



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

AUGUST 2018

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

Services

Sunday 5th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Matins
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 12th August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Matins
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 19th August

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Compline

Sunday 26th August

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 2nd September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

The church is open for private prayer
Wednesday (10am to 12noon)

Wednesdays

11am: Holy Communion
(Please note new time)

Following the Flower Festival . . .

. . . we received a generous donation in response to the text in the brochure about the churchyard fund. The donor said: "The Flower Festival was a most enjoyable event; the stewards and stall-holders were so helpful and willing. I want to say 'thank you' for the planning and work that the church gives to the churchyard and garden; visitors can spend a peaceful and restorative time there."

Part of our lives

As I write, we have just had our 38th Flower Festival at St. Peter's. We start working on the Festival in January and preparation of the church and halls takes place in the week leading up to the three-day event.

A small community of hard-working people carry out a myriad of tasks from building the staging in the church windows to ordering the flowers, go organising the publicity to setting up the stalls in the craft market, arranging the entertainment on the Green and rehearsing the choral recitals.

At ten o'clock on Saturday morning the preparation was completed – well, at least, it was too late to do anything else!

Thousands of flowers graced the church where a week before there were just two small vases. One gentleman came up to me and said he liked the way we had placed the living and the dead together. As I looked around I realised that people were eating and selling plants and flowers in-between the graves.

We had small cards on two of the displays remembering team members gone heavenward this year – one inside the church for Val Smith and one on the pathway for Martyn Stewart. They were casually mentioned and memories were enjoyed together.

I liked it, too, for those who have gone before us are always part of our lives. We carry them with us and they are part of us. Their voices are often the ones in our heads. Our success is often based on their care of us. On Saturday they did not seem so far away. In fact it felt much more as though they were cheering us on. Community past and present celebrating together.

When we have our discussions later this year on the future of the Flower Festival, perhaps we need also to focus on those who have been part of it – those who ran it, built it and nurtured it – and realise that we are honouring them by keeping it going.

Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge



The display on the church path depicted the Worshipful Company of Farmers. The Revd Kate Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge (second from right) welcomed to the Festival the Mayor of Redbridge, Councillor Debbie Kaur-Thiara, The Mayoress Sabrina Lakham and Wes Streeting, MP for Ilford North.

Around the Hatch



St. Peter's Summer Lunch

*Three course buffet lunch
with wine or fruit juice
Sunday 12th August
12noon for 12.30pm
Tickets £12
From Linda Wright
(TEL: 020 8590 7248)*

**St. Peter's
Coffee Morning
& Bring and Buy Sale**
Saturday 8th September
- 10am to 12noon
All are very welcome
Bric-a-brac, preserves

Something new! St. Peter's Jazz Evening



Saturday 27th October
*Tickets £10 including
nibbles from Jenefer Allen*
(TEL: 020 8590 8738)

Spring bulb planting

Following the glorious display earlier in the year, we will be planting Spring bulbs in the churchyard on Saturday 6th October. Donations to buy the bulbs would be welcome – please send to Michael Borrott, Hon. Treasurer. Gifts of Tete a Tete Narcissus (daffodil to you and me!) and dwarf tulips to the Editor or in church would be welcome.

St. Peter's Harvest Roast Lunch



**Sunday
30th
September
12noon for
12.30pm**

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

St. Peter's Christmas Market

**Saturday 17th November
10am to 4pm**

Readers will know that, in addition to being Priest-in-Charge here at St. Peter's, the Revd Kate Lovesey is now Interim Minister at St. John's Seven Kings. This reminded me that I might have spent the past 74 years sitting in the pews there rather than at St. Peter's for I was . . .

Too old at eleven

In 1944 I wanted desperately to join a church choir for, although stammered badly, I could sing. For six months I sat in the congregation at morning service at St. John's – the nearest church to my

home – waiting to pluck up the courage to ask if I might join the choir.

I found the hymns – for these were numbered – but locating the words in the prayer book was beyond me. And no-one – in all that time – offered to help, although one elderly lady reprimanded me for biting my finger nails. After the service I walked home via a stall outside the Cauliflower Public House in Seven Kings, where I bought the winkles and shrimps for tea.

Mr Jones, the Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's, had some twenty or so boys and a dozen men under his eagle eye. Having mustered the courage, I approached him in awe – and posed the question.

"I want to join the choir," I stammered. *"How old are you, boy?"* asked Mr Jones. *"Eleven, Sir,"* I replied.

"Too old," said Mr Jones dismissively and curtly, turning on his heels, his surplice flying out behind him. *"You have to be eight to join my choir."* Cut to the quick, my mother suggested I might try my luck at St. Peter's in Aldborough Hatch – a mile or so away. The next Sunday I was ready for a rebuff. The church was bitterly cold, as three electric fires battled against the yawning gap between the top of the north wall and the roof – the result of a landmine which fell opposite the Dick Turpin.

The Rev. Joseph Palanque Byng walked in solemn procession behind three choirboys with a dozen or so in the congregation, whilst the organist peered over his glasses from his stall behind a railed curtain to see who this lad was who was trilling away at the top of his high soprano and giving the hymns a bit of welly.

With the service over, the Rev. Byng was at my side.

"Boy," he said, peering over his rimless spectacles, *"where do you live?"*

I spluttered my answer and the Rev. Byng told me to be at the church the next Thursday at 7pm for choir practice. I did so. And I am still here today, but I no longer have to go to the Cauliflower to buy the winkles for tea. Thus it was that I was too old at eleven, but earlier I had been too young at seven to join the Wolf Cubs – but more of that another time. **RJ**

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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