

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear friends,

The fundamental difference between the secular and religious outlooks on life is that for a non-believer, individuals are inevitably the centre of everything – we have to be, because there is nothing else! The Religious outlook is that the centre lies elsewhere with a divine reality that is intimately connected to everything that exists.

The ramifications of this central difference affect our ways of seeing and doing in quite radical ways, but the most fundamental one being how we understand ourselves and the purpose of life.

Because the Christian believer expresses their belief using the language of relationship, the most common and radical phrase that is used in the Bible is that we are “children of God”.

This confirms both that we are not the centre of the world and at the same time confers an innate dignity on all people.

We discern our sense of meaning, security and purpose from that relationship.

We hear and read so much nowadays about well-being and mental health and while it is often tacitly acknowledged that religious believers are generally “happier” than those without belief, that is due in my estimation to the fact that we are anchored as human being within a framework that allows us to flourish and also gives us the resilience to withstand the knocks and bruises that form an inevitable part of life.

We are humble enough to know that we don't and can't know all the answers to life's challenges and problems but secure enough to know that as we fumble towards the truth we don't do so alone.

Love and prayers,

Martin



The retiring collection for Christian Aid on Sunday 9 May raised over £800.00!

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (By Zoom on 16 May)

Iris Cooper and Christopher Parrish were unanimously re-elected as Churchwardens.

Address by the Vicar: The Vicar reported on how the parish had coped with the Pandemic, keeping all our churches open whenever permitted, pastoral visiting and care for those in need through our school. He referred to innovations in 'virtual' worship online, his own recorded sermons, streamed services etc. The pandemic had caused a very serious reduction in parish finances, but a successful Gift Day at had gone some way to recoup. He ended by saying that 'we face the future with hope and faith'.

Electoral Roll: Barry Laver reported that this now stood at 154.

Treasurer's Report: Tony Gray reported that total income was £151k, with a reduction of 10.3% due to the Pandemic. The shortfall in planned giving was largely recovered by a Gift Day. Total income was down by 25%, because significant legacies had been received in the prior year. The Parish Share to the Diocese was £94k, a slight reduction. There were no major repairs or capital works. The deficit prior to investment returns was £20.9k, but investments recovered by £13k, giving a nominal adjusted deficit of £7,777. Significant costs will be incurred in the coming years resulting from the last Quinquennial Report. This will entail an ongoing outflow of funds until we can increase income significantly. Stewardship is essential.

Elections: Deanery Synod: Christine Channon and Tina Ellet were both re-elected. **PCC Members:** Roger Hennah, Sally Rogers, Justin Tigg and Paul Maslen wish to retire from the PCC. Paul Maslen would continue as a Deputy Warden. All other current members were re-elected en bloc, viz: Judith Stewart-Young, Pat Rogers, Eileen Milne, George Maddaford, John Hutchinson, David Wadding-ton, Betty Clement, Rosemary Humphreys, Beryl Schmidt-Rieche, Lizzy Doorbar, Christopher Briscoe, Jenny Steele, & Tony Gray,

Parish Organisation Reports: These are available in the Annual Report online. Two additional reports were

Sidespersons: There are currently 33 persons involved. **Flower Arrangers:** There were 24 on the roll, most not regular worshippers. Chris Parrish plans to re-introduce bi-weekly flower arranging, which had lapsed during Lockdown. Beryl Schmidt-Rieche offered take on this work.

AOB: Votes of thanks was proposed and carried to Gillian Andrews and Rosemary Humphreys for their sterling work in producing our MINIMAG through the Pandemic and to Lucinda Stuart-Banks for all her hard work on the website etc.

There was discussion of parking problems through the Pandemic. That was referred back to the PCC.

Solos Lunches and Loaves and Fishes should start again before long. Fran will contact Mandy re catering.

(The report of the PCC meeting which followed will be included in the July magazine.)

EXMOUTH FOOD BANK

Due to the kind donations of our supporters, we currently have enough supplies of pasta, rice, tinned meat and fish and tinned soups. We would really welcome donations of:



- ❖ tinned vegetables (eg carrots, peas, sweetcorn, mushrooms)
- ❖ tinned tomatoes
- ❖ tinned fruit (eg fruit cocktail, pineapple, peaches)
- ❖ tinned rice pudding
- ❖ tins and packets of custard
- ❖ jars of pasta sauces
- ❖ cartons of long-life milk
- ❖ toilet rolls.

Donations can be left at the Co-op, Spar, Tesco and Lidl.

100 CLUB RESULTS – May 2021

May's 100 club results are as follows: £5 Jeremy Browne £10 Faith Nex-Rockey £20 Christine Channon

RMC CELEBRATION GARDEN PARTY AT THE VICARAGE



Saturday 26th JUNE at 3.30pm

Latest details will be in the Pew Sheet but Mary Leat has offered to co-ordinate the food so please contact her on 445150 maryleat@gmail.com Remember to bring something to sit on – and a bottle! And pray for sunshine!



Blanket Bonanza!!

The Square Circle knitting group is based in East Budleigh but includes members from the three parishes. They will be exhibiting the 35 – 45 blankets they have been knitting during lockdown, prior to dispatching them to Moldova, Europe's poorest country, for the winter. The blankets will be on show in All Saints Church from 10 – 5 on Saturday 26 June, so pop in to have a look on your way to the Vicarage for the RMC Garden Party.

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY – DAVID & HEATHER SHARLAND.

For well over 25 years David and Heather have been St Peter's Mission Partners, whom we have been supporting with regular prayer and modest financial support provided through the PCC's annual contribution to CMS plus some private contributions. As many will have heard already, they have now returned from Uganda and will be retiring from their work with CMS next February.

Leaving Uganda after so many years was a highly emotional wrench, particularly clearing out their old home, and leaving behind the many friends and colleagues they have worked so closely with over the years, and trying to ensure that they would be able to continue the various projects they had set in train. On the Missions notice board in church you will find a copy of their final newsletter expressing their thoughts and feelings and giving an account of their remarkably trouble-free journey home, considering all the complications of overseas travel during the pandemic. We are hoping they may be able to pay us a farewell visit in the autumn.

Their departure raises the issue of replacement Mission Partners, as St. Peter's needs an overseas link to remind us all that we are part of a world-wide Christian family. CMS can introduce us to possible new Partners, but if anyone has a connection with a relative or friend in the mission field with an established Mission Agency, who needs some additional support, perhaps you could let me know (hutchinson239@btinternet.com or 445625). The PCC will be discussing possibilities in the autumn.

John Hutchinson.

REPORT FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



Head Steve Hitchcock writes: We are halfway through the Summer term now. It has been amazing having the children back in without any changes since the last full lockdown. However, the challenges are huge. Pupils have missed 64% of normal school days in the last year, which has greatly affected their learning. Our recovery plan is based on making sure everyone is ok, meeting the children's (and families) emotional needs, and trying to catch up academically. We are doing our best to fill gaps with interventions and focussed teaching, but there aren't any extra hours in the day! Staff have been amazing, but stress levels remain high. Teachers didn't qualify for vaccinations despite being in the front line, but we're now getting more and more of the staff inoculated. Our community has been amazing, and despite all the issues, we are still going and surviving!



Mothers' Union re-starts at 2.30pm on Monday 21 June.

For more information, please contact Di Bagshawe on 443484.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday June 1st St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel at 9.30am

Saturday 16 June RMC Garden Party at the Vicarage at 3.30 pm

Sunday 27 June Solos Lunch (provisional) See Pew Sheet for details

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