

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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## MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

This year the whole of March falls within the season of Lent, a time most people associate with “giving up something for Lent” but where does this practice come from? Nowadays, the most well-known fast is the Muslim fast of Ramadan but the practice of fasting has receded from the Western consciousness amongst both religious and non-religious alike.

The period of Lent in the Christian calendar is supposed to mirror the forty days in the Wilderness at the start of Jesus' ministry on earth. A time of privation certainly but also a time of reflection. But why fast at all? For one thing it demonstrates a measure of control over your own body, showing that you are not just a creature of instinct and you can control your body and its desires. When I lived in Romania, it transpires that the Orthodox Christians “fast” for two days each week during the year, on Wednesdays and Fridays, usually meaning that they didn't eat meat on those days. Egyptian Christians restrict themselves to a vegan diet in the run up to their Christmas feast. One asked an Orthodox priest why he fasted and he replied straight away that it is much easier to pray on an empty stomach, and the common theme running through all religions is that the fast is always broken, eventually, by an almighty feast. If you think about it, the significance of any feast must be amplified many fold if preceded by a period of deliberate privation. Interestingly, the word breakfast literally means “breaking the fast”. For Muslims, fasting also signifies solidarity with the poor and needy.

In a land of plenty, giving things up might seem to be counter-intuitive but the benefits of a period of voluntarily giving certain things up *especially* because we live in a land of plenty is attested by many people in many cultures to have real spiritual, psychological as well as physical benefits.

*Martin*

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



6<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm at Knowle Baptist Church  
PRAYING WITH ZIMBABWE

### CHORAL EVENSONG

6.30pm 8<sup>th</sup> March

Our own special choir will be joined by the choirs from Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth



## STREET PASTORS – Part 3 – Exeter.

Street Pastors (SPs) are totally independent from the Police, but act as their support in dealing with minor incidents; the Police are ever grateful for their help, often calling them up to keep an eye on a situation which has potential to be nasty. The bouncers may call them to watch a couple whom they have just evicted who might cause trouble elsewhere, or to watch a small gang suspiciously following a solitary girl. In some cases they will help find a taxi home, accompany an unsteady student back to their digs, or just be a shoulder to cry on. When the Afghan war was on, there were frequent cases of young soldiers worried stiff about their forthcoming deployment seeking the comfort of alcohol to soothe their fears, or others who had returned, traumatised by what they had experienced, seeking similar oblivion. Some of these just wanted someone to listen to them, and sometimes to pray for them.

The PPs remain at base, which happens to be in a side room at one of the city centre churches, responding to radio requests for prayer from the SPs out on the streets, and brewing up hot drinks for the SPs when they come in for their mid-term break, and also occasionally for a tired Police Officer who calls in. Often one of the latter will ask what the motivation is for the whole operation, which provides an evangelistic opportunity. PPs are in the loop hearing all radio calls and will pray about every situation that is being circulated. They have a board bearing photos of all the pubs and clubs, and in quiet periods will pray for each one in turn, that everyone using them will be happy and safe and enjoy their night out, and that the proprietors and staff of the many establishment will be responsible in how and what they provide. There are frequent and amazing answers to prayer in the form of fights just fizzling out, lost partners being found, Police arriving uncalled just when their presence was needed, reluctant taxi drivers being willing to take an inebriated youngster home, and in the SPs being kept safe from accident or attack throughout their time on the streets.

The SPs are instructed strictly not to initiate evangelistic conversations, although in response to the frequently asked question “why ever do you do this” they can explain fully how their faith underlies their concern for their fellow-human being, and is their motivation for this particular form of public service. Someone who went out with a team to observe commented on how friendly the revellers were to the SPs, regarding them as friends who were there to help if they had a problem. They regard the Police with a little more circumspection! It is particularly rewarding to hear a person thanking the SPs profusely for helping them out of a hole on a previous occasion. In Exeter crime levels on Fridays and Saturdays have been reduced significantly since the SPs have been deployed, and residents of flats in the city centre report being better able to sleep at night.

