

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG

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MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES

“Always look on the bright side of life” from the Life of Brian was considered scandalous if not blasphemous when it first saw the light of day. Years later, although it can still cause a frisson of disquiet for many Christians, tempers have eased among most believers who can recognise the humour for what it is.

The sentiment expressed by the song though is something we all need to be aware of in these increasingly confusing and disjointed times. Face masks, exam results, quarantines, the situation in care homes, lockdowns, redundancies, recession, track and trace, cancelled hospital appointments, cancelled holidays and ever-changing rules are in danger of producing a climate of exasperation and despair.

But what the British have always been famous for is our sense of humour, often very black humour in the face of intractable problems. We need to retain that sense of the ridiculous, laughing in the face of danger that has always kept our spirits up, no matter what we are facing. Hidden beneath the obvious disconnect that produces the humour of a man on a cross singing “Always look on the bright side of life” is the truth that even the darkest tragedy that is the crucifixion of an innocent man on spurious charges, lies the miracle of resurrection.

With God there is no situation so dark that light and good cannot emerge. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate manifestation of that eternal truth. Prayer connects us directly to the source of this eternal truth and can carry us through this mess. Those with faith in the fact that God revealed himself in Jesus Christ know this to be true. Light always beats darkness, good always prevails in the end, and new life always comes out of death.

Martin

FACE MASKS

Note seen on the web site of a large Anglican church not far from here, which was restarting Services, but before face coverings were mandatory:

“Please bring a face covering with you; wearing one is an expression of love for others, and may help others to feel safer coming to church.”

SERVICES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

**There will be a shortened Holy Communion Service at 10.00am every Sunday
and a 9.30am Holy Communion Service on Wednesdays.**

ST MICHAEL

Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglian Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral (below). Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael's most famous shrine in Western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel in France, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century. The church of St. Michael the Archangel at Chagford is a beautiful old church.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with Michael. Of course, the RMC has its own St Michael's at Otterton. It would be nice to think we could share in their patronal festival on 29 September, as in the past, but it may not be possible this year.



Bible Study — More than any other part of the Old Testament, the book of Psalms reveals to us the intimacy possible between God and humanity. As songs and prayers of praise and lament, they are unsurpassed in their variety, depth, and range. They encompass the whole breadth of human emotion: hatred and love; despair and joy; resentment and gratitude; fear of abandonment and deep trust. They encourage us to be honest in our dealings with God and they teach us how to praise him, seek him and rest in him. (John Goldingay, *Psalms for Everyone*)

During the lockdown I was able to spend some time working my way through John Goldingay's books on the Psalms and found them fascinating. As a result I prepared a series of Bible Study sessions I would be happy to share with members of the Raleigh MC. So I am offering a warm invitation to anyone who is interested to join me, Christine Channon, at an:

INITIAL MEETING AT 2.30 pm on 11th September in the Lady Chapel, where it will be possible to be seated at a comfortable distance from each other.

LOAVES AND FISHES LUNCH
9th September at 12.30pm



Thank you, Revd. Karen, for taking on the co-ordination and cooking for this popular and important monthly event in the Peter Hall. Not forgetting all the volunteers without whom this would not be possible. Due to the lockdown rules, places are limited so it is essential you book your place and pay the cost of £5 in advance. To do this please 'phone Fran between 9am and 1pm on 01395 568732 any weekday morning. At the moment this will be a ticket only event.

Good News – The Peter Hall will open for bookings from 1st September so Christine has arranged a Solo's Lunch on 27th September.

Numbers limited to 30, admission by ticket, available from Fran or Christine, £7.00.
If you booked a ticket for the lunch in March which we cancelled it will be still valid.
Contact Christine 01395 442927, or Fran, 01395 568732

LADIES TEA IN THE MARQUEE AT THE HUB

This is re-starting and will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 2.30. The marquee only takes 12 due to social distancing so ring Doris Godfrey on 443522 to book your place.

COMMUNITY LARDER

We rely absolutely on the support of the whole community of Exmouth, Lypstone, Exton, both Woodburys, both Budleighs and Otterton and places in between, from where donations come and where we currently deliver. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The Co-Op continues to be our nearest collection point but donations in the form of a cheque would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to: The Salvation Army- writing on the reverse - Community Larder- and send to: Exmouth Community Larder, c/o Salvation Army Hall, Sheppards Row, Exmouth EX8 1PW.



NEWS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL



School re-starts on 2 September under Covid19 restrictions and regulations. The school has sent parents extensive information about how school will operate. It has also produced a lively video (<https://youtu.be/DzVzEqj1pmw>) for families to watch together covering every aspect of the school day from the children's point of view. We wish them all success and good luck with the difficult tasks ahead.



BUDLEIGH SALTERTON LITERARY FESTIVAL

Like everything else, the Literary Festival has been severely impacted by Covid19. There will be only two live events this year, in St Peter's on 14 September but tickets for the talks by Hilary Mantel and James Naughtie sold out in August. The good news is that talks by a wide range of other authors will be available to view on line as they are released in a 'programme' sequence over the Festival period and until 30 September. Go to the Festival website www.budlitfest.org.uk to register and view the programme. Authors include Sandi Toksvig, naturalist Helen MacDonald, Kate Humble, Michael Wood, crime writers Peter James and Mark Billingham and Simon Armitage, the Poet Laureate (whose talk is the only one which will not remain on the website). Copies of the programme are available in the TIC.

A New Way of Working for BUDLEIGH TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Budleigh Salterton Information Centre is seeking volunteers to provide information, sell tickets, maps and postcards and to answer phone and email inquiries. Basic computer skills are useful but not essential. Training will be provided. Volunteer hours are 10-1pm and 1pm-4pm Monday to Saturday. If you have 3 hours available and would like to help out on a weekly basis or if you are able to join the bank of volunteers willing to stand in for holidays and absences, please contact Helen on 442600 or Alan on 442304.

YOURS FOR THE TAKING

By Patience Strong

The grace and beauty of birds as they fly
The songs of the trees as the wind rushes by
The peace of the stars in the evening sky
They're yours for the taking, so take them.

The sweetness of feeling God's love ever near
The comfort of praying and knowing He'll hear
The joy of a faith that drives away fear
It's yours for the taking, so take it.

Take it – this thing that the world can't bestow
That lends life a glory, a meaning, a glow.
And give to the heart what it needs for the day
Strength for the asking and light on the way.

(Thanks to Angela Symes for suggesting this poem)

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Deadline for items to be included in the October Mini-Mag, space permitting, is the 25th September

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