

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

November is remarkable for having remembrance at its core. The 8th is Remembrance Sunday and the 11th Armistice Day when all people killed in war are remembered and also the first is All Souls Day when all our dear departed ones are remembered. If you add into this that every Christian communion service is done "in remembrance of me" then remembrance is an important Christian, nay human concept.

Why do we remember anyone at any time? Surely it can't be for the sole reason of remembering for its own sake? No, we remember so that it has an effect on us, perhaps to change us. Remembering the war dead might make us less likely to rush headlong into war at the slightest reason. Remembering our dear departed ones might conceivably lead us to contemplate our own lives and change how we live them or to prompt us to contact other members of our family before it's too late. Remembering the sacrifice of Jesus might empower us with the knowledge of the depth of God's love for us. It might make us sorry for doing the things we know we shouldn't have. It could strengthen us to face life's difficulties head on knowing we have someone battling for us. The word we use for remembrance in the original Greek carries the meaning of "to make present". When we remember the war dead we make present their pain, death and sacrifice and remember also the benefits their sacrifice won for us. When we remember our departed loved ones we make present their personalities, hopes, dreams, our relationship with each other and how they added value to our lives. When we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, we make present his pain, death sacrifice and love and remember the healing he wrought for us. **Through remembering and making present we hope to be changed.**

THE GIFT DAY we held at St. Peter's in October raised at least £3,500 to alleviate some of the stress on our finances. Thank you to everyone, whoever you may be, for digging so deep. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Martin

In this season of All Souls and All Saints Days we remember everyone we have loved who is no longer with us. On All Saints Day we try to be inspired by the lives of saints and what they can teach us about following Jesus. On All Souls Day we remember our loved ones and all those people who have been part of our journey of faith.

Lord, help us to be confident that, with You, death is not the end. Show us the people around us who may be lonely or grieving and need a friend. Amen



At St. Peter's the All Souls service of remembrance will be at 3pm on 1st November and is an opportunity for anyone who has lost someone during this tumultuous year to have their loved one remembered. This year, input is being sought from Hospicecare, Palmers Funeral Care, and Richard Gegg and sons and will include remembrance and prayers for all members of the community that have died from all reasons including Covid-19, but because of Covid-19 restrictions they were not able to grieve and remember in the way they always imagined they would because of the pandemic.



THE POPPY is a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. It is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, Veterans and their families and the poem by John McCrae says it all.

*In Flanders fields the
poppies blow
Between the crosses,
row on row,
That mark our place;
and in the sky
The larks, still bravely
singing, fly
Scarce heard amid
the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie*

*In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November

a service at 10.00am will be led by the Venerable Trevor Jones at St. Peter's Church.

There will be no official British Legion celebration, procession or service in the afternoon.

Harvest at St Peter's



There was a terrific response to "bring tins and packets" to the service on Harvest Sunday. On behalf of the Community Larder – THANK YOU SO MUCH. The donations filled 2 pews! We were quite overwhelmed. There was far too much to take to the local supermarkets and indeed to fit in one car. Luckily a friend of Elaine Harewood was visiting the church and offered up her husband and his van to transport the goods to Exmouth.

The new flower stand in the Sanctuary has been presented by the Flower Arrangers of St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton in memory of Janet Parrish who died in February and was the church's 'Flower Queen' for more than 16 years.

**WE THOUGHT WE WOULD ASK CHOIR MEMBERS AND THE CONGREGATION
WHAT THEY THOUGHT ABOUT THE RETURN OF THE CHOIR**



CHOIR: We were glad, glad when they said unto us, you can go into the house of the Lord, AND SING!
It's great to be back.
It's a real joy to be able to sing again, practising musicianship with our Musical Director and enjoying the fellowship of our choir members.

I'm thrilled to bits to be back.

CONGREGATION: We appreciate having the choir back as it makes the service seem more normal. Having the choir back lifts the atmosphere tremendously and we all leave feeling much more cheerful. It's really great to have the choir back even if we can't sing along. To hear the choir again is a glimpse of normal life as we knew it before Covid.



Each week the EXMOUTH FOOD BANK deliver 50-60 parcels containing a week's balanced diet to those who are in need of help. They would love it if we could give them some small treats to go into the Christmas weekly parcels. Could you think about a small gift you could bring to Church in November? A bar of chocolate or a small box of sweets for the young. Crackers! Party poppers! Balloons! Have you got a Father Christmas or a Reindeer hair band tucked away from last year? This is just a one off extra for Christmas. Imagine not having enough cash to buy your family these small luxuries at this time of year.

ST ANDREW whose feast day is celebrated on 30th November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, although his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved in a church near St Andrews. He is also the patron saint of Russia, Romania and Ukraine.

Having been a disciple of John the Baptist, he is thought to be the first disciple of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother, Simon Peter. Both were fishermen, so Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that he would make them "fishers of men" and they left all to follow Him. The Byzantine Church honours him with the name *Protokletos*, which means "the first called".

Subsequently, in the gospels, Andrew is referred to as being present on some important occasions as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus. He told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes and was one of the four disciples who came to Jesus on the **Mount of Olives** to ask about the signs of **Jesus' return** at the "end of the age". His subsequent missionary activity was mostly in the area around the Black Sea. There are many legends about him but it is probably true that he was martyred (in Patras, Greece) by crucifixion on an X-shaped cross or 'saltire' now commonly known as a '**Saint Andrew's Cross**' — supposedly at his own request, as he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus had been. Hence the Scottish flag.



