

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear Friends

You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.

You could say that about numerous things this past year. Family, holidays, communal singing, proper weddings and funerals, human contact to name but a few.

One thing that is always noticeable by its absence is good old-fashioned politeness and civility. That can seem like such a trivial thing but without them life becomes course and unpleasant very quickly.

If you liken society to a machine, then politeness and common civility are the oil that lubricates all the points at which we rub up against each other. It smooths the running of the machine, that without it overheats and seizes up very quickly.

Anyone who uses any social media and reads comments left by people will know that politeness and trying to see the other person's point of view are often in very short supply. Conversations are apt to become thuggish stand offs with people metaphorically screaming at each other and rationality goes out the window. A lot of social media is becoming overheated and in danger of seizing up altogether.

The "real life" interactions of everyday life, if they are to allow everybody to flourish, depend on what can often be dismissed as trivial things like saying please and thank you, greeting people with a smile, looking people in the eye, allowing people to speak, being generally kind to each other.

Such things are not trivial at all, but essential to the smooth running of society. It would be a tragedy if the coarseness of some of social media were to bleed too far into everyday life, devaluing and undermining the wellbeing of us all.

As I say, you really don't know what you've got 'til it's gone and once something is lost it is terribly difficult to get it back.

Love and peace,

Martin

NOW YOU CAN RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY PILL CASINGS!

Every year empty medicine blister packs end up in landfills across the United Kingdom. Superdrug now has a scheme to recycle these and donation boxes will be in church near the doors from the beginning of July. We hope there will be other recycling initiatives soon. Pat and Sally Rogers. 446304

There's a SEACHANGE going on in Budleigh!

The organisation now based at the Hub is called **SEACHANGE** (www.seachangedevon.org). As Covid restrictions are lifted it is rolling out more and more activities focussing on health and wellbeing. You may already have been to the Hub for appointments previously held at the practice or Exmouth Hospital. But it is also home to other NHS and privately provided services, as well as social and voluntary groups, exercise classes and lots more. The activities are available for people living in Budleigh, Exmouth, Woodbury and the surrounding villages. Transport is available for a donation – look out for the brightly-coloured **SEACHANGE** vehicles around the town!

Services and activities include

- ❖ The Activity Club offering a choice of activities – exercise, craft, gardening, discussion and debates, with the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and share meals together
- ❖ NHS podiatry, physiotherapy (with a referral from your GP), Talkworks (an NHS talking therapy service) and Chime Audiology services
- ❖ Wildlife walks – easy to moderate walks exploring the Otter Valley and Walk and Talk – free, fun and friendly walks with three levels
- ❖ A range of exercise classes and opportunities, from core and stretch and kettlebells to table tennis and yoga, with some seated classes
- ❖ Active Minds in Budleigh, a professional service run by Atlas Care dementia specialists, offers Cognitive Stimulation Therapy sessions for anyone with dementia or memory problems
- ❖ Budleigh Buddies, an informal weekly support group for families and their under 5's so they can meet new people and share the highs and lows of parenting/caring.
- ❖ Hub Harmonies, Budleigh's new Community Choir
- ❖ A Film Club on the last Thursday of the month
- ❖ The Café run by Launchpad which trains adults with additional needs who prepare meals, bake cakes, serve customers and maintain hygiene and cleanliness standards.

All groups follow government guidelines and abide by current restrictions.

SEACHANGE is always looking for new volunteers to contribute to its community activities. It offers a variety of opportunities and always tries to accommodate an individual's skills and interests.

Wesley's Café in the Methodist Temple Hall is open again Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. It is also run by Launchpad (see above) and offers excellent coffee, cakes, a variety of hot snacks - and a warm welcome.



Hospicare Open Gardens on Sunday 4 July

The following gardens are open from 10am – 4.00pm. Entry £5 per person from your first garden.

Further details – www.hospicecarebudleigh.org

6 Moorlands Road EX9 6AG, 25 Knowle Road EX9 6AR, 24 Victoria Place EX9 6JP, 7 Cliff Terrace EX9 6JY, 15 Westfield Road EX9 6SS, Croquet Club, Westfield Close, EX9 6ST (and try your hand at Croquet!), 4b Cricket Field Lane EX9 6SY, 9 East Terrace EX9 6PG, 2 Boucher Road EX9 6HG, 23 Boucher Road EX9 6JF, 70 East Budleigh Road EX9 6EW, 23a Copp Hill Lane EX9 6DX, 6 Long Copp EX9 6DY

100 CLUB RESULTS – JUNE 2021 Winners were - £5 Mary Leat, £10 Doris Godfrey, £20 Joy Boyles

PCC Meeting following APCM on Sunday 23rd May

Christopher Briscoe was re-elected as PCC Secretary but this will be his last year. Jenny Steele was re-elected as Lay Chair and Tony Gray as Treasurer.

Treasurer's report: Tony Gray reported that due to an unexpected legacy, an increase in the value of investments and the fact that nothing had been spent on Quinquennial Works, there was a nominal surplus on the 4 months of £6,700. However, regular expenses are still well in excess of regular income so a vigorous Stewardship Campaign this year is essential. A raffle in the High St. similar to Lions appeals was suggested.

The most urgent Quinquennial Works will be put in hand shortly.

Friends of St Peter's – A new Chairperson is needed urgently.

RMC Meetings – Revd Martin said he will go back to joint RMC meetings.

Revd Karen's Resignation – A letter was read from Rev Karen expressing her sadness at leaving the parish and thanking everyone for their friendship.

Mission Partners: John Hutchinson asked us to find new mission partners following the retirement of the Sharlands.

A Difficult Day

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

A.A. Milne



NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



Due to the ongoing restrictions the school cannot hold the Summer Festival as planned on Saturday 10 July. But instead on Monday 19th July there will be a bouncy castle, music and fun for all the children in school! End of term is Wednesday 21 July. We wish everyone an enjoyable and restful break after this difficult year.

NEWS FROM EXMOUTH FOOD BANK

Good news! Over the last month we have seen a decrease in the number of people using our service. This means that for the moment things are looking up. However, we want to make sure that we continue to reach the people that really need us. We had a visit from the Budleigh Lions Club who presented a certificate of appreciation to all our volunteers for the work they had done supporting people in need during the pandemic. Thank you as always for your dedicated support.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 4 July Budleigh Hospiscare Open Gardens 10.00 - 4.00

Tuesday 6 July St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel at 9.30am

Saturday 24 July RMC Garden Party at the Vicarage at 3.30 pm

Solos Lunch Sunday 25 July 12.15 book with Fran in the office on a Friday am

SERVICES

Sundays Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am
Choral Evensong 6pm 2nd Sunday when permitted

Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30am

For services at the other RMC churches see www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk

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