



ST. PETER'S CHURCH FEBRUARY 2019

BROADSHEET

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

Services

Sunday 3rd February

Candlemas

Fifth Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 10th February

Fourth Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 17th February

Third Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 24th February

Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 3rd March

Sunday next 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 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Followed by two course
roast lunch

Sunday 17th March

12noon for 12.30pm

Tickets £8 from
Shirley Rudge

(TEL: 020 8590 5882)

Love

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day and experience the last full month of winter. "Love". Like everything else in our society, we have taken the deeply spiritual nature of the word and commercialized it so that it exploits people. Unfortunately, the word "love" has been mixed up with the word "lust". Our soap operas and our society have forgotten how special this word is. Love is a powerful, positive energy that we were all given at the moment of our birth. It's sometimes said that we come into this world alone, but nothing is further from the truth. We cannot be born without the physical presence of our mother, and around her are nurses, doctors and other family members or friends. We cannot survive the first few years of our lives without others providing for everything we need to stay warm and to grow healthy and strong.

Of course, life goes on and sometimes we experience depression, loneliness, sadness, and trauma. Occasionally we need a transfusion of love from others. When love is shown and shared, we feel better.

I know from experience that no matter how tough life can be, angels are sent into our lives to touch us and slowly activate the energy of love inside of us. Not the winged type necessarily. But more earthly ones – angels to us. Sometimes a lover or friend, sometimes a stranger with just a small act of love can change our day or sometimes our life. Relationships are the ways in which we share the energy of love. We can't share love alone, We need each other.

Over the course of our lifetimes we experience many different relationships, people, jobs, family

members and random acts of kindness from strangers. Thank God for all of them. Each relationship touched us and made a difference. See, you can't destroy love. Love shared and spoken can never be taken away. Even an unrequited love proves to us that we are capable of great love as individuals. We are all on the journey of love. The greatest gift that we can give to another is our gift of love. Don't be afraid to share it. Love must be shared so that it can grow. So that we can grow. So that we can follow the calling to follow our path.

Love is a gift that was given to us by God. The characteristics of God and Love are described like this: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

When you celebrate Valentine's Day remember it is named after St. Valentine who is the Patron of Love. He gave his life for his beliefs in the ultimate sign of love. So remember all those who have shared the gift of love with you and treat others as you would want to be treated.

A happy and blessed
Valentine's Day to each of you
Revd Kate Lovesey,
Priest-in-Charge

**Women's World
Day of Prayer
Friday 1st March
Service at St. Peter's
2pm**

All are very welcome

St. Peter's Winter and Valentines' Day Lunch



**Soup, roast chicken or
pork, or vegan sausage
plait, with a selection
of desserts, wine or
fruit juice**

Sunday 10th February

12noon for 12.30pm

Tickets £13.50

From Linda Wright

(TEL: 020 8590 7248)

St. Peter's Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday

23rd February

10am to 12noon

Preserves – Bric-a-Brac – Books

All are very welcome

St. Peter's Organisations

Monday Club – Monday 2pm

Beaver Scouts – Monday 6.30pm

Cub Scouts – Monday 6.30pm

Scouts – Monday 8pm

Guides – Wednesday 7pm

Easter Lily Scheme

This continues to run and is still as popular as ever. I believe it has been running since 1956. The minimum subscription remains at £1 per name. Because of your generosity this has not changed for many years. It was 75p in 1988 and raised to £1 in 1989.

Goodness - 30 years!

The names of departed loved ones are displayed on the Altar from Easter to Whitsun.

The money is used to decorate the church at Easter with lilies and daffodils. Any money raised in excess enables us to decorate our church with fresh flowers throughout the year.

If you would like to participate in the scheme, please contact Shirley Rudge on 020 8590 5882 or 0777 815 8623 or email to sarudge@googlemail.com

If you have participated in the scheme before you will receive a letter in February.

Closing date for donations and names (please write clearly) is Friday 5th April.

To comply with the *Data Protection Act 2018*, I will need participants to sign a form allowing me to keep your details on file.

If you would like information regarding the Memorial Book and the Year's Mind Book please contact Shirley, who will happy to advise.

Pre-Mothering Sunday Tea Saturday 30th March

A warm welcome awaits at this popular annual event when families treat mothers to a slap-up tea with sandwiches-without-crusts, delicious cakes, fresh cream and bone china.

Tickets £7 from

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Did you know . . .

William Stansfield Torbitt was Vicar's Warden at St. Peter's from 1924 to 1932. Born on 15th May 1873, he was Ilford's Director of Education from 1903 to 1938 (that was a long stint in the same job!) and gave his name to the William Torbitt School at the junction of the A12 with Aldborough Road North.

The school was opened on 9th September 1937. I attended shortly after my fifth birthday in March 1938. At some time William Torbitt lived in Stainforth Road, Newbury Park.

He died on 29th January 1945 and is buried with his wife, Kathleen Louise, in Barkingside Cemetery. A new Memorial granite stone was unveiled in 2003 to mark the grave.

The Queen in Aldborough Hatch: Perhaps the best-known visit of Royalty to Aldborough Hatch was on 25th October 1949 when the then Princess Elizabeth dropped in for tea and cakes at the home of Peter and Wendy Henry at 82 Oaks Lane to mark the 1,000th Ilford Council House to be completed since 1945. It is said – and I have it on the best authority – that Mrs Henry became a bit beyond herself about the fact that she had entertained Royalty, but the local ladies put her in her place by reminding her that the furniture had been installed by the Council before the visit and was taken away shortly afterwards in a Harrison Gibson pantechnician! I bet that caused some merriment and gossip in Oaks Lane!

Also, in 1909 the then Prince and Princess of Wales opened the Fairlop Oak Playing Fields, in 1925 Prince Henry opened the newly built Eastern Avenue, in 1931 King George V and Queen Mary opened King George Hospital, in 1953 The Duke of Edinburgh visited Goodmayes Hospital and in 1989 the Duke of Gloucester visited Fairlop Oak Playing Fields – 80 years after his grandfather's visit. **RJ**

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