To sum up the whole operation, the Pastors believe that as Christians we should all try to act as part of Christ’s body on earth, his heart, his feet or hands, his ears or his voice. By going out on the streets as they do, they believe they are trying to demonstrate Jesus’ love and care for everyone, particularly those who have personal difficulties, or for the homeless who sleep in doorways. This is a brilliant example of truly ecumenical action in putting faith into practice, at a little personal cost, and with immeasurable benefit to the young people, the Police and the community in general. It is an activity in which we can all join by praying for them all particularly on Fridays and Saturdays. If any one would be interested in being a Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor, or in being a home-based Prayer Pastor, I would be very happy to put them in touch with the local organisation.

***Thank you to John Hutchinson for giving us an insight into Street Pastors***

### “ROUND AND ABOUT IN BUDLEIGH”

#### THE ARTS SOCIETY (BUDFAS)

The Society focuses its programme on nine lectures, held monthly on a Wednesday evening throughout the winter. Lectures cover a wide range of arts related subjects and are given by eminent experts. Why not come along and meet us as a guest and you will be given a warm welcome. There are also study days and trips for members. Our programme for the rest of 2020 can be found on our website [www.budfas.org](http://www.budfas.org). Enquiries 01395 443916.

#### THE GARDEN CLUB

meets on the last Friday of the month at 2.00 for 2.30 at the Croquet Club in Westfield Close. There is a monthly speaker on a horticultural topic, plants for sale, outings to gardens or shows and social events. Enquiries 01395 445010 or just come to a meeting! (NB for February only (AGM) meeting starts at 2.15.)

**ST PATRICK'S CEILI** in aid of Budleigh Syrian Community Sponsorship  
East Budleigh Village Hall 7.00 Tickets £9.00 from the Card Shop Too

**14th March**

## NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

See first line of January PCC Report below

OPEN THE BOOK

5<sup>th</sup> March The Two Sons

19<sup>th</sup> March Be Like Me

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### FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S AGM – SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Betty Clement summarised the year's activities and thanked everyone for their support. The Friends had significantly surpassed their fund-raising target and raised £8,400 this year. They had also produced a leaflet with details of services, social events and the Friends' programme. These are available at the pew ends and at the back of the church. People were reminded to become a Friend of St Peter's. The annual subscription is £15 and gives a 10% discount to Friends' events. Tony Gray said that funds raised by the Friends made an important contribution to church finances.

Unfortunately, new members had not come forward to take on the group's work. Some people offered to help 'on the day' but did not want to be part of a committee. After some discussion, Rev Karen said that she would lead the Friends. She was keen to involve local businesses and people in the community who may not be churchgoers. Iris Cooper would continue doing the publicity. Apart from the Wine Tasting, BBQ and Advent Fair other possible events were discussed including a folk dance evening.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH PCC Report – 22 January 2020

Steve Hitchcock (Head) gave a report from St Peter's School. He said that the new 'knowledge-based' curriculum is going well. A weekly training session has been implemented for staff. 10 more volunteers have signed up. There are 296 on Roll for main school. Falling numbers of births locally make it essential to promote the preschool. The emphasis of Christmas events was on giving, including raising money for charities. Teachers had all asked for gifts to charities rather than presents for themselves. KS2 would like new books. Easter service to be based on Last Supper. One area needing improvement is writing skills. Funding is a big issue with Devon children receiving £950 less than UK average. Temporary classrooms are still in use and very inadequate. Planning permission exists for new classrooms and a badly-needed hall, but no funding.

Tony Gray gave his Treasurer's report. Two legacies, increased investment income and £8k from the Friends meant a small surplus for last year but there was still an underlying deficit. It was agreed to reinstate the Annual Giving Day and set up a new Stewarding Committee.

