



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

# BROADSHEET

JANUARY 2019

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

## Services

### Sunday 6th January

*Epiphany*

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

### Sunday 13th January

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

*The Baptism of Christ*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 20th January

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

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

### Sunday 27th January

*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 3rd February

*Fifth Sunday before Lent*

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

**St. Peter's  
Coffee  
Mornings  
and Bring &  
Buy Sales  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
10am to 12noon  
Preserves – Bric-a-Brac – Books  
*All are very welcome***

## New Year thoughts

I would love to be able to say that as a Vicar I never lose my temper and my halo is reflected in my serenity, but that would be a total lie. There are times when, being human, I fail to be a good ambassador for God. When I have been unfortunate enough in the past to deal with ATOS, a company so bad they are no longer used in the UK to deal with disabled people's benefits. One particular time I shouted at the clerk behind the desk, walked through a security door to talk to someone in authority with a security guard half-heartedly asking me not to go through the door as he didn't want to tackle the Vicar! It didn't change anything. They had asked us to leave because the office was on the second floor and my daughter was in a wheelchair. Totally ridiculous as I pointed out because we don't have hospitals with second floors! We left angry, defeated and totally fed up. I reflected on how I should have behaved. This came to mind.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

I had done none of this and to top off my shameful behaviour I realised that the clerk behind the desk was a Muslim. She had remained calm doing a horrible job. A much better advert for faith than I had been.

I can give myself lots of excuses. I was defending my daughter. If it had been myself, I wouldn't have been so angry. Mumma bears are fierce in the defence of their young and so, it seems, am I.

I never had the chance to go back and apologise so I could never make things better or even try. Sometimes second chances are not

always possible. And yet here we stand at the beginning of a New Year with the chance to change and be better people and to take stock. To appreciate the people around us and the beauty in them: so this year I will take this with me and pray for peace.

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things"* [Philippians, Chapter 4, vv 6/7].

And if by some miracle you have a friend who tells a story of a horrible Vicar in a disability assessment office, tell her I am sorry, and Peace be with you.

Happy New Year.

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

## St. Peter's Winter and Valentines' Day Lunch



**Three course meal with  
wine or fruit juice  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
February  
12noon for 12.30pm  
Tickets £13.50  
From Linda Wright  
(TEL: 020 8590 7248)**

## Around the Hatch

### Redbridge Foodbank

We received the following email:  
*I am writing on behalf of Redbridge Foodbank to send our sincere thanks to you and your congregation for the generous donation of £240 from your harvest lunch. Our services are more in demand now than ever before. In the last financial year we gave out over 4,000 three-day food and toiletry parcels for those most in need in and around our borough. This was over 1,000 more than in the previous year. We are also seeing a significant rise in the number of clients coming to us this year. The support of you and many others like you is what enables us to make a real difference to their lives. We really appreciate your support and would ask you to pass on our thanks to your members.*

**Liz Pearce, Treasurer,  
Redbridge foodbank**  
www.redbridgefoodbank.org

**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.

**St. Peter's Organisations**  
**Monday Club** – Monday 2pm  
**Beaver Scouts** – Monday 6.30pm  
**Cub Scouts** – Monday 6.30pm  
**Scouts** – Monday 8pm  
**Guides** – Wednesday 7pm

### Pre-Mothering Sunday Tea Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March *Further details to follow*



**Have you booked for the  
Winter and Valentines'  
Day Lunch?**  
*See overleaf*

### No Haul Road through Fairlop Waters

Last year the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) discovered that the haul road for lorries taking mineral workings from Aldborough Hatch Farm to the plant on Hainault Road would crash through the southern woodland of Fairlop Waters Country Park, destroying the habitat of protected species including badgers and the roosting place for the long-eared owl. A six-month campaign with over 2,400 signatures on a petition resulted in a deputation to Redbridge Council at the end of November. The Leader, Councillor Jas Athwal, and Ward Councillor John Howard, visited the site with AHDA Chair Jenny Chalmers and Vice-Chairman Chris Gannaway. The Leader announced at the Council Meeting that he had spoken to the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer, who had agreed that the haul road be re-routed over open farmland. Thanks to all who supported the campaign – the biodiverse woodland is safe!

### A railway line through Aldborough Hatch?

Before you become too excited, not now, but 162 years ago in 1857! The Eastern Counties Railway line through Ilford had been in existence for about 20 years when a plan for a branch line was lodged at Essex County Hall in 1857.

The Hainault (yes, that's how it was spelt!) Forest Railway was designed by Engineer Richard B. Grantham FGS. The total length of the planned branch line would be five miles and eight-and-a-half chains. The railway line would start at Ilford Station and run eastwards for one mile, then branch northwards following Seven Kings Water over Aldborough Hatch Farm to Hainault Forest, terminating at Lord's Old Pond. In 1851 Hainault Forest was disafforested and almost immediately 100,000 trees belonging to the Crown were cut down. The cleared area was divided up into Crown farms like Foxburrows, Forest, Aldborough Hall, Aldborough House, Aldborough Hatch and Hainault Farms – amongst others – which were set up in 1856/7. New roads were built – New North Road, Forest Road and Hainault Road: while the Chigwell Row to Collier Row road was improved. The restored Hainault Forest came into being in 1903/6.

What was the purpose of the railway? It could have been for residents of Chigwell Row for travel to Ilford and London. It may be that produce (milk, grain, vegetables) from the farms would be taken to the markets in London. But the line was never built and we shall never know if a group of concerned residents would have risen up to protest at the potential desecration of Fairlop Plain and its environs and given Essex County Council a run for their money as we have done with recent developers. That was when the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association and Barkingside 21, with the backing of a number of friendly Councillors, Greater London Authority Members, Members of Parliament, Vicars and others mounted fervent opposition to the building of the London City All-weather Racecourse in the early part of this century at Fairlop Waters Country Park. And we won!

There are some folk who will tell you that a bus route used to run along Aldborough Road North, terminating at St. Peter's Church, but if there was I missed it. It is a fact, however, that under the Ilford Urban District Council Tramways Act 1904, an extension to the tram system in Ilford was proposed from Cameron Road in Seven Kings, up Aldborough Road to St. Peter's – but it never happened.

If you found this amusing, it is extracted from my book *Aldborough Hatch – The Village in the Suburbs – A History*. Some 500 copies were published at £15.99. I have ten copies left at the bargain price of £10 to first comers! One day they will be collectors' items!

**Ron Jeffries**

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