



ST. PETER'S CHURCH DECEMBER 2017

BROADSHEET

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

Services

Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 10th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 17th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service with Carols
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Sunday 24th December

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service with Carols
4pm Christingle/Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion



Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion

Sunday 31st December

First Sunday after Christmas

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion with Carols

Sunday 7th January

Second Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Weekdays

The church is open for private prayer
Wednesday (10.30am to 12noon)
Wednesdays 10am: Holy Communion



Christmas at St Peter's



Saturday 16th December

Christmas Concert – Steve Geller's Christmas Cracker
7pm for 7.30pm - *A family evening for the festive season*
Tickets £8 from Jenefer Allen TEL: 020 8599 8738

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Family Service with Carols
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 22nd December

6.30pm Carols around the Christmas Tree

Come and listen to the choir around the Christmas Tree and wave them off to sing around the Hatch - and join them if you like. Messy Church crafts and activities
Seasonal Refreshments – Raising funds for Haven House Children's Hospice

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

10.30am Family Service with Carols
4pm Christingle/Crib Service in aid of The Children's Society
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion

Sunday 31st December – New Year's Eve

10.30am Holy Communion with Carols (No evening service)

Christmas is coming . . .

*Christmas is coming,
The geese are getting fat,
Please put a penny
In the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny,
A ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny,
Then God bless you*

It's an old nursery rhyme - I always remember the first half. It has the anticipation of something nice at Christmas. A meal with family or friends and so much more than just the mass of food, which would probably feed the five thousand without the need for miracles.

I love Christmas and all that goes with it. The lights around the neighbourhood on the houses that make me smile. The cards from people I care about around the country waving hello and sending you good wishes and prayers. The generosity of people, and the way that saying 'Happy Christmas' makes people smile.

But it was not always so for in my childhood Christmas was not good. Having alcoholics as parents meant it was more something to survive than enjoy. They bought a bit more food than usual, but I always had to rescue Christmas dinner which Mum would prepare but later was not sober enough to stop it burning or do the vegetables – even the canned ones. So it was me and my brother who ate alone.

And so I know that Christmas is not an easy time for many. It's very important that we remember to be charitable, too, if we are lucky enough to have a little extra.

At St Peter's we collect for the Redbridge Foodbank and they always have need of extra food at Christmas. If you would like to give to that, the church is open Wednesday mornings and Sundays. You can leave it at the Vicarage too. There is often someone around. Whatever you are doing around

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Around the Hatch

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Christmas time, remember that you get to make your own Christmas traditions and make it a time special for you. I hope it may be a time of blessing for you and your family.

We hope to see you at St. Peter's. God Bless. **Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge**

St. Peter's Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale

Saturday 9th December

10am to 12noon

Bric-a-Brac – Preserves Raffle



Christmas joy for those who have nothing

Again this year St. Peter's was a collecting point for the 'Love in a Box' Christmas Appeal. One hundred and two shoeboxes packed with sweets, toys, toiletries, warm gloves, scarves and hats and decorated with Christmas wrapping paper were collected from the church on Thursday 9th November. Forty of the boxes came from the church of St James in Halesworth, Suffolk, whilst the remaining 62 were made up by members of St. Peter's and their friends. The Children in Distress 'Love in a Box' Scheme gives some 6,000 children and adults in Eastern Europe who would otherwise have nothing a present at Christmas. St. Peter's has been involved in 'Love in a Box' from the beginning for it was started by the Reverend Dr John Walmsley at St. Laurence, Barkingside. Today the charity has its UK base in Glasgow and still cares for children of all races and religions in Eastern Europe – with the aims: *to cure, sometimes; to help, often; to comfort, always.*
Grateful thanks to all who took part.

St. Peter's
Winter Lunch
Sunday 28th January 2018
Three courses
with wine or fruit juice
Tickets £13.50 from
Jenefer Allen (020 8599 8738)

Christmas Concert Steve Geller's Christmas Cracker



*A family evening for the
Festive Season*

Saturday

16th December

7pm for 7.30pm

St. Peter's Church Halls

**Tickets £8 including festive
refreshments from:**

Jenefer Allen (020 8599 8738)

Steve is one of the UK's most sought-after speciality acts, celebrating more than 35 years in show business with his unique blend of comedy and music – sparkling virtuosity and charming humour combined with great songs. He appears in 'The Good Old Days' at The City Varieties, Leeds, and with The Player's Music Hall Company at the Charing Cross Theatre, whilst he has travelled the world entertaining on Cruise liners. A member of the Grand Order of Water Rats, he has appeared before the Royal Family.

Smile!

The following are said to be extracts from letters of application received by the Milk Office and the Pensions Office for free milk. True or not, they will bring a smile at the end of the year and some appear in the recording by Gerard Hoffnung speaking at the Oxford Union in 1958 (and I have the CD to prove it!).

Please send me a form for cheap milk as I am expecting mother.

Please send me a form for the supply of milk for having children at reduced prices.

Please send me a form for cheap milk. I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a friend told me.

I intended coming to the milk office but I have fifteen children.

I have one child nearly two years old and am looking forward to an increase in November. Hoping this meets with your approval.

I have a baby two months old, fed entirely on cows, and another four months old.

I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?

This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?

My friend has no clothes and I have had none for a year, but the clergy have been visiting us here.

In reply to your letter, I have cohabited with your officers so far without result.

Unless I get my husband's money, I shall have to love an immortal life.

I am sending my marriage lines and six children. I have seven and one died which was baptised on half a sheet of notepaper by the Revd Thomas.

In answer to your letter, I have given birth to ten children. Is this satisfactory?

You have changed my little boy into a girl. Will it make any difference?

I have no children as my husband is a bus driver and works all night and day.

In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

I want my money as soon as you can send it. I have been in bed with the doctor for a week and he does not seem to be doing me any good. If this does not improve I shall have to get another doctor.

St. Peter's Organisations

Monday Club – Monday 2pm

Beaver Scouts – Monday 6.30pm

Cub Scouts – Monday 6.30pm

Scouts – Monday 8pm

Guides – Wednesday 7pm

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