Following an accident in the church, procedures relating to the recording of and taking action following accidents would be tightened up, with the Wardens and Fran being contacts.

Rev Karen reported that the Youth Club was doing well, with 25 children. New helpers would be welcome.

A charity wants to hold a mediaeval banquet in church. The proposals are complex and will require further negotiation.

ADVANCE NOTICE The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 19 April at 3.00pm.



**SALTERTON DRAMA CLUB**



"The Haunting of Hill House" 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March nightly in the Salterton Playhouse with a matinee on Saturday.

By all accounts not for the faint hearted!

Tickets from TIC

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### Easter Music – Saturday 18 April at Temple Methodist Church

Rehearsals have started for this celebration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus but it is not too late for more singers (including children), instrumentalists and readers to join in! Contact Pat Brandon on 01395 708327 or email

[patbrandon.music@gmail.com](mailto:patbrandon.music@gmail.com).

### Lent Talks and Joint Lent Lunch

There will be four Lent talks this year and **one** large joint Lent lunch. The talks are still to be allotted but will come from the Lent course called "Invitations from the cross" by Krish Kandiah. As in previous years there will be two talks on each day. 10.30 at Temple Methodist church and at 7.30pm in St. Peter's. The details are as follows;

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Rev. Julia Henley (Baptist)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Rev. Martin Jacques (Anglican)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Joint Lent lunch in the Peter hall.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Rev. Wayne Grewcock. (Methodist)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Rev. James Henley (Baptist)

## March Calendar 2020

Sunday	1	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	1	Holy Communion	10.00
Tuesday	3	Prayer Group	9.30
Wednesday	4	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	4	Youth Group/6Zone	15.30
Friday	6	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	8	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	8	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	8	Choral evensong	18.00
Wednesday	11	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	11	Loaves & Fishes	12.00
Wednesday	11	Youth Group/6Zone	15.30
Friday	13	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	15	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	15	Holy Communion	10.00
Wednesday	18	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	18	Youth Group/6 Zone	15.30
Friday	20	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	22	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	22	Holy Communion - <b>Mothers Sunday</b>	10.00
Wednesday	25	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	25	Youth Group/6Zone	15.30
Friday	27	Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	29	Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	29	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	29	Solos Lunch	12.00

Rendezvous every Friday at 10.00

### QUICK CONTACTS

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**Peter Hall Manager:** George Maddaford 446077

**Friends of St. Peter's Chairman:** Position vacant. For information please contact the RMC Office.

**Safeguarding Representative:** Tina Ellett 074260 90311

Deadline for items to be included in the April Mini-Mag, space permitting, is the 24<sup>th</sup> March

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**\*THE SEATON DOWN HOARD** 22,888 Roman Coins found in 1913 Talk by Olly Watford 11.00am

Peter Hall. Refreshments available from 10.30. Proceeds in aid of Fairlynch Museum. 4<sup>th</sup> March

**\*MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S** at 1.30pm. Organ recital Stephen Tanner 6<sup>th</sup> March

Organ and Piano Duets Stephen Tanner and Andrew Downton 13<sup>th</sup> March

Concert only, £5 or each week lunch is available from 1.30pm at a combined cost of £8

**\*MOTHERS' UNION** 2.30 in the Peter Hall. Visitors are welcome 10<sup>th</sup> March

The speaker will be the Revd. Chris Cant - "Walking the South West Coastal Path"

**\*BUDLEIGH SALTERTON FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW** 12.30 to 4.00 Public Hall 14<sup>th</sup> March

**\*LADIES TEA AT THE HUB** Contact Doris at 443522 to book a place 17<sup>th</sup> March

**\*MEN'S BREAKFAST** @ the Hub (Contact Malcolm early in the month to book 443333) 19<sup>th</sup> March

**\*TABLE TALK** Marriage in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century 7.00pm 26<sup>th</sup> March

**\*FILMS AT THE HUB** "Judy" 2.00. 26<sup>th</sup> March

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