For a flourishing life one needs to look at oneself holistically. Developing a healthy set of religious habits which may include private prayer and communal worship does for your spirit and mental health what gym membership does for your physique. It builds you up and you develop spiritual strength and resilience. And you certainly need that in life. Jesus never promised anyone an easy life. Having lived one himself he could say with perfect confidence "In this life you will have trouble, but take heart for I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) *Martin*

## COFFEE AND CORONAVIRUS

If possible, we hope to start serving coffee again after the 10am service this August. This will be on a limited basis to start with (coffee only, no tea or decaf) to be picked up from a tray in the Lady Chapel with social distance guidelines in place. This can then be taken outside or back to a pew if preferred. We are always looking for new helpers and if you can spare a few minutes once a month, please let me know.

Judith Stewart-Young

## Thanks Penny – Welcome Lucinda

Lucinda Stuart-Banks has taken over from Penny Kurowski as the new webmaster for the RMC website. Rosemary and Gillian would like to thank Penny for her support when they took over the Mini-Mag. If you want to send information to the website, Lucinda's address is [website@rmcommunity.co.uk](mailto:website@rmcommunity.co.uk) – or just go and have a look at [raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk](http://raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk).



## COVID PANDEMIC AND THE RMC – ST PETER’S

Have you heard of the good things that have been happening from St Peter’s Church during this difficult, but sunny period? It’s interesting how very varied they are and how the best of us has been given opportunity to grow. The Rev Karen set up her Pastoral Umbrella at the beginning of lockdown to make sure members of our congregation were not forgotten. Some of the stories here stem from this:

- ❖ A lady amongst us who rings a vulnerable congregation member every day – they say Morning Prayer and pray again late afternoon.
- ❖ The inveterate letter writer who has written over 140 letters and a retired Reverend whose phone bill must be huge; all to keep people feeling connected.
- ❖ There’s the lady, (most of us are women), who took on 4 people from Rev Karen’s list. She not only rings them up but bakes and delivers slices of home-made cakes. Or the new widower who cooks casseroles for an unwell non-cook, to keep him cared for.
- ❖ Rev Karen herself has found a wheelchair to take yet another lady to see the sea – she lives just too far away to walk, which is not surprising as she’s 96 – no, not Rev Karen! She shops for the housebound and generally keeps in touch with multiple others.
- ❖ When one congregation member’s brother died, she was unable to go to the funeral. So, Rev Karen said prayers at the same time as the funeral – wasn’t that a lovely thing to do?
- ❖ In many ways I would like to live on Swains Road – though we actually live in a more convenient spot! In the cul de sac they each take out a chair and a coffee at 10am each day and sit in the road. They have even been known to gather at the end of the day, if there is something to celebrate, like a birthday. Guess what – not with a coffee!

I quite realise I don’t know everybody and there are many more cheering stories to tell – please ask the editors to put them in next month’s Mini-Mag. Also, I have no idea what has been happening in East Budleigh or Otterton. I don’t believe the virus is suddenly going to disappear, so we need to continue supporting each other as long as it takes. I for one am looking forward to hearing the stories of how we do that.

**PS** I see the Savoy Cinema is using Hand Sanitiser manufactured by 6 o’clock Gin. Must remember to ask Iris if we can get hold of some for Church, though we may have to start turning people away if it gets out!

*Sally Rogers*

**Do send us your lockdown stories for next month. Editors.**



### JUST WALK AGAIN

Three years ago, Chris and Joanna Cant took part in ‘Just Walk to Jerusalem’ organised by the Amos Trust, which campaigns on behalf of the people of Palestine (who are in an even more precarious situation now as the Israelis threaten to annex large sections of the West Bank). This year the Trust is organising ‘Just Walk Again’ and Chris and Jo plan to walk 100km on the SW Coastal Path. They have already completed 70 kms! They are not asking for sponsorship but if you want to support this cause you can make a donation

on the Amos Trust website ([www.amostrust.org](http://www.amostrust.org)) or by typing 'Just Walk Again' on the Just Giving website or give it to Jo and Chris to pass it on. Or if you want to join us on a walk over the next few weeks let us know:

[chriscant@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chriscant@tiscali.co.uk) or 01395 488178.



### BUDLEIGH VIRTUAL FLOWER SHOW

We are very pleased to have had lots of entries. If you would like to view them, email [budleighflowershow@gmail.com](mailto:budleighflowershow@gmail.com) after 1 August and you will be sent a link to view the photos on line.

