

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear friends,

The whole of March falls within the Christian season of lent which is a time of sober reflection on what really matters in life and also a time of testing. This year those important subjects seem to have been exercising us for almost exactly a year now when we have all been thrown into the deep-end in one great expended season of soul searching and introspection. What my experience has taught me is that personal freedom, human contact and chance contacts are very important to me but I have also learned that slowing down, observing and listening to nature and walking regularly are things I have gained. Lent of course is a purely voluntary time of reflection that one chooses but the lockdown is a situation that has been forced upon us. Acceptance is a concept that looms large in Buddhism but also has its equivalence in Christianity too, and in fact all religions that genuinely seek after Truth. Knowing the difference between accepting what cannot be changed and having the courage to change for the better those things that can be changed was the subject of one of the best-known Christian prayers by Reinhold Neibuhr, well-loved as much outside Christianity as it is within it because it strikes a chord of truth within most people who hear it. The "serenity prayer".

God, grant me the Serenity

To accept the things I cannot change...

Courage to change the things I can,

And Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,

Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,

Not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right

if I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Amen.

Love and peace,

Martin



Revd. Martin presenting the medal and certificate of the Meritorious Order of St Peter’s Church to Chris Parrish following the service on 7th February, the day after his 90th birthday. The citation reads: *For innovative ideas and exceptional service which have improved the and enhanced the church of St Peter and the experiences of the congregations over the last 24 years.*

Safeguarding – A Church Safe for All



We all have a part to play in promoting a safer church environment for everyone within it.

Our parish and the Raleigh Mission Community take our role of safeguarding seriously promoting the codes of safer working practices as directed by our Diocese and The Church of England. The Church’s policy statement- Promoting a Safer Church (2017) guides our actions and sets out the Parish’s roles and responsibility.

“The Church will strive to create and maintain environments that are safe for all, that promote wellbeing, that prevent abuse and create nurturing, caring conditions in the Church for children and vulnerable adults”-

Promoting a Safer Church (2017) Further information and resources can be found on the Diocese website: exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding

Tina Ellett- Safeguarding representative for St Peters (074260 90311)

OUR MISSION PARTNERS, DAVID AND HEATHER SHARLAND



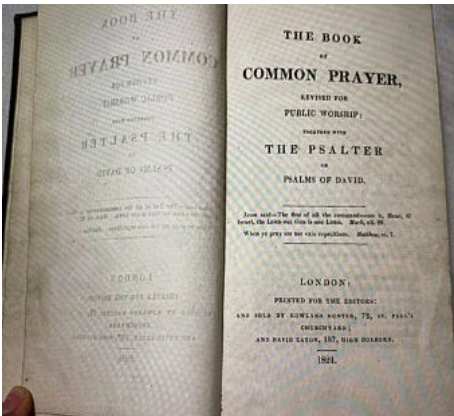
David and Heather, who work for the Church Mission Society, have been our Mission Partners at St Peter’s for over 25 years. No one can remember how or when the link originally came about – not even them! The latest news is that after many years in Africa they are retiring, returning to the UK in June. But they affirm that their ministry with CMS will not end - they describe this

step as “re-tyring”! Their latest letter can be found on the church Missions board. John Hutchinson. CMS rep.

Lent 2021 17th February to 3rd April

A period of 40 days preparation starting from Ash Wednesday along a road with the Holy Resurrection as the destination. A time for reflection, prayer, repentance, self-denial. There is a break in Lent on the 4th Sunday, a time when all returned to their Mother church. During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families, which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day. As the girls walked along the lanes, they picked wild flowers which they gave to their Mothers and sometimes the Cook where they were in service allowed them to bake a cake to take home as well. In recent years the holiday has changed, and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day. **PALM SUNDAY (28th March)** the Sunday preceding Easter Day celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The streets were strewn with palms and there was much cheering and rejoicing by the same people whose mood would dramatically change a week later.

The Prayer Book Society



The Prayer Book Society encourages rediscovery and use of the majesty and spiritual depth of the Book of Common Prayer at the heart of the Church of England's worship. The Society was founded in 1972 amidst liturgical reform on the Church of England. It was feared that the 1662 Book of Common Prayer – despite its continues status as the Church of England's official standard of teaching – would fall into disuse, being replaced by contemporary forms of worship.

Deeply rooted in the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer is the traditional service book of the Church of England and contains its official teaching. Created in 1549 then revised in 1552 by Thomas Cranmer, it was the handbook of the new English church which had just split from Rome. Cranmer – a leader of the Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI and Mary I – compiled the Book of Common Prayer by drawing extensively on his personal library of more than 600 printed books and more than 60 manuscripts. Although further revisions were made in subsequent editions published in 1559, 1604 ND 1662, the content of the 1662 Prayer Book in use today remains significantly as Cranmer wrote it. The Book of Common Prayer is used at the Wednesday morning Communion Service at St Peter's. www.pbs.org.uk

EXMOUTH FOOD BANK

The Exmouth Community Larder has supported individuals and families in crisis since 2012, by providing free emergency food help and by signposting them to local agencies to assist with difficulties they may be experiencing. They have now changed their name to the **EXMOUTH FOOD BANK** and have a new website www.exmouthfoodbank.org.uk where phone numbers for the services they offer can also be found. The underlying ethos and Christian values of the Larder will remain at the core of what they do.

Mothering Sunday Daffodils

No posies this year but there will be daffodils out in the porch on the week-end of March 13/14 for people to take – maybe to give to a neighbour or someone living alone or someone you haven't spoken to before?

Stop Press! Doris Godfrey is featured in this week's Budleigh Journal, with a lovely photo too! She has written 459 letters to cheer people up during the pandemic and received birthday cards on her birthday.

(It's not easy producing the magazine when there are so few parish or community events happening so many thanks to everyone who has sent in contributions this month! Eds)



A Bear Hug from St Peter's School!

Mrs Walshaw from the school contacted the parish to say that children had suggested they could write to people isolated during lockdown. Jenny Steele from the Pastoral Care Team provided a list of first names and the children from Key Stage 1 and 2 wrote illustrated letters, while Nursery children drew cards like this one. These were distributed by PCT members and of course the recipients were delighted. Some have written back to the children.

MARCH SERVICES As far as we know, services will continue as they have been with 8am and 10.00 Communion on Sunday and 9.30 on Wednesdays but please keep an eye on the website, Pew Sheet and notice board at the church gate as arrangements may change in these uncertain times.

At the moment, during Holy Week we will have Compline at 7pm every evening Monday to Thursday and then a "Good Friday reflections" service at 3pm on Good Friday, with normal Sunday services on Easter Day at 8am and 10am. As far as we know, there is no sunrise service on the beach this year.

Live Streamed Holy Communion Service from All Saints, East Budleigh This is available every Sunday at 9.30 by clicking on the link on the RMC website – raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk or you can listen to it on the telephone **01395 891035**.

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