



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

OCTOBER 2017

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

Services

Sunday 1st October

*Sixteenth Sunday after
Trinity*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 7th October

*Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 15th October

*Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity*

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

Sunday 22nd October

*Nineteenth Sunday after
Trinity*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 29th October

Last after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 5th November

*Fourth before Advent
All Saints*

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

One step at a time

What do you do as the weather turns? Do you try to make the best of every fine day and pretend the summer is not over? Or do you return to your favourite things to do in winter? I must admit I like to watch old movies on the television, preferably with a fire lit and a cup of tea or a glass of wine, depending on the day.

One of the themes often in films is that we have to let go of the past to find space for other things in the future. I would say that we should embrace the things from our past that make us strong and let go of the things that hold us back. Easier said than done, I hear you say. It's scary to let go our patterns that keep us safe from harm, especially if that has been great harm. The Bible gives us this same advice: *"Let us throw off everything that hinders . . . and run with perseverance the race marked out for us"* (Hebrews, Chapter 12, verse 1). Practically, how do we do this?

We have to decide what we want and figure out the first step. Just one small step towards our goal. All those excuses you can now think of not to do it. Make a list then get ready to cross them off one at a time. When I was first a Christian I found a prayer on a picture and back then I had no way of taking it with me. The prayer read: *'Show me the stairway I have to climb, teach me to take one step at a time.'* We can only take one step, one day at a time. To make a better past all we need to do is the best we can with today. Take that step.

Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge



The mosaic is now in place in the Community Memorial Garden at the far end of the churchyard. The finished work (above) was grouted at the end of August.

As we go to press the paving has yet to be installed. There is a small wicket gate on Oaks Lane near the Memorial Wall, making access easier.

Many members of St. Peter's and local residents took part over the summer months in the making of the mosaic under Sharon Lindsey's expert tuition. The design features the crossed keys of St. Peter (Jesus gave His Disciple Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven) and fish (for Peter was a fisherman by trade and was sent by Jesus to be a fisher of men). Please take time to enjoy!

St Peter's Rummage Sale

Saturday 14th October
2pm to 4pm
in the church halls

Around the Hatch

New Hatchers!

In the swinging Sixties and the shocking Seventies a group of people got together in the Hatch and raised money for the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group.

They were a group of like-minded friends whose children were or had been members of the Scout Group and who fund-raised and had a good time whilst doing it. They were so successful the Headquarters building you see there today was built, which at the time was a vast improvement on the crumbling old cottage which stood on the site previously, a minibus followed and the Group became probably the best equipped in the District. Well a few people who were recipients of those fund-raising efforts have decided they'd like to relaunch the Hatchers, have some fun and raise some money at the same time for the Scout Group. To that end they'd like to invite people to attend an evening event in the Church Hall on Friday 6th October. During the evening we will aim to get the ball rolling for our first fund-raising event, so all ideas and new members will be very welcome. There will be refreshments thrown in with maybe just a little tippie in the Dick Turpin afterwards! (just for old times' sake). If you'd like more information you can contact them at info@newhatchers.co.uk or just turn up on the night from 8pm. All are welcome!

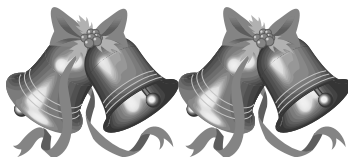
Ground cover plants needed!

We need ground cover plants for the Community Memorial Garden to keep it as low maintenance as possible – plants such as Hebes, Heather, Epicedium, Erigeron, Ornamental Grasses and Ajuga. If you have any in your garden that you could spare please bring them into the Church or ring Kristy Leach on 07919144704.

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

St. Peter's Christmas Market



**Saturday
18th November**

10am to 4pm

Grand Draw

First Prize:

£125 John Lewis Voucher

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

Saturday 10am to 4pm

Sunday 11.30am to 6.30pm



*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

Let's get planting *again!*

For the past two years we have planted bulbs in October and enjoyed the glory of the Spring on the pathway from Aldborough Road North to the Church Porch and round the rose beds. Planting will again take place on Saturday 7th October from 10am to 12noon. We would be pleased to welcome friends who wish to join us. You may wish to bring your own bulbs (Teté à Teté Narcissus - Daffodil to you and me – Snowdrops, Crocus and Miniature Tulips, but not the tall varieties as they blow over in the wind) or make a donation to enable us to purchase - donations may be handed to Michael Borrott, Hon. Treasurer (TEL: 020 8590 9452).

Let's make next spring even more wonderful than recent years!



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again this year we are taking part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal – *Love in a Box* - with Children in Distress, the charity founded in 1990 to care for children in Eastern Europe. The shoe boxes, containing gifts for a boy, girl, adult or family overseas who would not otherwise receive any presents at Christmas, will be collected for despatch in the first week in November. Leaflets are available in church or from Ron Jeffries (020 8599 7250). In recent years we have sent over 100 Christmas shoeboxes in time for the Festive Season for families who had no other presents. We are pleased that friends locally joined with us. **Boxes will be needed by the end of October at the latest.**

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