## AIDAN - THE MAN WHO BROUGHT CHRISTIANITY TO NORTHERN ENGLAND

31<sup>st</sup> August is the feast of St Aidan, who brought Christianity to northern England. A monk from the community on the island of Iona, he was invited to Northumbria by the ruler, Oswald, who had spent several years of his childhood on Iona. When he succeeded to the throne, he thought that the Christian faith would be an ideal unifying force to pacify rival tribes of warlords. Aidan led a group of monks to Oswald's castle in Bamburgh, where it was assumed that they would found their community. However, the brothers realised that to live under the king's protection would make it difficult to avoid the world's temptations and establish a rapport with the local people. So they chose the nearby tidal island of Lindisfarne as their base.

Aidan was much loved as a teacher and evangelist. Though stern in his own self-discipline, he would walk from one village to another, politely conversing with the people he saw and slowly interesting them in Christianity. By patiently talking to the people on their own level (and by taking an active interest in their lives and communities), Aidan and his monks slowly restored Christianity to the Northumbrian countryside. In his years of evangelism, Aidan was responsible for the construction of churches, monasteries and schools throughout Northumbria. At the same time, he earned a tremendous reputation for his pious charity and dedication to the less fortunate—such as his tendency to provide room, board and education to orphans. Lindisfarne served as a centre of learning and a storehouse of scholarly knowledge, training many of Aidan's young charges for a career in the priesthood.

When Oswald died in 642, Aidan received continued support from King Oswine and his ministry continued relatively unchanged until the rise of pagan hostilities in 651. At that time, a pagan army attacked Bamburgh and attempted to set its walls ablaze. According to legend, Aidan saw the black smoke from his cell at the abbey, recognized its cause, and knelt in prayer for the fate of the city. Miraculously, the winds abruptly reversed their course, blowing the fire towards the enemy, which convinced them that the city was defended by potent spiritual forces. Two weeks later on 31 August 651 Aidan died. His body was buried at Lindisfarne, beneath the abbey that he had helped found.



Modern statue of St. Aidan beside the ruins of the medieval priory on Lindisfarne

### COMMUNITY LARDER

We rely absolutely on the support of the whole community of Exmouth, Lypstone, Exton, both Woodburys, both Budleighs and Otterton and places in between, from where donations come and where we currently deliver. Your donations are greatly appreciated and the demand will become greater as the schoolchildren will be home for the summer. The Co-Op continues to be our nearest collection point but donations in the form of a cheque would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to: The Salvation Army- writing on the reverse - Community Larder- and send to: Exmouth Community Larder, c/o Salvation Army Hall, Sheppards Row, Exmouth EX8 1PW.



### NEWS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL



Head Teacher, Steve Hitchcock, writes in a newsletter to parents:

This is the last newsletter of a very unusual school year. A big thank you to everyone for their determination and perseverance to get through this challenging period. I am so proud of our school and its community. It has not been a positive experience, but there are many positives. Good luck to our year 6s who are moving on to Secondary school. It was great to see you in for the last two days - and my how you've grown!! We will miss you dearly - you've been a fantastic year group. They had a wonderful send off at the church - particularly the Mamma Mia dance mash-up film performed by the parents and teachers! Thank you to Trudi for putting that together - it was amazing!

We are now looking forward and preparing for a full opening in September.



## Postage Stamps for the Leprosy Mission

Pam Mayor has asked us to thank parishioners who have continued to contribute used postage stamps for this very worthwhile cause. We think of leprosy as something that afflicted people in Biblical times but every two minutes, someone is diagnosed with leprosy. That's more than 200,000 new cases a year. Although it is curable, millions of people worldwide are living with the effects of the disease, from physical disability to mental health problems, poverty and discrimination. The Leprosy Mission is a global Christian organisation leading the fight against leprosy. It seeks to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy and empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

The box for stamps is on the table to the right of the door as you come into church.

### FACEBOOK

Hurrah! The three churches each have a Facebook page. All Martin's YouTube sermons and his Soul Food emails/ letters will be uploaded onto the Facebook pages. Also, any events or latest news will be on there too. Please have a look and "like" the pages.

St. Peter's: <https://m.facebook.com/St.PetersChurchBudleighSalterton/>

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### GOOD NEWS FROM DAVID AND HEATHER SHARLAND

The recent threat of an invasion of locusts came near to them in Uganda but not near enough to do any local damage. Thanks to the Lord it seems our prayers have been answered.

### SERVICES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH IN AUGUST

**There will be a shortened Holy Communion Service at 10.00am every Sunday and a 10.00 am service on Wednesdays.**

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**Deadline for items to be included in the September Mini-Mag, space permitting, is the 25<sup>th</sup> August**

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