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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future: And faith is the courage to dance to it today"

These words of Peter Kuzmic encapsulate the character of a truly Christian life. The hope of a future characterised by love, community, justice and peace is the oxygen that feeds and enables our present.

The present is politically, economically, and socially far from perfect but the hope of that blessed future where "every tear will be wiped from our eyes, where mourning crying and pain will be no more" (Revelation 21) is the hope that enables Christians to go on, despite whatever current circumstances throw up for us to deal with.

Christian hope is not a vague wish such as "I hope it is sunny tomorrow", it is more of a certain expectation based on trust in a God who is faithful to his children and we are all his *potential* children.

Whether believer or non-believer makes no difference to the work of Jesus who died out of love for the whole world. As Paul says in the Bible, "He is the saviour of all humanity, especially those who believe." (1 Tim. 4:10)

The advantage that Christian believers have over non/not sure/ or not yet believers is simply that we recognise and know that the future is one of healing and peace. And we work to make that future hope a current reality by finding the courage to dance to it and.

Love and peace,

Martin

We are the new joint editors of the Mini-Mag. We feel we must start by acknowledging the enormous commitment Chris Parrish has made to this publication over many years and add a **really big** thank you. We do not have his considerable technical skills so the Mini-Mag may not look as professional as it has done in the past but we hope it will continue to be useful and interesting. Any feedback will be welcome

NEW ARRIVAL AT ST. PETER'S - STEPHEN TANNER - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Stephen Tanner began his musical career as a chorister at Coventry Cathedral and studied for a degree in music at the University of Huddersfield. For many years he was Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral School and Assistant Organist at Exeter Cathedral. He founded the Girl Choristers' section of Exeter Cathedral Choir in 1994 and directed it for 22 years. In this capacity he has numerous broadcasts, recordings and foreign tours to his credit. He was musical director of Exeter Cathedral's nationally recognised Chorister Outreach Project, working to promote singing in Devon's primary schools.

Stephen directs "Isca Voices" a highly acclaimed choral group of former girl choristers from Exeter Cathedral Choir who perform a wide range of sacred and secular music. He is accompanist and Associate Director of Music of the Exeter Philharmonic Choir and is one half of the organ duo Organ2. He is also joint musical director of the Heritage Singers. He has composed and arranged extensively and has won two national composition competitions. He is an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music serving on both the main and jazz panels.

He was attracted to the post of Director of Music at St Peter's because of the church's long-established choral tradition, its huge potential for hosting concerts and its fine organ. Stephen is greatly looking forward to his new role.

Photography by Judith Stewart-Young

FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL BLOG

Headteacher Steve Hitchcock wrote on 28 March

I was a very proud Headteacher today as we participated in the Devon Winter Games with three Cross Country teams. As well as having a fantastic day we achieved a SILVER MEDAL with our year 3/4 girls team. This is an incredible achievement – we are the second best cross country team in the whole County! CONGRATULATIONS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wine Tasting Hosted at James Finlay's Wine Shop £10£24th-28th MayHosted over 5 nights - look out for further information and ticket bookingSaturday 25th MayThe Big Breakfast in the Public HallSaturday 25th MayInterview with Alexander McCall Smith at St. Peter's 6-7pmSaturday 25th MayGalaWeek25th May - 2nd JuneBBQ at St. Peter's £10Sunday 30th June

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An excellent day of sharing and communication. It was led by Revd. Martin who gave each of us the chance to think as a whole about the three churches in our Parish. What is the purpose of the church? What do we see God doing in our church? What might God be calling us to do? What should we be focused on? What is our biggest challenge? The Venerable Dr. Trevor Jones was able to throw light on our Governance and how it was possible to cut down on repetition and free up time to fulfil our purpose as a church. During the following discussions some useful ideas were thrown into the ring - perhaps more commitment, identifying how we can go forward as individuals and the importance of outreach. Now it is for each one of us to think, "How can I contribute"?



HOW HAVE WE DONE?

