



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

APRIL 2018

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

Services

Sunday 1st April

Easter Day

- 7.30am Easter Vigil and
Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th April

Second Sunday of Easter

- 8am Matins
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 15th April

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 22nd April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 29th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 6th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

- 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 and Buy Sale

Saturday 14th April

10am to 12noon

All are very welcome

Bric-a-brac, preserves

Jokes in the Bible

The last time Easter fell on April Fools' Day was in 1956. Due to the quirks involved in dating Easter against the Gregorian calendar, the two coincide only intermittently. After 2018, the next one is 2029, and then again in 2040—but after that, not again in this Century. April Fools' Day is not significant in Christianity, but it is the perfect excuse to talk about jokes in the Bible.

Are there any jokes in the bible? Well there certainly are some funny moments. There is a talking donkey. A moment when a prophet gets so annoyed with some teenagers that he calls down wild bears from the forest to have his revenge. A bit harsh for calling someone bald. Jesus, too, has a moment where he tells his disciples to go fishing to catch a fish which has swallowed some money which will cover their taxes. I wonder how foolish the disciples felt as they went to get in the boat to go fishing? What went through their minds as they considered the chances of catching this fish? I can hear Spock saying: *'The chances of successfully finding this fish are 0.833589375 Captain'*. They must have been very surprised when this fish was caught and the taxes paid. The fear of being arrested by the Romans was over at least for that day. In the Bible it says . . . *"but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong"* (1 Corinthians, Chapter 1, vv27)

In a world where faith is seldom valued and more and more persecuted we do look foolish to a lot of people. For following an invisible God and allowing that to shape our lives, to forgive the unforgivable and to celebrate the impossibilities of a man raised from the dead. But is it more foolish to follow a pattern of belief which encourages us to be thoughtful, generous and loving people? To help the poor, the blind and the lame? That may look like foolishness to us, but it is the wisdom of a loving and kind God.

Have a wonderful Easter Break and enjoy the chocolate. God Bless
Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge

The Great British Spring Clean in Aldborough Hatch

in conjunction with Redbridge Council

Saturday 31st March – Meet at the Church Halls at 10am

Litter pickers and refuse bags provided – please wear gloves

*All welcome – help St. Peter's and the Aldborough Hatch Defence
Association clear rubbish from the ditches, shrubberies, footpaths and
roads. Keep Aldborough Hatch tidy and litter free!*



St. Peter's May Day Fête

St. Peter's Church Halls and Grounds

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

2pm to 4.30pm - *Admission Free*

Bedding Plants – Tombola – Raffle – Books
Preserves – Home-made Cakes – Refreshments

Around the Hatch

St. Peter's Community Memorial Garden Workday Saturday 21st April



We had to cancel the March workday due to the heavy fall of snow. The next workday is on 21st April from 10am to prepare the new garden for a brilliant summer. Much needs to be done to remove the debris of winter, plant up both the beds and the raised beds, and sow the wildflowers that will bring colour and fragrance for all to enjoy. Lunch provided. See you there!

Saturday workdays will take place on the third Saturday in every month - excluding August and December. Thus the dates will be 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 15th September, 20th October and a date in November to be announced.

We regret to announce that the First-ever Aldborough Hatch Extreme Ironing Championships scheduled for the Flower Festival in June will not take place – due to the fact that there were no entrants. Keep ironing those tea towels!

St. Peter's Organisations

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

Women's World Day of Prayer

This Service had to be cancelled at St. Peter's on Friday 2nd March due to the bad weather. It was the same with the Service in the North Ilford Fellowship of Churches. Services will now be held on Friday 13th April at 2pm and 7.30pm at Barkingside Methodist Church, Fremantle Road, IG6 2AZ led by Fr Michael Bradley from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Hainault, followed by light refreshments. *All are very welcome.*

St. Peter's
Quiz Night
Saturday 12th May
7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets £10
from Linda Wright
(TEL: 020 8590 7248)
to include mixed platter

St. Peter's
Flower Festival
Saturday 23rd to Monday
25th June 2018
*Theme: London Livery
Trades and Professions*

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 Chapel of St. James, Little Heath

In 1862 Major George E. Ibbetson built the Chapel of St. James behind his residence at Little Heath House, Little Heath, on the corner where today the A12 meets Hainault Road. Never consecrated, it was opened on 2nd August 1862 – some six months after St. Peter's was consecrated (6th March 1862). Demolished in 1933, the brass processional cross, the two chairs and the wooden panelling in the sanctuary have been preserved at St. Peter's.



This postcard (above) of the Chapel (circa 1920) places it immediately next to the two houses that are there to this day – on the A12 where the bus stop stands. Today's A12 was a cart track at that time. Former Churchwarden Derek Smith has sent me a paper, written by R. D. Axford in August 1983, which reveals that the Chapel was brick built with stone mouldings with a tower housing five bells, transepts, nave, chancel and porch, the chancel being divided off by a fine marble screen. Highly ornamented and cruciform in shape, it seated 200. George Ibbetson died in 1908 and is buried alongside his first and second wife in St. Peter's churchyard near the Vestry door. Little Heath House and grounds were sold in 1907 for the sum of £5,000 to the Corporation of West Ham (now Newham) to provide temporary accommodation to relieve overcrowding at Goodmayes Mental Hospital. The house was used as a hospital with wards on the ground and first floor until the late 1930s. In May 1942 the house was requisitioned by the War Department, whilst from 1950 it served as a workmen's hostel. The house was demolished in 1963. **RJ**

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