

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear friends,

I'm counting the weeks before I can put away my lawnmower for the winter! Gardening has never been a love of mine though I enjoy the fruits of the labours of others. I really struggle to name many flowers, trees, or insects being a product of a largely urban upbringing. And yet, my appreciation for all things natural has grown year by year. I love Gardens, even while I hate gardening. I love the wide open widely different landscapes of deserts, forests, and jungles. I love mountains, even though I have a fear of heights and get into a cold sweat near to a cliff edge.

Like everybody else, I am a mass of contradictions that sit perfectly well with me thank you very much! Not everything in life has to be logical, rational or fit into a well thought out system.

Life is messy, incoherent, riven by inconsistencies and illogical things that for some reason somehow make perfect sense to us.

Life is mysterious and uncertain, but we try and banish both the mystery and the uncertainty of life especially in our modern secular western culture. In fact one of my favourite sayings is,

"The certainty of misery is generally preferred to the misery of uncertainty."

We try and force life into a straitjacket and make it conform to rules and expectations, but in truth, as Woody Allen once said "The only certainties in life are death and taxes."

The lady who brought that phrase about misery to my attention was an art counsellor and friend called Denise who was helping me get through the death of my first wife. Denise is also now long dead herself, so she has embraced that final mystery. What binds the mystery together is a concept we call Love, which for Christians we know also as God and in knowing God we find peace with this unfathomable mystery that is Life. Love and prayers

Martin

Editorship of the St Peter's Mini-Mag

Rosemary and Neville Humphreys have decided to move to Sussex to be nearer their family. So the Mini-Mag is in need of a new editor – or editors – to take over, probably before Christmas. Rosemary and Gillian Andrews have really enjoyed editing the Mini-Mag and have had great support from parishioners. Having started with blank pages, there is always too much to squeeze in at the end of the month! You need basic computer skills and an interest in what is going on in the parish and the community. We can provide the basic template (although someone new may like to change the format) and lots of help and advice. For an informal chat about what is involved please phone Gillain (444095) or Rosemary (488524).

Bishop Of Crediton Backs Calls for Global Covid-19 Vaccine Equity

The Bishop of Crediton is supporting widespread calls to boost the number of people receiving coronavirus vaccines worldwide. The Right Revd Jackie Searle is encouraging people to donate the cost of their vaccines to charities like Christian Aid and Unicef, which are working to get Covid-19 vaccines to the people who need them. She said: "Following my first dose of the vaccine, I made a donation to Christian Aid in thanksgiving and in recognition that everyone in the whole world needs protection from Covid. Unicef and Christian Aid are doing a fantastic job to support those in need around the world. I encourage anyone who has had the jab to donate, giving thanks for the amazing skills of scientists who have developed the vaccine and ensuring the gift that we have received can be shared with others."

Faith leaders and health and humanitarian leaders have called for greater vaccine equity between rich countries and developing nations. The Archbishop of Canterbury and Muslim and Jewish leaders have said that "no-one is safe from Covid-19 until everyone is safe." and that global leaders must choose between "vaccine nationalism and human solidarity." The Rev'd Professor Gina Radford, who has been advising the Church of England and the Diocese of Exeter on public health during the pandemic, said "Covid-19 is a global disease that needs global solutions. Enabling the whole world to be vaccinated makes sense from a Christian perspective as it shows love and care in action. It also makes sense from a practical level, because until everyone is offered this vaccine, this disease remains a threat to us all. Let's do what we can so that as many people as possible can have access to the vaccine – a real example of love in action."

The Church of England is officially endorsing the Vaccinaid programme, which is being led by Unicef. It provides an online giving platform for people to donate the cost of their jabs. Christian Aid also has a Give Thanks for Your Virus Appeal. Chris Keppie, the Church and Society Officer for the Diocese of Exeter, said "So many people around the world in poorer countries don't have free healthcare provision or vaccination programmes. The brilliant Christian Aid and Unicef campaigns easily enable us to help our less fortunate global sisters and brothers, to love our neighbours. Let's all donate when we get our jabs or boosters – or retrospectively if already done, to 'give the world a shot'!"



