



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

FEBRUARY 2018

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

Services

Sunday 4th February

Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 11th February

Sunday next before Lent

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

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February

First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 25th February

Second Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 4th March

Third Sunday of Lent

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

The church is open for private prayer

Wednesday (10.30am to 12noon)

Wednesdays

10am: Holy Communion

St Peter's Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday 10th
February

10am to 12noon

Bric-a-Brac, Preserves

All are welcome

Ashes and Valentines

This month we have the beginning of Lent and our usual start to Lent is on Wednesday 14th February. So, I puzzled for a bit. That on the day we, as a church, are putting ashes on our heads and remembering our sin to be worked upon during Lent by our chosen fast, whatever you may choose, it seems in juxtapose with St Valentine's Day's celebrations of love and romance.

Difficult to do both at the same time, but then if you are unlucky enough to be single on this day maybe ashes will be easier than sharing in a day where the married are celebrated and the new love is transformed.

There are more proposals on this day than any other of the year. As a single person of many years, I sometimes struggle with this day of sales for lovers. Over the years I have learned to treat myself. I am usually amused by the stream of traffic caused by the men who at the last moment have rushed to Sainsbury's to buy the essential gift to take to their significant other.

It is, of course, not such an opposing thing as ashes are at their core a sign of love for God and his ways. Look at the Lord's Prayer, which asks of us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Perhaps it is fitting that we come to care for ourselves and our relationship with God. For learning to love ourselves is one of those difficult things few manage.

So perhaps this month let us focus on the beginning of Lent and the discipline of loving our neighbours and ourselves. If you are lucky enough to be in a loving relationship then be blessed and be kind and appreciative of each other, but don't forget to care for yourself too.

Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge

Tea and Talk

Tracy Mackness of Giggly Pig Sausages

Saturday 24th February 2018

2pm for 2.15 pm prompt start

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



The Giggly Pig Company attend farmers' markets across South East England.

Based on their own farm in nearby Romford, all their pigs are rare breed saddleback pigs.

*See Website:
gigglypig.co.uk*

Around the Hatch

Pre-Mothering Sunday Tea

Saturday 10th March - 3pm

Tickets £8 from Jenefer Allen

TEL: 020 8599 8738



Will you be hungry this year? Thousands in Redbridge will!

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.

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.



The first significant snow in Aldborough Hatch since 2010 came on Sunday 10th December. Photograph: Revd Kate Lovesey.

Lent Course

The Lent Course 2018 will be held at 11.15am at the Vicarage on five Wednesdays – 21st and 28th February, and the 7th, 14th and 21st March.

Easter Lilies

This scheme continues to run and is as popular as ever. The names of departed loved ones are displayed on the altar from Easter to Whitsun.

The minimum subscription is still £1 per name. The money is used to decorate the Church with lilies and daffodils at Easter. Any money in excess enables us to decorate the Church throughout the year with fresh flowers. If you would like to participate in this scheme please contact Shirley Rudge (TEL: 020 8590 5882).

If you have taken part recently you will receive a letter in February.

Closing date for donations and names (please write clearly) is Friday 16th March. If you would like information regarding the Memorial Book and the Year's Mind Book please contact Shirley.

St Peter's Monday Club

New members are welcome. We meet every Monday except Bank Holidays in the church halls from 2pm to 4pm. Adults with time on their hands are welcome for tea, chat, games, activities, speakers, afternoon tea, club trips. £1 a week with free raffle.

Women's
World Day of Prayer
Friday 2nd March at 2pm
St Teresa's Church
Newbury Park

St. Peter's Organisations

Monday Club – Monday 2pm
Beaver Scouts – Monday 6.30pm
Cub Scouts – Monday 6.30pm
Scouts – Monday 8pm
Guides – Wednesday 7pm

How it all began!

Have you wondered how long the BROADSHEET has been in this two-sides-of-A4 format? Here's how!

In the summer of 1980, the Revd Bill Barnes invited me to edit the Parish Magazine – an occasional publication which the Revd Barnes produced as and when he felt like it. The magazine was of eight or 12 pages, run off on a duplicator and came out perhaps four or so times a year. I offered to edit a monthly newsletter of two sides of A4 paper. "Not enough," said the Revd Barnes. "It must be at least twelve pages." But I stuck to my guns, for I was convinced few would read more than two sides of A4. "Make it eight pages," said the Revd Barnes. "Two sides of A4 or nothing!" said I. "Four pages," pleaded the Revd Barnes. "Two sides of A4," said I with a glint in my eye as I sensed victory.

"Right," cried the Revd Barnes, "but it will never last and I insist that you have a Committee to guide you." The

Committee met once, but I never called another meeting! The first issue appeared in September 1980. Packed with exciting news items, we read that Pat Hicks was looking for volunteers to pot attractive plants for the Bazaar, whilst readers were invited to "save your wool and your number nines for a knitting event in January". The October 1980 issue carried the first of many articles written under the pseudonym Tailcorn (Shirley Rudge in case you did not know!) with the opening paragraph: "It is with some sadness that I watched the men cut the corn for the last time on the field designated for gravel. . . ." I have copies of every issue in two ring binders and three folders. As editor, I have had three members of St. Peter's organising the local distribution to homes in the parish – Una Paul, Yvonne and today Glenn Harvey – numerous good folk posting copies through letterboxes, whilst six incumbents have written the leading articles over those 37 years. And today we email copies to over 300 addresses around the world! And, what's more, it has lasted! **RJ**

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