

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

"Nature now spreads around in dreary hue
A pall to cover all that summer knew"

So begins a poem by John Clare about the month of October. Summer is behind us and who knows what winter might bring. That seems to induce a strong note of melancholy amongst people. As an introvert given to a melancholic nature all year long all I can say is "welcome!" Melancholy for me, isn't depression, rather it is state of mind that sees beauty in fragility and vulnerability and can also be the result of harbouring a romantic desire for a perfection in people and relationships that is always elusive.

The truth is that we are all vulnerable and all fragile. The changing seasons remind us that the cycle of life is not unchanging and predictable but a constant and dynamic story of Life, growth, decline, death and then new life again. This story is played out in front of our eyes every year of our lives, and it is played out in the story of the stars and planets, and it is played out in our mortal lives as well. We certainly seem to understand the Life, growth, decline and death bit very well but as a society we have become more uncertain about the last and arguably most important bit about "new life".

Our faith in new life is built solidly on the conviction that Jesus died and was raised from the dead, and that this fact revealed the ultimate fate of all creation. We celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive every Sunday and pray that we are given new life spiritually within our mortal lives – a foretaste of what is to come. As we feel the chill, see the leaves turn brown, and contemplate much harsher weather to come, wherever we are in the cycle of life we can reflect on how this reflects our own life's journey and perhaps contemplate what comes afterwards. *Love and Peace Martin*

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 18 OCT AT 3.00PM IN THE PETER HALL.

Please think hard whether you, or anyone you know, is willing to stand for our PCC.

We badly need new blood, new experience, dynamism, FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY.

Nomination Forms will be available inside the Door from 30th Sept.

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST – THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN

We celebrate the feast of St Luke on 18 October. To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, makes up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other – he is the only evangelist to describe the Annunciation and his gospel gives us the words of the Magnificat. He has stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome. Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (it is believed he painted the Virgin Mary). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.



CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

David and Heather report that fortunately Covid19 infections in Uganda are very low, with only 1259 cases in the whole of the country and only five deaths. Nevertheless, all schools, churches, bars and discos remain closed, with a night-time curfew and strict lock down and mandatory restrictions in place. Fortunately, Heather has been allowed to resume Health Centre visits. One sad downside of the lockdown has been a rise in malnutrition amongst young children and pregnant women. Also many girls who would normally have been at boarding school are now at home in the community, resulting in many cases of child pregnancy and child marriages. Some families struggling for money have been "selling" their daughters to older men for marriage. On the other hand, insistence on regular hand-washing has resulted in the virtual elimination of diarrhoea, normally a local scourge. The dreaded threat of nearby locusts failed to materialise, and with good recent rains crops are flourishing. They have also been able to plant 8000 trees. We are asked to give **thanks** for the low incidence of Corona Virus, the failure of locusts to arrive, and the elimination of diarrhoea, and to **pray** for those struggling for income, with no social security available, for the many girls at risk, and for a good season of rainstorms to maintain local food availability. **David & Heather Sharland's latest letter is on the Missions Board in Church.**

PCC Report

The PCC meetings took place on 9 September with appropriate social distancing measures. New government regulations had just been announced so changes may be necessary.

At the RMC meeting, it was agreed to hold an All Souls service to include the whole community, in conjunction with local funeral directors. Congregations at East Budleigh and Otterton had returned to normal, with St Peter's slightly down. APCMs must be held before 31 October. East Budleigh will be on the 15th October at 19.00, Otterton on the 25th at 12.15 and St Peter's on the 18th at 15.00. Filmed services are being compiled with input from all churches, the first being for Harvest Festival and the next for Christmas. They could be offered to local nursing homes. There is no collective worship or Open the Book in schools this term but it may be possible to film an Open the Book episode.

Events: A Loaves and Fishes lunch had taken place that day but the planned Solos lunch was unlikely to happen. Carol Services were unlikely. The East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival has been booked for 12/13 June and Otterton hoped to run the Open Gardens next year. The Budleigh Late Night Shopping was under review but there would definitely be no carols or procession. It was noted that Lucinda Stuart Banks had made a great start as the new Webmaster.

At the St Peter's meeting Tony Gray said that income was down 23,000 so far this year, less than the budget only due to the decision to postpone all Quinquennial works until 2021. A Gift Day had been fixed for Saturday 18 October. There will be a feature and photo in the One Magazine which is delivered to every household in BS and the villages and additional publicity in the town. Martin will sit just inside the porch to receive donations.

