

SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD. MARTIN JACQUES



Dear friends,

Frank Sinatra once sang a number called the September song where September was a metaphor for the aging process – days getting shorter, temperature getting cooler, and people taking a more reflective view of their lives.

As I contemplate the onset of my sixties (I know – a mere whippersnapper compared to some) one does naturally start to look back as quite naturally there is far more behind us than ahead of us on this mortal coil.

As we reflect, we can't help noticing that the things that really count in our lives revolve around our family and friends and we desire to fix relationships that may have gone wrong and other relationships naturally start to coalesce as age gaps cease to be as important as they once were.

My relationship with my brother for example, eight years my senior, seemed like a chasm when I was a teenager but has now melted away to being almost meaningless.

As I look back, all the scrapes I got into, all the decisions I made – both right and wrong – all the achievements I thought were important really fade into the background as the only things that matter are my relationship with my wife, my daughter, my family and my friends.

If there is a relationship that has gone south in your life but you think it may be salvageable, give that person a ring, for no other reason than to say hello and re-establish contact – for this is the real stuff that is important and lasts in our lives. As a Christian I am also bound to say that if it a long time since you have given divinity a second thought, just trying closing your eyes and addressing God consciously has to be good. No-one needs to know but you and Him.

I started with a song and I end with a song by Nat King Cole called Nature Boy. One of the lines goes like this "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return".

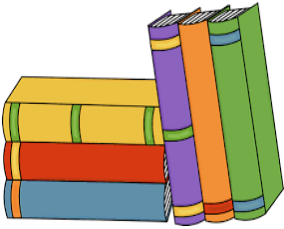
Love and prayers,

Martin

Joint RMC PCC Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 28th September when Archdeacon Andrew Bearne, Archdeacon of Exeter, will explore the 'way forward' for the RMC.

BUDLEIGH LITERARY FESTIVAL



The Festival takes place from Wednesday 15 September to Sunday 19 September. At the time of writing, tickets for Darcey Bussell, Tim Harford and Sarah Bussy have already sold out, as have tickets for the Lucia Layfield and Aardman workshops, while other tickets are selling fast. A number of events will take place in St Peter's church and all events will be run under government Covid guidance for events.



News from the Exmouth Food Bank

Dear Friends of the Exmouth Foodbank

Thank you for your generosity. Through individual supporters, local group collections and businesses, we receive approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ton of donated products each week. We currently have enough supplies for the next few months of dried pasta, rice, tinned meat, tinned soups and beans. If you are able to donate, we are in need of: Tinned Vegetables & Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Jars of Pasta Sauce and Longlife Milk

The renovations of the Salvation Army Hall are well underway. We have a new roof and ceiling and a great new office space. The walls have been painted white with a hint of lilac. The hall somehow seems bigger, but it is very dusty at the moment and full of workmen painting whilst they listen to music.

We are very excited to share the news that we shall be re-opening our doors to people once again on Tuesday 7th September. We are counting down the weeks and can't wait to welcome everyone to come and collect their food parcels in person. We will be open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm.

We have continued our service throughout the pandemic and our team of volunteer drivers have delivered parcels to the majority of those individuals and families who have asked for our support. However, we have missed the face-to-face contact and personal engagement with people, which provides us with the opportunity to refer them to supporting agencies if required.

As businesses are reopening, we have sadly lost some of our volunteers as they go back to their previous jobs. We are now looking to place our existing volunteers into some new roles as we seek to re-evaluate how we welcome and distribute parcels of food to people in the best way possible. We will have a morning of trialing this between ourselves to ensure we have the best practices in place. Thank you as always to our wonderful supporters, without YOU we would not be able to continue to help our neighbours in their time of need.

God bless you. Exmouth Food bank

Bishop of Exeter leads service honouring 100 years since the death of the founder of the Mothers' Union



Mary Sumner Day was celebrated a century after her death on Monday 9th August across the world concluding with a special Eucharist service in Exeter Cathedral. Bishop Robert discussed how he saw the transformative work of the Mothers' Union in our partner Diocese of Thika, Kenya.

Mothers' Union meetings will be re-starting on Tuesday 14 September at 2.30 in the Peter Hall. Di Bagshawe will be talking about Religions Throughout the World. All welcome. Entry £1.00

FLOWER AND HARVEST FESTIVAL



St Peter's will hold a Flower and Harvest Festival from **Wednesday 29 September – Wednesday 6 October**. It will be open daily from 11am – 5pm, except Sunday 3 October, when it opens at 12 noon. The Flower Festival is in memory of the late Janet Parrish. Donations to Cancer Research UK in her memory can be placed in the buckets provided. Entry is free and there will be free refreshments daily.

There will be Harvest Festival communion services on Sunday 3 October at 8am and 10am to which all are welcome.

RMC PARISH WALK

On Sunday Sept 12 in the afternoon, we are proposing an RMC visit to Colaton Raleigh. This would include a walk, light tea, and a short service in the interesting little church. (In no way is this competition for Martin's suggestion to walk the new Pilgrimage Way!) There are 3 possible walks along the river starting at the church – 2.5, 3.5 or 4.25 miles. Take your choice. In an ideal world there would be more walkers than tea only, but all are welcome. We **MUST** have the number of people wishing to join in for catering purposes. We aim to take all the food and drink with us. There will be lists at the back of all 3 churches for names. More details in due course. *Pat and Sally Rogers and friends*

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON GARDEN CLUB

The Club is re-starting meetings in September in a new venue – our very own Peter Hall! The first meeting will take place on Thursday 30 September at 2.30pm when Marion Dale will speak on 'Wicked Plants'. As usual there will be a welcome cup of tea and plants for sale.

Congratulations to Gillian and David Andrews who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on Thursday 2 September!



Just to remind you that we are still around and have been spending our enforced closure repainting the Playhouse and upgrading the toilets. We hope to produce Noel Coward's '**Blithe Spirit**' in early December – watch this space!

ARCHBISHOP TO OPEN NEW PILGRIMAGE ROUTE

On the morning of 18th September, the Archbishop of Canterbury will officially open the new Patteson's Way pilgrimage route in East Devon. At 12 noon a Commemorative Eucharist at Exeter Cathedral will be held for the 150th anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson on 20th September 1871. The Diocese of Exeter is linked with the Diocese of Melanesia through Patteson, a priest from Devon, who took the Good News to the islands of the Pacific. Today Christianity is flourishing across Melanesia.

100 CLUB RESULTS – AUGUST 2021

This month's winners are: £5 Fiona Hennah, £10 John Smith, £20 Malcolm Jones

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



The school Harvest Festival service will take place in church on 22nd September.

Message from George and Maggie Lisle after their Diamond Wedding Celebration

“Tis Good, Lord, to be here!” Sunday Worship was an amazing, memorable time for our family and friends. Thank you so much to everyone who made us feel so welcome- you are very special people. *George and Maggie.*

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 7th 9.30am St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 9th 12.15 Loaves and Fishes lunch, Peter Hall (443333/568732/443397)

Sunday 12th Choral Evensong 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th Literary Festival begins, ends 19 September

Thursday 16th 08.45 Men's Breakfast in the Dolphin Café

Sunday 22nd Solos Lunch 12.15 book with Fran in the office on a Friday am

Friday 24th Rendezvous 10.00am in the Peter Hall

Tuesday 28th RMC Joint PCC meeting with the Archdeacon of Exeter

Wednesday 29th Flower Festival begins 11am, ends Wednesday 6 October

Sunday 3rd October Harvest Festival

SERVICES

Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sundays Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am. Choral Evensong at 6pm on 2nd Sunday

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