

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear friends,

A bird has built a nest in the clematis bush on our patio and another is building one in our bamboo "forest" that shields our patio from the road. Sitting in the early evening, the peace of the countryside we now realise is far from peaceful. There is actually a cacophony of birdsong and it is lovely because it reminds us that life goes on unabated and unbound all around us. And who would have thought that a trip to the garden centre, once a mundane task, is now the sign and symbol of human life tottering slowly back to normality. Weighed down with growbags, compost, tomato plants, marigolds, fuchsias, and geraniums we set about trying to cooperate with nature as best we can – which included replenishing our depleted stocks of bird seed.

Some will know that my mother died recently, and my Dad is in hospital with pneumonia and has just tested positive for covid-19 (evidently picked up in hospital). This is stark reality but the beauty and unbridled life, death and re-birth of the natural world around us is also reality.

Saint Francis is the best-known Christian saint with a special concern for and insight into the natural world. He knew instinctively that through appreciating and being connected to the natural world one was experiencing the glory of God first-hand. The depth, beauty and variety of the natural world, from the stars in the heavens to the birds nesting in my garden, and yes, to my dad in hospital is testimony to the fact that everything bears the mysterious mark of the creative wisdom and will of God - The mystery of life itself.

We cannot understand the mystery. All we can do is marvel at and luxuriate in the marvellous interlocking complexity of it all.

We really are all in this together. And by all, I mean every solitary created thing in the universe.

Martin

GREAT NEWS! The Church of England Bishops have said we can open the churches for private prayer (not for services) from June 1st as long as we put hand wash in place and practice social distancing, which of course we will do, so the doors of St. Peter's will be open again from that date.

PARISH FINANCES

During this crisis, the economic damage is going to be severe in all sectors including the churches. If you give already by direct debit, that is excellent but for those people who give by envelope or in the plate, please consider giving by bank transfer. Almost all sources of income have dried up, including Friends, Burial Services, Wedding Fees, Letting of Premises, Cash Collections, Envelope Giving and associated Gift Aid. Although staff have been furloughed where appropriate there are very few cost savings of any material amount.

Each church in the RMC has independent finances so if you are able to contribute to St. Peter's on line the bank reference is:

Sort code 09-01-28 A/c no. 96051138

ST PETER – THE ROCK

June 29th is our Patronal Festival, usually celebrated with a special service followed by a parish barbecue. At the time of writing we do not know to what extent we will be able to celebrate, if at all.

St Peter (dc 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. With two other apostles he witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus's daughter and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of His flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church. He is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was he who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and later clashed with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city to ever claim to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.) From very early times Christians saw Peter as a universal saint, the heavenly door-keeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together. Images of Peter are innumerable, but are very similar: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. His chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.



From an article in the Parish Pump

DAILY HOPE

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently launched 'Daily Hope' as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes, during the lockdown period.

The line – which is available free 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

The Revd Canon Dave Male, the Church of England's Director of Evangelism and Discipleship, said: "The volume of calls shows that Daily Hope is meeting a need.

"We have a duty in these strange and difficult times to find new ways of bringing prayer and worship to people wherever they are, and this is one more way of helping people to connect with God from their own homes.

This is such a simple idea – planned and launched all within a few short weeks by a small dedicated team – but I pray it will bring real comfort, hope and inspiration to people at this time."

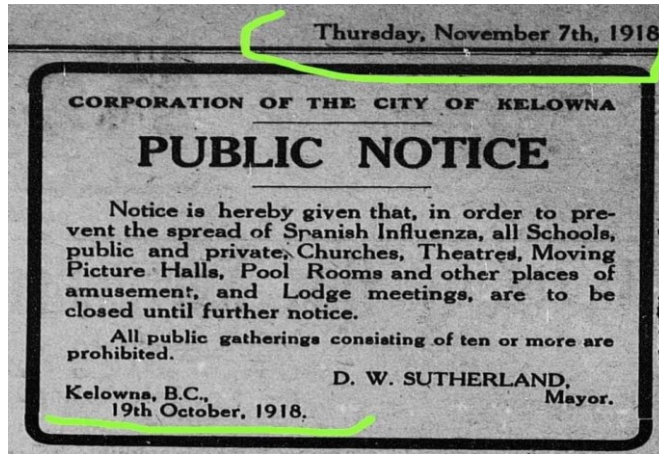
Callers to the line hear a short greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

"I think one of the big effects is there's a renewal of the sense that we all belong to Christ... I've been deeply moved by the services I've participated in; they've reached out in a way that surprised me and that is, I think, a sign of the work of the Spirit... We're finding this all over the country. There are so many clergy streaming from really basic facilities, finding huge numbers of people online with them, and making a huge impact." - Archbishop Justin Welby.

THE FOOD BANK IN CORONAVIRUS

Demand is three times what it was and this has put extra stress on families with children now home from school indefinitely. If you cannot get to drop off points a donation 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. To learn more about the food bank please log into www.exmouthlarder.co.uk

St Peter's has issued comprehensive plans and guidance for parents regarding a staged return to school for some pupils in June, in line with government guidelines.



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME ??



DAYBREAK

Lord Jesus,

when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.

We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

Bring relief to our sick,
console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.

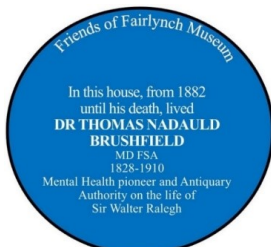
We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.

**JAMES LACKINGTON 1746 – 1815**

James Lackington, a self-educated cobbler, set up in business as a second-hand bookseller in London in the 1790s, Lackington moved to Budleigh Salterton and bought a house in Fore Street with land behind it. The first church was built on this site in 1812.

**JOYCE DENNYS 1893 – 1991**

VAD and WWI artist. Qualified as a professional nurse and trained at the London Art School.

**DR. THOMAS NADAULD BRUSHFIELD 1828 – 1910**

Pioneer of non restraint treatment of lunatics.

Also a life long interest in the life of Raleigh.

**THE RALEIGH WALL****OLD LIME KILNS**

Remains are from the 16th to the late 19th C. limestone and coal landed on many Devon beaches and burnt in kilns to produce lime for farmla

Results for Part 1:

Dr. H. J. Carter - Umbrella Cottage, off Fore Street Hill

John Grave Simcoe - Fore Street Hill

Millais -- Near the beach opposite the Octagon

Adolphus - Cliff House

Osgood Family - 16 High Street

Hatchard Smith - Public Hall

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AN INVITATION

The Editors would be pleased to hear from any of their readers who would like to contribute to the July Mini Mag. You may have a story about how you cope with “lockdown”, or have read some good books or started a new hobby or may be how lives could be better lived when back to “normal”. The floor is yours.

They would be very pleased to hear from you.