The Choir will return from Sunday 4 October. We are not allowed to sing hymns but they will sing the Introit, Agnus Dei and anthems during Communion.

APCM - Nominations will be requested for the PCC via the Pew Sheet and Mini-Mag.

Concern was expressed that the Christingle service was unlikely to take place. It normally raises approximately £500 for the Church of England Children's Society. It was agreed to hold a Retiring Collection for this charity on Sunday 20th December.



Diamond Wedding

Congratulations to Rev John Eyles and his wife Jacki who have celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Front page news for the Journal and a lovely photo inside! Congratulations John and Jacki!

Welcome return of Loaves and Fishes



..... Sadly this is now on hold again due to new pandemic regulations.



Pat Prew (second left), of the Card Shop Too, getting ready for her sponsored swim from Steamer Steps to Otter Mouth on Bank Holiday Monday. Rev Karen (left) accompanied her in her kayak! Pat raised £1600 for Budleigh Lions, who have been unable to do their usual fund-raising for the town during the pandemic. Well done Pat!

AS THE REVD. MARTIN SEES PROGRESS AT ST PETER'S

St. Peter's Anglican Church, like so many other organisations across the country, has been hit hard by the corona virus pandemic. The church hall at St. Peter's used to be in constant use and the church itself was a central hub of both the literary festival and the music festival.

So a community and cultural hub certainly but, most importantly, St. Peter's is a centre and symbol of Christian worship and presence in Budleigh Salterton. From the very first day we were allowed to open again we have been open for both Sunday and Wednesday worship and open daily for private prayer. Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms can now take place with the appropriate restrictions in place. It often amazes people how expensive it is to run a church as big as St. Peter's which is financed entirely by the generosity of its congregation and supporters. From September the Peter Hall will re-open for a diverse group of hirers, which together with the resumption of worship will ease our financial woes a little but the loss this year will still be colossal. We are doing what we can by introducing contactless donations in church and also encouraging online giving. Our bank details are: sort code 09-01-28 – A/C number 96051138.

GIFT DAY We also want to encourage giving by the wider community by holding a Gift Day on Saturday 24th October between the hours of 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm where anyone who has a heart for their local parish church – whether religious or not – can pop in and make a donation by cheque, cash or standing order to make sure that St. Peter's can afford to continue being both a cultural and community focal point and religious centre for Christian witness and worship in Budleigh Salterton. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone in advance for any contribution they feel able to make. God bless you.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY LARDER is that the demand is high - THANK YOU ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE. They have plenty of rice and pasta, but ALL TINNED FOODS ARE VERY WELCOME. Please continue to support the supermarket contributions and one of our congregation is now helping out with the collecting and transport to Exmouth. If anyone wants to send money, please make the cheque payable to The Salvation Army and print Exmouth Community Larder on the reverse, addressed to the Community Larder, C/O Exmouth Salvation Army Hall, Sheppards Row, EXMOUTH EX8 1PW.

NEWS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL



The children have returned to school and there are new routines and regulations, staggered drop off and pick up times and a requirement to stay in their 'pods'. However, they are very happy to be there, judging by the photos on the school website! To help them get used to being back in school the normal timetable has not been in operation for the first two weeks. Instead, each class has been involved in project work, so they can get used to being back in school and ready to learn again.

New Faces on the Block – New Businesses for Budleigh!

Budleigh Garden Supplies has opened in the former Staddons building in Cliff Road. Pete, a horticulturalist who has worked at Bicton Gardens, sells a range of carefully selected plants at competitive prices, all sourced within a 10-mile radius, plus compost, garden sundries and seasoned logs.

Budleigh Unwrapped is our new eco shop. Amanda and Iain sell a wide range of foods, oils, herbs, spices, dried fruit, tea and coffee, including organic and gluten-free options. They also have cleaning materials and toiletries. Zero waste – no packaging – bring your own containers or paper bags supplied.

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER at 10.00am

Donations of tinned goods (only) will be welcomed at the back of the church.

These gifts will be donated to the Community Larder

Subsequent services in October will be a shortened Holy Communion at 10.00 am on Sundays and 9.30 Holy Communion on Wednesdays

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Deadline for items to be included in the October Mini-Mag, space permitting, is the 29th October

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