

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



I think happiness is overrated! A bold statement you may think but only because I think that people may say they want to be happy but actually they mean they want peace and contentment.

I take that slightly more nuanced view – and we may be just talking semantics here – in that I think a permanent state of happiness is unattainable and therefore unrealistic. What I think people call “happiness” is in fact what I recognise as contentment. Being content and at peace is what we all really want and can experience. Happiness and despair are both emotional highs and lows that appear and disappear at various times – hopefully transitory (certainly in the case of sadness and despair) and afterwards we return – God willing - to that more permanent state of peace and contentment.

At a Christian blessing in church, I don't wish people happiness, I evoke the blessing “the peace of God that passes all understanding”, a state of mind / soul that Christians aspire to which has the power to transcend our physical, financial, and social constraints.

While we obviously do pray for physical, mental and societal healing, our “soul” can aspire to that divine peace that crucially, doesn't depend on our personal circumstances.

Knowing that we are all simultaneously an infinitesimally small fraction of an infinite universe and yet intimately loved by the God of all things brings with it a sense of our honoured place in this world's rich tapestry. Not transient but eternal, apparently insignificant and yet personally known and treasured. These truths give Christian believers a peace that transcends all understanding.

So, I pray for you all that you experience contentment and peace in your life, no matter what your personal situation. The happy times and the sad times will naturally come and go and we can learn from them, but they are oscillations around a hopefully contented and peace filled life.

Love and peace,

*Martin*

## Archbishop Welby to Visit Devon

Archbishop Justin Welby will be visiting Devon on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September to open the new Melanesia Pilgrim route in Devon. His visit will include a service in Exeter Cathedral. What's the connection between Melanesia and Devon? See the September Mini-Mag!

## **Budleigh Community Workshop - Making us Stronger in Practical and Creative Ways**

Budleigh Community Workshop is now really well-established. The old Fire Station next to the Public Hall has been transformed with a lot of hard work from volunteers and help from local businesses. The ground floor is an impressive workshop with a number of benches for carpentry and other 'heavy' crafts while the Loft above can take up to 15 people for 'clean' crafts such as textile and needlework, writing and study activities, discussion and support group work. Classes currently available range from woodturning to knitting for beginners. Class fees are modest. The Loft is also available to hire as a meeting room. The workshop is linked with Seachange at the Hub. It is keen to recruit more volunteers, particularly people with any kind of practical skills. It is also happy to receive donations of unwanted tools and crafting materials. The lively website has lots more information and photos [www.budleighcommunityworkshop.org.uk](http://www.budleighcommunityworkshop.org.uk). If you wish to learn more, please visit the website or call in Monday to Friday 9.00 – 12.00 and you will be provided with more information.



### **Budleigh Runners**

Did you know that Budleigh has its own Running Club, formed in October 2019? It has a wide range of members from ultra-marathon runners to those taking it much easier in the walk/run group. Its aim is to help everyone meet their goals and achieve their highest potential – and have lots of fun along the way! Visit their website [Budleighrunners.co.uk](http://Budleighrunners.co.uk) or their Facebook page 'Budleigh Runners'.

### **Hospicecare Open Gardens Day**

This raised an amazing £6,700 for the charity! Congratulations to all the garden owners and their visitors!

### **The Best Laid Plans of Mice and.....Rev. Martin**

The Raleigh Mission Community Garden Party had been anticipated for many weeks in June and then came lockdown. However, undeterred Rev. Martin and Louise moved the date to July 24<sup>th</sup> days after Covid restrictions were eased.

The week before the garden party the weather was glorious so what could go wrong one might ask?

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July dawned wet and windy but gradually the clouds dispersed and the sun began to shine on the righteous! Mid-afternoon people made their way to the Vicarage garden armed with the odd plate of food, a bottle of wine and the necessary garden chair. Friends greeted each other, acquaintances were made and there was a cacophony of chatter emanating throughout the garden and into East Budleigh village. After an hour of music and laughter delicious food was served in the marquee and what happened? – the heavens opened! The forward thinking or the pessimistic had brought umbrellas and those less fortunate sheltered under trees and in the marquee but spirits were not dampened as everyone carried on despite the inclement weather.

It was such a lovely friendly atmosphere, that in spite of the rain, people were reluctant to leave and as the sun came out again tables were cleared, chairs were folded and a happy band of Raleigh Mission Community wound their way home to East Budleigh, Otterton and Budleigh Salterton.

