



ST. PETER'S CHURCH NOVEMBER 2016

BROADSHEET

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

Services

Sunday 6th November

Third Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November

*Second Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday*

8am Holy Communion
10.45am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 20th November

*Next Sunday before Advent
Christ the King*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th November

Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 4th December

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Anyone for singing?

When I was at school I was put in the choir. I was not asked; I was put. At first I was not that happy about it, but as I learned and sang I started to enjoy it. Parents watching applauded our efforts, although I am sure they were not that great, to renditions from the *Jungle Book* for assembly to carols at Christmas.

I know it's a bit early to think of Christmas, but I wonder if you come and sing carols with us at some point as part of what makes Christmas special. It's a lovely time as we hear the carols and sing along; it brings back to us the spirit of what Christmas is about. This year we have a problem in that we are getting fewer singers in our choir, the ones we have are enthusiastic and good, but choir by its nature is better with more and many. If you would like to join us to sing in the Choir, then we would love to meet you. Send us an email or 'phone and give us your contact details. We can then let you know when and where practices and carol services will be. Or you could just start by coming along to church and introduce yourself or come carol singing round the neighbourhood at Christmas. If you are hiding your light in the pews, then come and sing with us.

If you read the anecdotes below you will see there is also a lot of fun and laughter involved in it. **Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge** *A church member, whose voice broke first in 1949 and again 12 years or so ago, recalls St. Peter's choir outings of the 1940s. A dozen boys - the men stayed home - caught a steam train from Newbury Park to Ilford, then to Southend-On-Sea. The Revd Joseph Byng (called Joey, by his wife) found these events tiresome, but Mrs Byng reveled in encouraging the naughty boys in her carriage to fire their pea shooters at passengers on the platforms of the stations as the train rumbled away (Mrs Byng provided the dried peas!).*

One Thursday evening the boys were waiting for Mr Butler, the choirmaster, to arrive. Brian told new chorister Jimmy that if he broke the glass in the fire alarm outside the halls, sweets would flow. Mr Butler arrived on his bike as the alarm went off. Hymns were sung non-stop for an hour. The firemen looked into the church to see angelic faces who could not possibly have set the alarm off, how could they?



Christmas Concert

A London Christmas



Saturday
17th December
See overleaf!

Christmas Market and Nativity Set Exhibition

Saturday 19th November

St. Peter's
**Christmas
Market**



**Saturday
19th November**

**10am to 4pm
Grand Draw**

First Prize:

£125 one4All gift vouchers

Second Prize:

Luxury Hamper

Third Prize:

Half case of selected wines.

plus many other prizes

Christmas Goods, Craft,

Home-made Cakes and Preserves,

Christmas Cards and Notelets,

Toys, Refreshments

Do not miss the unique

**Exhibition of
Nativity Sets
in the Church**



Do you have a Nativity Set?

Would you be prepared to loan it to

us for the exhibition? Contact

Shirley Rudge on 020 8590 5882

**Father Christmas in
his Grotto
From 12noon to 2pm**



**Christmas
Shoebox
Appeal**

Shoeboxes will be collected in the first week in November. Please bring your shoebox to church or

contact Ron Jeffries. Leaflets in church or from Ron Jeffries (TEL: 020 8599 7250)

**Christmas Concert
A London
Christmas**



**Saturday
17th December
7pm for 7.30pm
in the Church**

A Christmas concert of festive songs and readings for all the family by members of St. Peter's and Ilford Operatic and Dramatic Society

**Tickets £10 – including seasonal refreshments – from Shirley Rudge (020 8590 5882)
A Christmas Treat for all the family**

**Coffee Morning and
Bring & Buy Sale
Saturday 5th November
in the Church Halls
10am to 12noon
Preserves – Bric-a-Brac**

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

**Cuckoo Hall
Orchard restoration
takes off!**



The first apples were harvested in September from the Cuckoo Hall Orchard at the Dick Turpin after restoration work in the summer led by the Orchard Project (with National Lottery Funding) and the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association.



Now that the main work of clearance has been completed, the 1st Aldborough Hatch Guides are involved. An introductory evening was led by Stephanie Irvine of the Orchard Project (above) during which the Guides visited the orchard in the dark! The Guides will be helping by mulching bark around the apple trees to keep the weeds down and encourage growth.



The building of Cuckoo Hall (which is 18th Century and Locally Listed) is in a dilapidated state after years of neglect. It is hoped that repairs will be carried out by Redbridge Council who own the land.

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