



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

JANUARY 2016

A MONTHLY NEWS ROUND-UP FOR THE PARISH OF ALDBOROUGH HATCH

Services

Sunday 3rd January

Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 10th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 17th January

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 24th January

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 31st January

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 7th February

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Weekdays

The church is open for private prayer

Wednesday (10.30am to 12noon)

Wednesdays 10am: Holy Communion

**St. Peter's
Coffee Mornings
&
Bring and Buy
Sales**

Saturday 16th January

19th March

10am to 12noon

Preserves - Raffle

All are very welcome

A new dawn, a new day

In January everything looks bleak, the decorations are stored away for another year, the weather is cold and the winter bills loom heavy on the horizon.

It can be a time when we trudge, longing for signs of spring, for the hope of another summer to come. It can be a time to take stock and to make changes in your life, or perhaps a time to hibernate and enjoy a little peace after the family celebrations.

In the last few weeks I have had the experience of becoming a grandmother, which is a wonderful, joyful thing. While at the same time we hear of bad things happening far away and near, and there is much fear as we don't know what will happen next with so much hate in the world and it seems religion gets the blame for this.

It is not, however, the religious devout people who are peaceful and loving. It is the few who have no idea what their holy books say and do not follow the clear commands not to kill.

So what do we do, living in this juxtapose? What we must do is keep on following our lives' path being people of love and kindness. To keep on being people who smile and love and laugh.

For whatever anyone else thinks of us, it is not for them to make us live in fear. Let us not allow anyone to make our lives less for their own feelings of power and superiority. We must not let them win.

Jesus told us: *'Blessed are the peacemakers'*. So let us all be people of peace.

Let's welcome the New Year with a smile.

Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge



(Left) The hedge on the north side of the church has been cut back to its original height giving a clear view from across the fields.

Around the Hatch

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March 2pm
St. Peter's Church
All are welcome



Pre-Mothering Sunday Tea

St. Peter's Church Halls
Saturday 5th March
3pm to 5pm
Watch this space!
All are very welcome

St. Peter's St. George's Day Lunch

Sunday 24th April
Watch this space!

St. Peter's Organisations

Monday Club – Monday 2pm
Beaver Scouts – Monday 6.30pm
Cub Scouts – Monday 6.30pm
Scouts – Monday 8pm
Brownie Guides – Tuesday 7pm
Guides – Wednesday 7pm

Christmas Market

Grateful thanks to all who worked so hard for the Christmas Market and to those who gave their support. Some £3,429 was raised.



High winds and a frosty morning delayed the arrival of Father Christmas to the Christmas Market. When he did arrive he was warmly greeted by

Liam Bell (8) who led Father Christmas to his draughty grotto – a tent on the Green erected by the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group.



(Above) Wes Streeting MP with fellow Ward Councillor Debbie Kaur-Thiera and the Revd Kate Lovesey at the Christmas Stall – spot the two Peeping Toms!



(Above) Val Smith at the Christmas Bag Stall. These three photographs were published in the ILFORD RECORDER.

Thanks for Shoebboxes



(Above) Shoebboxes piled high in St. Peter's with (from left to right) Irene and Roger Kirby, Revd Kate Lovesey, Eddie Errington of Children in Distress and Shirley Rudge.



Eddie collected the Shoebboxes from St. Peter's in November and is seen with Roger Kirby loading the van. The Charity expressed their thanks to all those who contributed the 160 or so boxes, including boxes from a family in Beckenham, Kent, All Saints' Staplehurst, Kent and St James, Halesworth, Suffolk. We handed £397 in money from those who made up the boxes to help with transport costs to Romania – where the boxes arrived on 2nd December in good time for Christmas!

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