

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear friends,

As we emerge from lockdown restrictions, it is a good time to open our eyes and really see the extraordinary environment in which we live. When you live in a certain place you tend to overlook what is right on your doorstep – because it is just “there”.

This tends to be true of all places. When I lived in London many years ago, I never made use of the world-famous sights and sounds in which I lived, and nowadays have to go and see these places on special trips to the capital.

Because we all live in beautiful towns or villages, surrounded by gorgeous countryside, with the sea just a stone's throw away it would be a crying shame not to really appreciate everything we have around us. Appreciation of our environment leads to gratitude, but to whom can you express that gratitude?

For a Christian, the answer is simple. Our world and everything in it is a “creation” which means it was created by something but some “thing” can't create so that some thing becomes a someone and you end up inevitably expressing your gratitude to a personal God.

That personal God has a will and a purpose for all our lives. There is a definition of eternal life in the Bible and it goes like this. “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

A lot of people find their way into faith through an appreciation of the world around them, through a creation narrative, and I count myself as one of them. I came to believe in God before I came to faith in Jesus as the image of that eternal God.

But it doesn't matter which route you take, the destination is the main thing, and a living faith in God revealed as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the key to unlocking the world around you.

Love and prayers

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held by Zoom on Sunday 16 May at 3.00pm.

PCC Members will receive a Zoom Invitation shortly before the meeting. Non-PCC members will also be able to join the meetings if they notify Christopher Briscoe in advance that they would like a Zoom Invitation. If anyone does not have the equipment or knowledge to attend by Zoom, please let him know. There may be an alternative.



christianaid.org.uk

Christian Aid Week 10 – 16 May

This year Christian Aid will be celebrating 75 years of help and support for people around the world. In 1945 Christian Aid was founded at the end of the Second World War to make a difference to the lives of refugees across Europe. In the 1960s they were helping those devastated by the crises affecting Nigeria, Kenya and India. In the 1970s and 1980s they were standing up against apartheid in South Africa, and helping people in Ethiopia battling famine. Christian Aid helped to create the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to draw charities together when dealing with disasters around the world, and set up the World Development Movement. In 2004 they were there to provide food, shelter and healthcare after the Asian tsunami. Christian Aid helped to establish the Fairtrade Foundation, to secure a better deal for farmers around the world, and also build the Jubilee Debt movement which won US\$130bn of debt cancellation for poor countries between 2000 and 2015. Now South Sudan is suffering from floods and droughts, and as the planet warms, weather like this will continue to devastate their crops. So Christian Aid continues to stand up against climate change and with our help will continue assisting our neighbours around the world affected by the climate crisis.

So this year's campaign focusses on the Climate Crisis. **Every Last Drop** highlights the need for reliable sources of water in many parts of the world in order for people to survive. Donate on line at www.caweek.org or phone the donation line on **08080 006 006**

Choral Evensong Returns

The choir returns to full duties on Sunday May 2nd. Choral evensongs will resume on the second Sundays at 6.00pm, so on May 9, June 13 and July 11. The July service will be a "Festival" evensong as it falls within the Budleigh Festival. We will be delighted to again be joined by David Davies at the organ.

Ascension Day

The Ascension Day service rotates round the three churches. The joint Ascension Day communion service this year will be at St Michael's Otterton on Thursday 13 May at 7pm. Revd Martin wants to let you know that he plans to burn incense at this service. The incense he has purchased is supposed to be almost smokeless but he wanted to let people know in advance.



An Easter gift for the Congregation!

Beryl Schmidt-Rieche dyed and decorated a basket of eggs in a range of colours which parishioners were able to collect as they left St Peter's on Easter Sunday.

What a lovely thought. Could it become a tradition.....?

Thank you, Beryl.

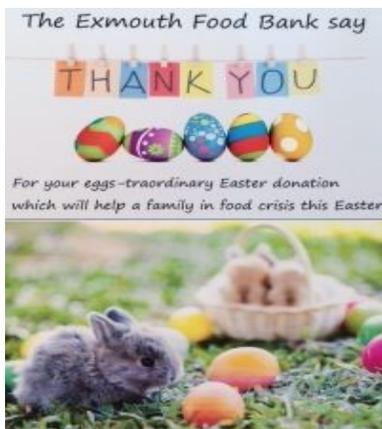


Budleigh War Memorial Display

The Budleigh War Memorial occupies a prominent position overlooking the town. Its annual display of Remembrance Week-end wreaths reminds us of the sacrifices our armed forces have made in defence of our country. Over the long winter the red poppies provide cheer and comfort for many of the local community. So it was an inspired decision that Kim Holmes made to herald the Spring by embarking on a project with 18 of her friends: to replace the weather-battered poppies with a bold and original display of floral decorations. This team has knitted over 500 flowers, incorporating insects, garlands and wreaths to surround the Memorial. The result is a colourful vision, an uplifting

experience at a time when the long lockdown has been bearing down upon us all. It reflects the local support for our War Memorial and provides a visual delight to passers-by. The team is planning to produce a little questionnaire for children to undertake to make it fun for them. We are immensely grateful to Kim and the Budleigh Knit Nats for their goodwill and hard work. A heart-warming achievement and a lovely Easter gift. Sursum Corda.

Cr2ee Following last month's item Cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe) the warehouse at Spider's Lane Exmouth is opening on May 5th and May 15th from 10am to receive good used clothing for Moldova.



The Food Bank sent a card thanking us for the Easter Eggs we collected.

See the Pew Sheet for a list of goods particularly required and how to donate.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 08 May** Lee Ford Gardens Open 1 – 5 pm (see page 4)
- 09 May** Choral Evensong 6pm
- 13 May** Joint RMC Ascension Day Communion Service, St Michaels, Otterton 7pm (see above)
- 16 May** St Peter's APCM 3.00pm via Zoom (see notice above)

Age is a Quality of Mind

*Age is a quality of mind:
If you no longer look ahead,
And your ambitions are all dead,
Then you are old.
But if for life you still have zest
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old.*

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



All About Thank You's!



Many Budleigh residents were surprised and delighted to find a pot planted with sunflower seeds on their doorstep, with a Thank You note from the School, thanking people for their support during the last year, especially with the Budleigh Community Challenge. The idea is that people should display the plants when they flower later in the year, turning Budleigh into 'a sunshine town'. In a real community effort, pots were donated and compost supplied by Budleigh Garden Supplies.

People who had donated to the laptop appeal also received a thank you card with a poem called **The Journey of Learning**, written by Isabelle and Lily, age 6.

Diving into a fast-flowing river,
Growing as tall as a mighty tree,
Blooming like a vibrant flower,
Feeling the waves splash me.

Climbing a steep mountain,
Shining brightly like the sun,
Bending like a rainbow,
Escaping into our imagination,

Discovering the science,
Listening to the different sounds,
Stretching ourselves like branches,
Learning is all around.

Lee Ford Gardens Open Day - Saturday 8 May 1 – 5pm

In aid of National Gardens Scheme charity. Entry £6 per head. Limited number of pre-booked tickets available from ngs.org.uk. Takeaway refreshments, home baked cake and tea. Outdoor seating on adjacent lawn. Plenty of parking available next to garden gates. Last month's opening was a sell-out, so book now!

100 CLUB RESULTS – April 2021

April's 100 club results are as follows: £5 Joan Shaw £10 Roger Hennah £20 Nina Brevik

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