



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

AUGUST 2016

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

Services

Sunday 7th August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 14th August

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 21st August

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Compline

Sunday 28th August

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 4th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Blessed are the peacemakers

In recent weeks we have heard of a rise in racist attacks. I am proud to live in a multi-cultural city – there is nothing so alive and so fascinating. In June we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in which members of all races and religions fought and died for the peace that we have now. It was their gift to us and it is important that we respect their sacrifice and learn to be peacemakers.

Peacemakers are a very different kind of people. They set a guard on their tongue at all times, they think before they speak and they do not cause confrontations just for the sake of it. They don't have to give their opinion all the time, and they are able to walk away quietly and avoid a conflict when the situation calls for it, but they are also prepared to tell the truth and trust God for the outcome in order to have a peace that is worthwhile and lasting. They want *real* peace by resolving the cause of conflict. Peacemakers are prepared to put others' well-being above their own comfort level.

Imagine a mother looking out her living room window at her three-year-old son, who is riding his tricycle in the driveway. Her heart spilling over with love, she goes to the kitchen, pours a glass of lemonade and takes it out to him. After he drinks it, she picks him up and hugs him and tells him how much she loves him. A little later Mum looks back out the living room window just as a car screeches to a stop, and misses him by inches. She flies out the door, rushes into the street and picks up the boy, bike and all and she starts yelling and spanking him.

In both situations she shows her love. His mum is dealing with a life and death situation that she never wants repeated. She is saying - your well-being is far more important to me than warm fuzzy feelings. In the same way those soldiers of the Somme made the hard choice to risk all for the country and the people they loved. Let us all stand up and be people who are peacemakers. If you see someone in trouble be the one who stands with them. Let us keep our little piece of England a place where all are valued and cared for. Let's celebrate our differences and build unity and not allow any division.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Because when you are truly working for peace you are following in the footsteps of Jesus himself.

Rev'd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge

36th Flower Festival success

Brush up your Shakespeare was the theme of June's Festival. Joining regular entertainers on the Green this year were students and a former student from Oaks Park High School.



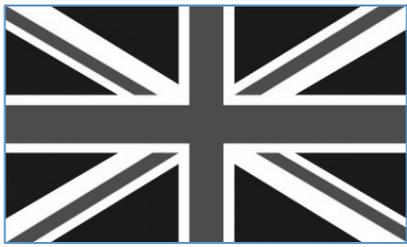
(Above) The window depicting Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*

A gift of food does more than just fill empty stomachs!

Today in Redbridge there are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill – can mean going hungry. Every day parents skip meals to feed their children and people are forced to choose between paying the rent and eating. Redbridge Foodbank provides food and support to local people in crisis. But not only that. Food banks help to prevent family breakdown, housing loss, crime and mental health problems. They take time to listen and to help people to find further support.

St. Peter's is a collection point for food. Please bring food stuffs to church on Sundays or on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am and 12noon – or telephone Shirley Rudge on 020 8590 5882. Foods needed include fruit juice (cartons), soup, pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereals, rice pudding (tinned) tea bags, instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice, pasta, tinned meat/fish, jam, biscuits, snack bars.

Around the Hatch



Afternoon Tea to
Celebrate

The Queen's 90th Birthday

Teatime in the 50s and 60s

20th August- 3pm to 5.30pm

Tickets: £8 adults,
£4 children (5 to 11), under 5
free Please book with

Jenefer Allen – 020 8599 8738

Chris Kerrison – 020 8599 4368

Garden

Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale

Saturday 6th August

10am to 12 noon

at 37 Spearpoint Gardens
Aldborough Road North



Sit in the garden, search for Socks, watch
out for the squirrels, sit in the
summerhouse (shed-with-the-overhang),
wonder at the wildflower meadow, smile!

**Raising funds for
The Children's Society**

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

Harvest Supper

Saturday 24th September
7pm for 7.30pm

*Shepherd's Pie, mixed vegetables,
apple pie and custard*

Tickets £8 from Shirley Rudge
(TEL: 020 8590 5882)

Future events

Coffee Mornings & Bring and Buy

Sales: 17th September - 5th November

Beetle Drive: 22nd October

Christmas Market: 19th November

Church Parade at St. Peter's



Last month a Service was held at St. Peter's to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and the 70th Anniversary of the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group – attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Redbridge and their Consorts, Mike Gapes MP, Wes Streeting MP and representatives of the Royal British Legion.

The following extracts are from the tribute to the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group given at the service.

Seventy years ago!

St. Peter's church magazines record that the Scout Group was formed in the early 1930s, but in 1939 – when many young men went to war – the Scouts closed.

Seventy years ago – in 1946 – Archie Titmarsh was Lay Reader - not that anyone called him that for he was known as Mr T – as he is remembered to this day in the plaque on the bench near the church porch – although the Diocese would not permit us to use Mr T on the plaque on the Reader's desk!

In 1946 Mr T called the choir boys together – Bob and Ken George, Tony Matthews, Jimmy Willis, Brian Brett – and asked them if they wanted to be Scouts or Boys Brigade. They opted to be Scouts – and the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group was reformed.

Now you may have noticed that I was not one of the choir boys who became Scouts. And there is a reason for this. In 1940 my big brother was a Sixer in the 2nd Seven Kings at St. John's Church.

The Cubs met on Saturday mornings as the Blitz was raging in the skies in the evenings and at night.

My big brother took me to join the Cubs. I was invested but six months later the Cub Scout Leader discovered that I was only seven and you had to be eight to join the Cubs – so he told me to leave and come back when I was eight.

I decided that the Scouts were not for me and no way would I go back!

At eleven I wanted to join a choir for I had a bad stammer – but I could sing. Mr Jones, the choirmaster at St. John's told me that I was too old at eleven as you had to be eight to join his choir. So I walked to St. Peter's – and have been here ever since.

I was too young at seven - too old at eleven! It is a wonder that I ever recovered! But the Scouts went from strength to strength without me!

Mr T became Cub Scout Leader. Mr Watts was Group Scout Leader and later this role was taken by Alf Wilderspin, the father of Clive, who also became a Scout Leader later and who took a major part with Ann in this year's Flower Festival.

One Scouter was an East End cockney lad – known as Bosun - who bellowed at the Scouts with a few choice words thrown in. He would tell the new Scouts at their investiture that: 'Youze folds yer scarf and youze hiron hit hup and youze hiron hit dan'.

In 1953 – fresh from national service and now a server – Mr T asked me to help him with the Cubs. Because I had been in the army he thought I would know how to read a map, so I taught the Cubs map reading. It will be one evening a week, he assured me – and how many have heard that!

A year later Mr T became Group Scout Leader and I became Cub Scout Leader.

My first Whitsun Cub Camp was in Woodford in 1955. Twenty 9-and-10-year-old Cubs met here at the church on Saturday morning. They each carried their kit bag to the 66 bus stop.

We changed to the 145 at Gants Hill and then walked through Epping Forest to the camp site – each boy still carrying his own kit bag.

That would not happen today! But in 1955 only one parent of those 20 Cubs had a car – and he was a plumber living in Whites Avenue. RJ
(To be continued next month)

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