



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

MARCH 2019

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

Services

Friday 1st March

Women's World Day of Prayer
2pm Service at St. Peter's

Sunday 3rd March

Sunday next before Lent
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday
6.30pm Holy Communion
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Sunday 10th March

First Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 17th March

Second Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
12noon APCM – see overleaf
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 24th March

Third Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 31st March

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
No evening service

Sunday 7th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passion Sunday
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

Yes means Yes and No means No!

One of the things I love about the Bible is its wealth of practical advice from the wisdom of the ages. In Matthew Chapter five it says this: *'Let your yes be yes and your no be no.'*

It's simple advice to say what you mean and mean what you say. Redbridge Council could do with taking this on.

Last November they said 'Yes' to a deputation. A full council chamber voted to put a gravel haul road around a diverse area of wildlife in Fairlop Waters Country Park rather than through it. It made perfect sense and we all were relieved that the rare owls and the lovely birds in that area would be left in peace to enjoy the woods around them.

We have no idea why we hear that the company extracting sand and gravel has decided that the council's 'Yes' does not apply to them, but they would appear to have started to peg out the route right through the area. Now maybe it's not a big thing for a few creatures to be displaced or for a few lovely trees to be killed, but to us it is the last straw.

All those times we have joked about the company being in charge of the Council are no longer funny as they can go right ahead and do what they want. Our Council, who own the land, are not representing the people that keep them in office. Well this little place of Aldborough Hatch is totally fed up with watching its little bit of green belt mistreated and not returned as promised.

We plan to mount a protest if a start is made on taking the haul road through

Fairlop Waters and not through open farm land. By the time you read this it may well all be over. We can only pray that sense will prevail and that the Council will stand by their decision so that the haul road goes through open farm land.

Meantime, the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association is gathering people to say No. No more broken promises. No more money driven decisions. Enough is Enough. And we know the difference between Yes and No.

Revd Kate Lovesey,
Priest-in-Charge

Lent Course 2019

The Mystery of God

Wednesdays

**12.15pm at St. Peter's
Vicarage**

**(bring a sandwich,
drinks provided)**

**7.30pm at St. John's
Seven Kings**

13th March: The mystery of
good and evil

20th March: The mystery of
God's glory

27th March: The mystery of
sin, suffering and hope

3rd April: The mystery of
relationship and reconciliation

10th April: The mystery of
parenthood and adoption
The mystery of love and
sacrifice, joy and salvation

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March at 2pm
Service at St. Peter's
All are very welcome

Around the Hatch

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.

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

**Saturday
13th April**

10am to 12noon

Preserves – Bric-a-Brac – Books

All are very welcome

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 Shirley Rudge
(TEL: 020 8590 5882)**

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)**



(Above) The first daffodil in bloom were spotted in the churchyard on 10th February by Churchwarden Lee Hawkes. Watch out for a superb display soon!

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

One of my New Year Resolutions is to clear my home office of out-of-date papers. But there are some that have been saved from the shredder. One such is an extract from the St. Peter's Parish Magazine dated June 1947 – possibly my first published writing.

The Choir treat

This year we choir boys, accompanied by Mr George, Mr Titmarsh and Mr Farey, were given an outing at Southend. We met at Leyswood Drive bus stop and went by 66 bus to Romford Station. There we caught the 10.35 train to Southend, in which two carriages had been reserved for us.

We arrived at our destination at 11.45 and proceeded to the beach.

We had our dinner, which was a light sandwich one, on the beach. During the afternoon we had rides on the speedway, motor-boats and canoes near the pier.

When the tide came in, we went for a swim or paddle. One small choir boy accidentally fell in the water waist deep, with his clothes on and had to walk along the front in another boy's pants while his trousers dried.

We had a very satisfactory meat tea at a restaurant on the Westcliff front at 4 o'clock. After this we walked slowly on the front and up to the station where we caught our train at 6.30pm. We arrived home, tired but happy, at 8 o'clock.

On behalf of all the boys, I should like to thank all those who contributed in any way to make the trip so enjoyable. RCJ

I recall the incident where young Jimmy Willis fell into the sea with his clothes on. The Revd Byng told me to remove my underpants so that Jimmy might wear them whilst his trousers dried. The indignity of the situation remained with me for some time afterwards. I also recall that Mrs Byng brought pea shooters and those of us lucky enough to be in her carriage were encouraged to shoot peas at passengers on the platforms as the train moved. As Miranda's Mum would say: "Such fun!" RJ

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