St. Peter's Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting was held on Sunday, 14th Aril 2019. Our Finances and the forthcoming stewardship campaign were discussed. Did you know that apart from the Administrative work of the PCC, there are 17 Church Groups who contribute to the full life of the living church and its community?

COMMUNITY LARDER

Rendezvous have sent a very generous cheque of £100 to the Community Larder. This will be very welcome and used to provide fresh food for the increasing number of families applying for help.

It now takes well over 6 weeks to receive benefits and this puts a huge strain on families; not always those out of work. Nowadays some people on low pay are frequently in need.

The staff at the food distribution centre are well trained to identify problems and refer people to the various agencies who may be able to help. So, please keep up your generous giving.



WHY?

Some time ago from the shadows in St. Peter's, I was watching a Baptism, and a small voice piped up "Why is that man wearing a black dress"? – general amusement amongst the grown-ups but when I thought about it, it wasn't a silly question. Could you have given the little girl a suitable answer? I did some research and have decided to share my findings with the readers of Mini Mag. In a series of articles, I thought it might be helpful to explain some of the mysteries and routines of the church we take for granted which could be helpful if you ever appear on "Mastermind" or even attend one of Mr Tony's Quiz Evenings.

In the earliest days of the Christian faith, the clergy did not wear any special robes, although today's robes can be traced back to the everyday clothes which people wore in the lst Century AD. The Cassock began as the Vestis Talaris, which was an ankle length light-weight coat in a variety of plain colours. In the 6th Century AD a shorter version became more usual and in 1604 the Anglican Canons ordered all clergy to wear a cassock over their doublet and hose. Now it is a link with the early days of Christianity and a protection against the demands of fashion so that the clergy do not have to worry about what to wear in church. Bishops usually wear a purple cassock whilst Canons and Prebendaries often wear red. Styles can also vary according to personal likes and dislikes, such as single-breasted or double-breasted, a leather belt or a cloth waistband (cincture).

Dog collars are fairly new. In the early days no special neck wear was worn but by the 17th Century a simple white stock was being worn, then in the middle of the 1800's the clergy dog-collar came into use. It really is only a plain stiff collar worn back to front. Nowadays very often a half collar is used, usually made of plastic and slotted into the shirt collar. The usual reason given for this was that the clergy have turned their back on the less attractive side of life.

Footnote A dignified Bishop was talking to a group of young schoolchildren; one little girl was fascinated by his purple cassock. She looked up, smiled at him and asked, "Do you have knickers to match?" I am afraid I cannot answer that one!



I hope you will join me next time.

The Church Mouse

SAINT PETER'S CALENDAR FOR MAY 2019

Wednesday	1	May	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	1		6Zone	15.30
Friday	3	Holy Communion		11.30
Sunday	5	Holy Communion BCP		8.00
Sunday	5	Stewardship	Holy Communion	10.00
Wednesday	8	Holy Communion		9.30
Wednesday	8	6Zone		15.30
Friday	10	Rendezvous		10.00
Friday	10		Holy Communion	
Sunday	12		Holy Communion BCP	
Sunday	12		Holy Communion	
Sunday	12		Choral Evensong	
Wednesday	15		Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	15		Loaves & Fishes	12.15
Wednesday	15		6Zone	
Friday	17		Rendezvous	
Friday	17		Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	19	Holy Communion BCP		8.00
Sunday	19		Holy Communion	
Wednesday	22		Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday	22		6Zone	15.30
Friday	24		Rendezvous	10.00
Friday	24		Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	26		Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	26		Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday	26		Solos Lunch	
Sunday	26		Churches Partnership Service	
Wednesday	29		Holy Communion	9.30
Thursday	30		Wedding Paolo Manke & Hannah Osborne	13.30
Friday	31		Rendezvous	10.00
Friday	31		Holy Communion	11.30
Sunday	2		Holy Communion BCP	8.00
Sunday	2	Stewardship	Holy Communion	10.00

Services at All Saints' East Budleigh and St. Michael's Otterton can be found in the weekly Pew Sheet.

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