

# SAINT PETER'S MINI-MAG



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MARTIN JACQUES

Dear Friends



In Spring, seeing the first daffodils in my garden emerging from seemingly nothing and then blooming into their familiar form is a sign of faith in the future coming from the natural world. It is a sign to all of us, that no matter how difficult things have been in your life, beauty and new life are always present though unseen in the winter of our lives. As it is in nature, so it is in life. When nothing seems to be present or worthwhile, love seems out of reach, and we can feel quite

depressed by our circumstances – that resembles the daffodils in the depths of winter.

But under that dark earth, where all seems lost or dead, that germ of new life is still there waiting to be fed and nurtured and burst forth into the beautiful part of creation that is each plant.

So it is with each and every one of our lives. The church of course believes in life after death, but I like to point out that Jesus also came so that we could enjoy life *before* death.

Life after death can be seen as a template for what we believe about this mortal life. We can see true resurrection in the world around us if we would only look and perceive it

There is no darkness so dark that light cannot shine forth from it. This attitude to pain and suffering, regret, betrayal, loss, or despair is unique to Christianity with its belief in the redemptive power of suffering.

The light can take a long time to shine, truth be told, but it is still there in the midst of your pain and can emerge in very different forms ranging from a greater sense of empathy and compassion to a greater love, clarity or wisdom, a certain calm and peace.

The peace of God that passes all understanding. Love and peace,

*Martin*

## Free Will Offering envelopes

I will shortly be preparing the new weekly boxes of numbered envelopes which start on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. There are still several church members who regularly use the yellow envelopes and it would be more cost effective for the Church (and easier for you) to change to the boxed sets. They do not have to be used every week. Please let me know if you would like to do this - I can also supply a standing order form for those wishing to save themselves the trouble of hunting around for cash every week! *Judith Stewart-Young*

## February 100 Club Winners

The lucky February winners are: £5 Marjorie White, £10 Faith Nex-Rockey, £20 Audrey Williams.

Fiona is happy to announce that all 100 places have been taken!

### **A seat at the Table: engaging Church Members with Science**

A goodly number of people came to church to hear from members of Exeter University one chilly evening in February. Martin opened the proceedings by saying that he sees no conflict between science and faith – which seems to be a very promising opening gambit. Following on from Rev Justin Tomkins, Professor Louise Allen (better known to us as Louise Jacques!) explained about research she is undertaking about delirium, and how to help people recover from it.

Louise has funding for a major intervention research project in this area, and she shared a draft Patient Information Sheet with us. We were encouraged to read at least part of the sheet, discuss our views with our neighbours and feed back our opinions to Louise. There was a frank and constructive question and answer session. The evening ended with participants being invited to get involved in the design and delivery of research projects. This was explained in greater detail by Annette Gillett, a member of the Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement team at Exeter University. The team can be found at [piexeter@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:piexeter@exeter.ac.uk).

### **The Flower Show is Back!**

The first Flower and Produce Show for two years will take place in the Public Hall on Saturday 19 March 12.30 – 4.00.

Why not enter a bloom from your garden, a houseplant or a cake? Or just come along and admire your friends' and neighbours' entries.

There will be plant stalls and the Gardenalia stall has tools, pots etc at bargain prices. Teas with homemade cakes round off the afternoon.

Admission 50p. Enquiries 444031.



### **Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival**

Tickets are now on sale for the Spring Weekend: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March. There is a splendid line-up of events. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall will talk about championing good food. Justin Webb, a *Today* programme presenter, will share his biography. Dr Rachel Clarke will discuss the NHS in a post Covid world and Justin Webb will interview David Olusoga about what it is like to be British and black. For more information see [www.budlitfest.org.uk](http://www.budlitfest.org.uk)

### **Salterton Drama Club**

We are presenting "The Hollow" a classic Agatha Christie murder mystery from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Playhouse with a matinee at 2.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are £12.00 and can be booked through TicketSource, our Website or the Tourist Information Centre.

