



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH DECEMBER 2018

# BROADSHEET

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

## Services

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

*Advent Sunday*

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

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

*Third Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Service of Five  
Lessons and Carols  
6.30pm Service of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
at St. John's Seven  
Kings

*No evening service at St. Peter's*

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Eve*

4pm Christingle/Crib  
Service  
11.30pm Midnight Holy  
Communion

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Day*

11am Family Communion

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December

*First Sunday of Christmas*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Evensong

The church is open for private prayer

Wednesday (10am to 12noon)

**Wednesdays**

11am: Holy Communion

## Counting our blessings

Christmas is supposed to be a time of wonder and peace. It is a time when we give thanks to God for his gift of himself to us at Christmas and a time when we share gifts with people we love and care about.

Isn't it? Looking at it sometimes, especially as a Mum, can be daunting. Each year I have a massive list of things to get, food to buy, trying to find a way to fit everyone in and to see them. A challenge which gets more difficult each year with all the drama of different schedules of work and the family becoming bigger as my girls marry and the demands of their new family make life busy for them too.

It's about now I start asking, who is coming to dinner? I seriously suggested booking in to somewhere to have someone else cook dinner this year. I was the only one who liked the idea! But I should count my blessings as it was not so long ago I found myself suddenly alone for Christmas. As the children were away with their Dad and my friends were all busy with their own Christmas, I went and

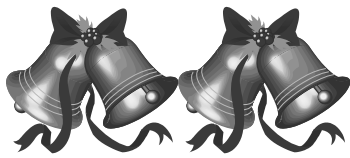
offered my services to a local Shelter and served food to men and women who did not have the comforts of home and family. I listened to their stories, I was amazed by their gratefulness to be given something we take for granted – a hot meal and the ability to shower and put on fresh clothes. So here I am indeed blessed with family who want to spend time with me, who will share in the preparations of the season. There is always something to be thankful for. I will pray for a little space and time to think about my blessings. If you are feeling like me and a bit stressed out by the uphill struggle that can be the preparation of Christmas, perhaps you should join me in counting your blessings too. May you have a blessed Christmas.

**Revd Kate Lovesey,  
Priest-in-Charge**

## Christmas Concert in the Church 'A country Christmas'

*A concert of festive songs and readings for all the family from members of St. Peter's and Ilford Operatic and Dramatic Society (IODS)*

**See overleaf**



## **Christmas Concert in the Church**

# **'A country Christmas'**

*A concert of festive songs and readings for all the family from members of St. Peter's and Ilford Operatic and Dramatic Society (IODS)*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**7pm for 7.30pm**

**Tickets £10**

**(with seasonal refreshments)**

**from Linda Wright**

**TEL: 020 8590 7248**



## **St Peter's Churchyard Appeal**

We employ contractors where needed to maintain the churchyard to a high standard. To cover the cost of the work we appeal each year to those who have loved ones buried at St Peter's and to members of the local community to contribute to the Churchyard Fund.

If you wish to contribute, please contact Pat Borrott.  
(TEL 020 8590 9452)

## **Children in Distress Shoebox Appeal**

Grateful thanks to all who filled shoeboxes this year for children and families in Eastern Europe.

The boxes were collected on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and are now on their way to bring some Christmas joy to those who will have nothing else at the festive season.

### **Redbridge Foodbank**

**You may not have thought it, but 30,000 people in Redbridge are living on the edge of poverty. The Foodbank gives three days of emergency food to individuals and families in crisis.**

Local care professionals refer people to the Foodbank, using a food voucher which is exchanged for food supplies. St. Peter's collects non-perishable foods for the Foodbank throughout the year. Please bring them to the church at service times or on Wednesdays from 10am to 12noon.

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.

## **Working for the homeless**

**The Ilford Salvation Army (SA) opened its Cold Weather Shelter at the Salvation Army Citadel in Clements Road, Ilford, on 12<sup>th</sup> November – earlier than in recent years. It will stay open for longer until the SA's Project Malachi is ready to receive the homeless.** Project Malachi will see the creation of 42 units of temporary accommodation from recycled shipping containers in Chadwick

Road in Ilford Town Centre. It is expected to be up and running by next summer.

In March, Redbridge Council's planning committee gave unanimous approval to a five-year temporary planning application for Project Malachi to set up shop on the crumbling site of a former funeral directors.

The Project was awarded £1.1M by the Salvation Army in a show of support from the national charity to the local chapter. The donation will help transform the site from a crumbling funeral home into a modern centre built from shipping containers. The accommodation will see residents and rough sleepers stay in self-contained apartments with a bed, sofa, bathroom and kitchen areas.

The SA and partner charities will also begin offering rough sleeper support services at the night shelter which were originally planned to accompany Project Malachi.

"We can get the staff support and programme work in place now and the building will catch up," the SA's Captain John Clifton said.

"It's not just about giving people a safe place to stay and keeping people alive.

"We really want to see people move on from the Shelter and into better situations. We need the community to come together. The people who are on our streets – they are Christian, Sikh, Muslim and from all backgrounds as diverse as our Borough. We need support from our whole community to do this."

Sixty-five people were found to be sleeping rough in Redbridge, according to most recent snapshot count. Last year nine rough sleepers died on the streets of Redbridge. Donations to Project Malachi should be sent to the Salvation Army, 15 Clements Road, ILFORD IG1 1BH; email - [ilford@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:ilford@salvationarmy.org.uk); TEL: 020 8478 2961

**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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