Thank you, Martin and Louise, for such an enjoyable afternoon. *(Thanks to Anne Marshall for this.)*

# BUDLEIGH LITERARY FESTIVAL



The Festival President, Dame Hilary Mantel, promises an inspiring programme of visiting authors old and new. Paul Arnott talking about the Windrush – a ship through time, Ann Cleeves who you may know through ‘Vera’, Kate Mosse, Dames Joan Bakewell and Darcey Bussell, Alan Johnson and many more. The marquee will be back on the Green where you can browse in the pop-up bookshop or relax and enjoy refreshments in the popular Posh Nosh café. So do pick up a copy of the Festival programme on display in many of the town shops.

## New Devon Pilgrim Project Invites Us to ‘Take a Journey of the Heart’

New pilgrimage routes linking Devon’s historic churches and ancient holy sites are part of a new project launched at the Devon County Show. Devon Pilgrim aims to offer all the inspiration and information people need to “take a journey of the heart”. It has been created by the Diocese of Exeter’s Growing the Rural Church team, working with churches and other volunteers across the region. It provides routes across Devon where people can safely walk, following clear directions, so they can focus on the purpose of the journey rather than needing to find their way. Pilgrimage is having a resurgence, whether it is the Celtic idea of the inner journey or the medieval tradition of travelling to a specific place to seek help or ask for direction. Both of those are still current. People do look for direction in times of need or to understand the purpose of their life. We also have a greater awareness now of our own wellbeing.

The initial Devon Pilgrim routes are the Archangel’s Way (from St Michael’s, Brentor, to St Michael the Archangel, Chagford), the St Boniface Way from Crediton Parish Church to Exeter Cathedral and the Sacred Waters Way, which explores the spirituality of the river Dart from its source to sea. The Devon Pilgrim project has its own website with details of all the routes with step-by-step guides to download, information about walking safely, and how to make a pilgrimage perfect for you. [devonpilgrim.org.uk](http://devonpilgrim.org.uk)



## News from the Exmouth Food Bank

Although numbers are reducing, the Food Bank is still serving three times as many people as they were prior to the pandemic. Monthly graphs are available on the statistics page of their website, which you may find interesting. They are trialing a new idea which they are calling ‘out of hours boxes.’ These are emergency food boxes which they plan to deliver to a number of designated collection points, such as local churches, schools and community halls. This means if they get an emergency call for food and the request is outside of their normal operating

hours, they can arrange for the client to pick up the box. The box will provide enough food to last them until they are open again and can help with their ongoing needs. This month they are in need of: Tinned Vegetables (eg carrots, peas, sweetcorn, mushrooms), Tinned Tomatoes, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit (eg fruit cocktail, pineapple, peaches) Tinned Rice Pudding and Tins & Packets of Custard.

*Congratulations to George and Maggie Lisle who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on Sunday 15 August!*

## NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



Congratulations to the school Eco-Champions for making the front page of the Budleigh Journal with their beach clean! School will restart on Thursday 2 September.

### 100 CLUB RESULTS – JULY 2021

This month the results were drawn in sequence – 21, 22, 23 – very unusual. Perhaps we should all buy blocks of 3 in future! £20 Nina Brevil (21), £10 Doris Godfrey (22). £5 Pat Rogers (23)

### Volunteers Needed!

In order to open safely this year, **Fairlynch** need more volunteer stewards. If you can spare even just a few hours a week, please do contact them at [stewards@fairlynchmuseum.uk](mailto:stewards@fairlynchmuseum.uk)

Volunteers are needed to help staff the **Budleigh information Centre** 10am -1pm and 1 - 4pm Monday to Saturday on a rota basis. Training provided. A great way to meet people and show visitors how amazing Budleigh is. Please email [info@visitbudleigh.com](mailto:info@visitbudleigh.com) or phone Alan on 743070 or Helen on 442600/ 07902 128014

### DIARY DATES

*Sunday 1 August 2.00 - 4.00 Jams and Paperback Books for sale on Otterton Village Green, raising funds for St Michael's Church (if wet Sunday 15 August)*

*Tuesday 3 August 9.30am St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel*

*Sunday 22 August Solos Lunch 12.15 book with Fran in the office on a Friday am*

### SERVICES

**Sundays** Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am  
Choral Evensong 6pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, hopefully from 12 September

**Wednesdays** Holy Communion at 9.30am

For services at the other RMC churches see [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk)

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