*Judith Stewart-Young*

### **RMC Away-day – Saturday 12 February at All Saints Church, Sidmouth**

I attended the RMC Away Day and am so glad that I made the effort. It was a quiet day of prayer, guided meditation and reflection. The participants were welcomed by coffee on arrival and this was followed by an introductory talk by Martin. We then moved into the church for a short service which started with the hymn, 'Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here'. This hymn seemed to set the scene for the day. Returning to the hall the morning was a combination of simple but helpful spiritual exercises and our individual responses on a postcard to three questions posed by Martin to determine where we think our churches are now. After a lunch we had more very helpful spiritual exercises, including sessions of guided meditation in the church. Visualizing yourself in place of one of the characters you are drawn to in the Bible is one of the helpful tools I learnt. Then each person was again given a postcard on which to write the answers to four questions posed by Martin about the future direction of our churches. The analysis of the responses to these questions will hopefully help to indicate where God may be leading us as a Mission Community. Altogether it was a quiet day which helped me draw closer to God, and learn new ways of developing my spiritual life.

*Betty Clement*



## St Peter's school report to PCC 13th February 2022

### COVID

- Lots of COVID at school before (80+ cases) and after (78) Christmas. This is hugely disruptive and challenging.
- Some staff taking a long time to fully recover, but no one has been seriously ill.
- Despite all of this, I am very proud of how the school is continuing to be a happy and positive place, with lots of opportunities for our pupils.

### VISION

We have recently updated our school vision. Feedback on this would be appreciated:

We exist to **help our pupils grow** academically, emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually.

Our core belief is **the value of each and every person.**

As a church school, our vision is inspired by the unconditional love of God:

*'Let us love one another, for love is from God' (John 4:7)*

Our aim is for **every pupil to flourish** through our **academic, character and enrichment** curriculums in order for them to **live life in all its fullness.**

*'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)*

### CURRENT FOCUS

We are trying to be very pragmatic with our efforts this term. Having staff and pupils absent prevents us from being able to plan for very much! We are investing large sums of money into pupil catch up, but there is only so much they can handle. So, here are the three foci for this term:

#### 1: EMOTIONAL RECOVERY

- *We still have pupils struggling emotionally and socially, for many different reasons. We aim to ensure pupils are ready to learn, are well regulated and are socialising well with each other. This is why our play project and forest school is so important.*

#### 2: ACADEMIC RECOVERY

- *Our pupil attainment data suggests that some groups of pupils have really suffered as a result of the pandemic. Catch up will not happen overnight. So we are trying to make sure our teaching and interventions are filling gaps, working on small manageable steps of learning.*

#### 3: SUPPORT EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

- *Let's not forget we are still in a pandemic! Children, staff and parents are still on the edge. Before Christmas, we gave out support to around 60 pupils, which is a huge amount. Thank you to the church for continuing to provide food vouchers that I can give to families in need.*

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### Lent Course - Surprised By Generosity

This is a new seven-week Lent course looking at God's generosity to us and our call to live generously in return. It's based on the Gospel of Luke. Begins Wednesday 2 March. See pew sheet for details.

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### GOODBYE FROM GILLIAN AND ROSEMARY – and a WELCOME TO LIZZY

We have thoroughly enjoyed editing the Mini-Mag but it's time to hand over to our new Editor, Lizzy Doorbar, who will introduce herself in next month's edition. Please continue to support her as you have always supported us. Special thanks to Fran for all her help. We hope Lizzy enjoys it as much as we have done and wish her every success.

Are you looking for a mobility scooter? Brian Shackleton is selling his scooter – see notice board in church.

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30 St Peter's Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 Ash Wednesday communion service with imposition of ashes

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 Fairlynch Coffee Time Talk David Strange The Norman Lockyer Observatory. Peter Hall, talk starts 11am Cost £5 or £3 for Friends of Fairlynch

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00 Peter Hall Lent Course (see pew Sheet for sign-up information)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm Film - 'The Grand Hotel Budapest' at Seachange (The Hub) Pre-booking is essential on 446896. Cost £3 including refreshments

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer. Service in the Methodist Church at 3 pm.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 12.15 Loaves & Fishes lunch, Peter Hall. Book with Fran or Mary 443333 by 4<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 8.45am Men's Breakfast, Dolphin Café Book on 443333 at least 3 days in advance

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 12.15 Solos Lunch Book with Fran in the office on a Friday morning

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

Rendezvous Café every Friday at 10am in the Peter Hall

## SERVICES

Sundays Holy Communion at 8am and 10.00am

Choral Evensong 6pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Wednesdays Holy Communion at 9.30am

For services at the other RMC churches see [www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk)

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