To be a Pilgrim

When I was Rector of St Martin's Hereford, I also served as Chaplain to the SAS whose Regimental Headquarters, Stirling Lines, was just around the corner from the Church and Rectory. There was a strong association between St Martin's Church and 'the Regiment'; it had custody of the 'Regimental Plots' in the churchyard and housed a memorial window to those who had died in the Falklands conflict of 1982, along with previous and subsequent conflicts. Below the window is a plaque containing part of a poem by R J Flecker, *The Road to Samarkand*:

We are the Pilgrims, master; we shall go Always a little further; it may be Beyond that last blue mountain barred with snow Across that angry or that glimmering sea.....

Geoffrey Chaucer (c.1343-1400) has somehow immortalised Pilgrimage in his *Canterbury Tales*. Importantly, he captures the stories of a wide spectrum of people, from all walks of life, with a variety of experiences, sharing their stories as they walk, side by side. And they share a common objective, to visit the Shrine of St Thomas a' Becket at Canterbury Cathedral. Unsurprisingly, I find myself drawn to the Friars' Tale which opens with: In our land there was an Archdeacon, a man of high degree... But you will have to read the rest to find out what Archdeacons really got up to in medieval England and why the people so detested them; well at least then!

Pilgrimage is a journey full of surprise, joy, sadness and mishaps; often of unexpected happenings. Life is a journey too, and for many followers of the Christian faith it is described as a pilgrimage. For the Pilgrim the journey is made special, or significant, by association – a special, or holy place.

During the extensive period of 'lockdown' many of the familiar or special places have been denied us. It may be a place associated with a loved one, a friend; our own local church or a stunning view that takes our breath away and lifts the spirit. For us all, many of the meetings and encounters that sustain our daily living have been removed from our grasp. Perhaps we have resorted to the telephone, Facetime, or even Zoom, and we should be grateful for such media, however limited, for keeping our ability not only to speak but also to see each other.

For my soldiers in Hereford, the tasks they undertook were not on their own; they were very dependent on each other. The outcome of the journey the pilgrim makes can be hoped for but not pre-determined; it depends what happens on the way! At the heart of the Christian experience, grounded in faith and love, Pilgrimage is 'in the company of others'. The goal is our communion with God and each other. St Paul reminds us, whatever comes our way on the journey, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord'. (Romans 8: 31-39).

Our thanks to The Venerable Dr Trevor Jones for permission to reprint his article from the East Budleigh Parish News



WESLEY'S CAFÉ AND COMMUNITY SPACE

Give yourself a treat or meet your friends. The Hub catering team has moved to the Temple Methodist Hall. They have created a bright well-spaced café area. Opening hours 10am – 4pm Monday – Saturday. They serve hot beverages, snacks, light lunches and teas. Do support it, it is a very safe-feeling space and they are still helping local young with learning difficulties. More details on www.budleightemplmethodist.org.uk

APCM MEETING 18 OCTOBER (POSTPONED FROM MAY 2020 DUE TO COVID-19)

The meeting was attended by Rev Martin, Wardens. Officers and around 30 parishioners.

Iris Cooper and Christopher Parish were re-elected as Church Wardens.

The Vicar said that the effects of the pandemic were serious but the RMC had responded strongly and services had recommenced as soon as allowed. He had increased his emails to two a week and posted sermons on YouTube. A Harvest Festival service was now on line and others were planned. There were no weekly school assemblies but he had recorded a YouTube assembly for St Peter's School (where he and his wife are now governors).

Barry Laver, Electoral Roll Officer, said this stood at 159. New rules meant that only names could be shown. It was agreed to display the list as before, with a full copy in the office.

Treasurer Tony Gray explained that in 2019 a surplus had been made due to legacies and increased value of investments. Otherwise, there would have been a loss. Since then it had been an unusual year with considerable loss of income, some of which had been made up. However, there had been no income from the Friends or Hall lettings. It was decided to defer building repairs but there would still be a loss.

Christine Channon and Tina Ellett were elected to the Deanery Synod. All PCC members were re-elected.

Malcolm Jones said that the Chamber of Commerce installed the Christmas Lights over our gateway. It was agreed to write and thank them

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



Headteacher Steve Hitchcock featured on the front page of the Budleigh Journal recently as he talked about the 'mission impossible' of running the school during Covid, as well as chairing the town's Covid Support Group – but said it was going OK – for the moment! Lunchtime is a military operation, with each class having to stay apart and collect lunch from the hall to be eaten in class – then separately have some outside play. Budleigh Lions have recently donated three laser thermometers to the school so that temperatures can easily be checked at the school gate in case of an outbreak.

100 Club

Fiona Hennah writes: Draws have been taking place on the first Friday of the month, witnessed either live or on line by various members of the church community. Results are:

	£20	£10	£5
April	Joy Boyles	Faith Nex-Rockey	Gillian Andrews
May	Rosemary Goode	Fiona Hennah	Sue Ryland
June	Gill Shilcock	Iris Cooper	John Eyles
July	Judith Stewart-Young	Michael Peters	Doris Godfrey
August	Faith Nex-Rockey	Heather French	Anne Marshall
September	Iris Cooper	Joyce Julian	John Beaumont
October	Josie Charles	Jenny Steele	Anne Marshall

Services in November will be Sundays Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.00/Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30am

An evening ADVENT SERVICE will be at 6pm on Sunday 29th November

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