Loaves and Fishes Lunch

Our popular Loaves & Fishes Lunch is back in the Peter Hall! The first lunch on Thursday 9 September was capped at 30 seats, all sold, allowing for more spacing of the tables and chairs. We have a new cook, Jennie Stogdon, who cooked us a lovely meal. No raffle as yet, BUT we still have a glass of sherry or juice. Future lunches will be on the second Thursday of each month, tickets £10 must be bought in advance from Fran in the Church Office (Fridays 9-1pm) as there is no entry on the door without a ticket. The next Lunch will be on Thursday 14 October, the last date for purchasing tickets is Friday 8

October. We look forward to seeing you all again. Contact Fran (568732/443397 or Mary Jones (443333)

During week commencing Monday 11th October there will be a survey conducted in St Peter's car park to provide an overview of the daily usage. If you are able to assist, please contact Roger Hennah on 01395 488671.

The collection of pill casings for recycling has been a great success but please do not include the large 'weekly' packs as these cannot be recycled by the Superdrug scheme.

Report from Exmouth Food Bank



With people coming back into the Salvation Army Hall, we can offer more than basic foods. There will be a choice from a selection of fresh produce, such as bananas, oranges, potatoes, carrots and eggs, which will provide a more varied diet. People will be able to help themselves to toiletries and cleaning products and nappies will be available if required. Our volunteers are looking forward to welcoming everyone with open arms and friendly smiles. As we think of the future, we remember that Harvest Festival is coming up. We wonder if you would be so kind as to donate any of the following from our list of most needed items: Longlife Milk, Longlife Fruit Juice & Bottled Fruit Squash, Jars of Pasta Sauce Tinned Vegetables and Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Packets of Custard, Packets of Instant Mashed Potato, Packets of Noodles & Couscous & Savoury Rice. We take this opportunity to thank the whole

community for your ongoing support.

Update from Seachange (formerly the Hub)

Many activities are now up and running,

Table Tennis every Monday 10.00-11.00 – Cost £2

Walk and Talk every Monday 10.30am. The walks are free, the start point varies so please contact Seachange for further information.

Sports Talk - Tuesday 5th October 2.30-4.00pm and the first Tuesday of the month thereafter. Chat about your favourite sporting moments or the weekend's fixtures! Cost £2 to include refreshments.

Film Club - Thursday 7th October 2pm. Films will be shown on the first Thursday of the month thereafter. This month we are showing 'A Street Cat Named Bob', cost is £3 for the session which includes tea/coffee.

We are starting a **Digital Support Drop-in Session** for anyone struggling with digital technology or needing help with using laptops, smartphones or tablets. Our Digital Drop-In Sessions are the first Monday of every month at Seachange between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. The aim of the sessions is to help people feel more confident about making the most of the online and digital world.

Lots of our sessions have limited capacity so we would always advise giving Seachange a call to check availability.

Our contact number is **01395 446896**.



Eivor Gardner RIP

Some of the St Peter's parishioners and ex-parishioners who attended the memorial service for Eivor Gardner in the magnificent St Cuthbert's Church in Wells on 23rd September. St Cuthbert's, an ancient church, is the Gardner's parish church and Eivor worshipped there before she died last year. Because of the pandemic a full funeral could not take place then.

It was a beautiful service.

Charles Gardner is seated at the front.

100 CLUB RESULTS – SEPTEMBER 2021

This month's winners were: Beryl Schmit-Rieche £5, Shirley Tanner £10, Iris Cooper £20

Next month the plan is to do the draw at Rendezvous on Friday 1st October

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



St Peter's has Cakes & Clothes Mondays after school – combining PTA fundraising with reusing outgrown school clothes. School clothes are available for a small donation or free to ensure their re-use. Families from a class are asked to contribute cakes for sale and pupils from that class run the cake shop. What a great idea – helps families, raises funds and supports the school's 'Eco' focus.

Diary Dates for October

Flower Festival continues until Wednesday 6th

Rendezvous every Friday at 10am in the Peter Hall

Sunday 3rd 10am Harvest Festival

Tuesday 5th 9.30am St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 7th 7pm RMC Dinner Club

Sunday 9th 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 12 October 2.30pm Mothers' Union in the Peter Hall

Thursday 14th 12.15 Loaves and Fishes lunch, Peter Hall, see above

Thursday 21st 08.45 Men's Breakfast in the Dolphin Café (book on 443333)

Sunday 24th 12.15 Solos Lunch book with Fran in the office on a Friday am

SERVICES

Sundays Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am

Choral Evensong 6pm 2nd Sunday

Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30am

For services at the other RMC churches see www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk

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