



ST. PETER'S CHURCH BROADSHEET

JUNE 2017

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

Services

Sunday 4th June

Pentecost – Whit Sunday

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

Sunday 11th June

Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 18th June

First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th June

*Second Sunday after Trinity
Flower Festival Weekend*

9am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd July

Third 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

St Peter's Flower Festival 2017

Theme: Tell us a story - Favourite children's books

Saturday 24th June

Church open from 10am to 6pm **Craft Market** open from 10am to 5pm
Refreshments available from 10am to 5pm (including hot and cold drinks, salad lunches, strawberries and cream teas)

The Barnabas Band on the Green at 12noon

'**Bells Aloud**' Bellringers from St Margaret's Barking on the Green at 2pm

Choral Music Combined choirs of local churches will give a recital in Church at 3pm

The Palmerstone Dancers on the Green at 4pm

Service of Compline in the Church at 6pm

Sunday 25th June

Service of Holy Communion in the Church at 9am

Church open from 10am to 5pm **Craft Market** open from 10am to 5pm

Refreshments available from 10am to 4.30pm

Music on the Green – Player(s) to be announced – 11am to 1pm

Naomi Hinds (Pete Cried Wolf) local singer-songwriter performs a unique type of folk songs on the Green at 1pm

The Palmerstone Dancers on the Green at 2pm

Choral Music Combined choirs of local churches will give a recital in Church at 3pm

Monday 26th June

Church open from 10am to 6pm

The fun of stories

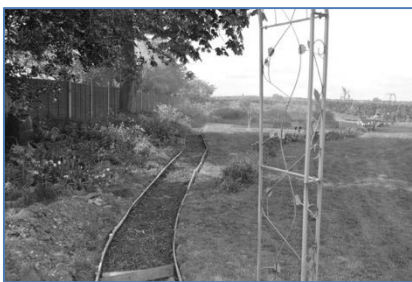
Children's story writer Allan Ahlberg wrote a tale about two boys and their dad. "Tell us a story Dad," they said. In the story Dad tells mini-stories all rejected by the little boys. "Tell us a better one instead." So, Dad tells them the story of a cat who ate too much and split his fur. "Too mad," is the boys' verdict. Next, Dad tells them the story of a horse who ate too much and died. "Too sad," say the little boys, who are looking wider and wider awake while Dad looks increasingly exhausted.

His final story is of a cow who ate too much and wins cups for the creamiest milk and loudest moo. At this point, Dad falls asleep and the little boys creep downstairs and demand a story from their Mum instead! We all love stories, in books and in film and those read to us while sitting cross-legged on the classroom floor. Maybe, if we are lucky, we remember a parent who liked to read to us and with them we learned to journey into foreign lands and escape into other worlds. We learned lessons from the characters about how to live and how not to live. We laughed and cried with them, we went to sleep listening to them.

Jesus told stories to his disciples we call them parables and they were often very short like this one: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches." Matthew 13: 31-32.

When we look at a mustard seed it is a small speck of black and yet in the Middle East they can grow to be as tall as a man; it gives us something to think about; it creates a picture of something that will grow from almost nothing.

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Visit the new garden (above) at the far end of the churchyard (see overleaf).



(Above) The preliminary work on the Green – see overleaf.

Around the Hatch

(continued) Jesus is describing something we cannot see and cannot quantify but because our life together is built on love even the smallest gesture of kindness can make a difference.

Our Flower Festival is celebrating children's books. As you walk around I hope that you soak up not only the beauty of the flowers but also remember the fun of the stories and the people who read to you. Give thanks for those who loved us and taught us - and remember that Jesus left those stories to remind us that we have been loved since the creation of the world.

Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge

Community Memorial Garden



Work progressed throughout the year on the new community garden at the far end of the churchyard. We were fortunate in receiving a grant of £10,000 from Tesco's 'Bags of Hope' Scheme. This enabled us to renew and extend the paving around the Millennium Memorial Wall, purchase shrubs and plants, and refresh the wildflower bank.

The photograph (above) was taken shortly after the paving was renewed - take a walk to see the planting that has now taken place! The grant will also fund the making of a mosaic as a centrepiece of the garden - with the design of St. Peter's keys. There will be a training session on Saturday 15th July and the mosaic will be made over the weekend Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd July. A flyer is being distributed at the Flower Festival this month - volunteers are warmly invited to join us in making the mosaic and in working in the garden too. For details please contact Kristy Leach (Tel: 020 590 6628).

Future Events

Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale
Saturday 15th July
Summer Lunch
Sunday 13th August



The Green re-turfed!

The re-turfed Green will be in use for the first time at a public event at the Flower Festival. Work carried out in April involved installing drainage trenches and pipes, ballast and a membrane below the new turf.

St. Peter's Flower Festival Fund-raising Events

Raising money to buy the flowers

Spring Quiz



St. Peter's Church Halls Saturday 3rd June

7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £8 including a mixed platter from

Jenifer Allen

(020 8599 8738) or

Linda Wright

(020 8590 7248)

Thursford Christmas Show

Five years ago we had a trip to *The Thursford Christmas Spectacular* in Norfolk. Some may recall what a splendid time we had. We have managed to get 40 tickets for the matinee on 7th December 2017. A coach has been booked. Finer details and times will be arranged later. The trip, including the show, coach and driver's tip is £60. If you would like to book on this trip, or discuss it in more detail, please contact Shirley Rudge (TEL: 020 8590 5882) or Chris Poole (020 8514 5764).

Cheques payable to St Peter's Church. We are aware that it is a lot of money to pay in one go so we will be happy for you to pay a little at a time to either of us. We would like the full amount to be paid by 1st November. **Shirley Rudge**



May Day Fête

success

On a day when sunshine alternated with downpours of rain, the crowds filled the church halls. Home-made cakes and preserves, and bedding plants were ever popular.

The Bric-a-Brac stall was filled to overflowing, while the new gifts had some bargains. Tombola, the raffle, books, jig-saws and refreshments were ever popular. Thanks to all who worked for the event and who supported the day.

We raised over £1,200.

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

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