



ST. PETER'S CHURCH BROADSHEET

APRIL 2019

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

Services

Sunday 7th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

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

Sunday 14th April

Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
with Procession
6.30pm Evensong

Thursday 18th April

Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Holy Communion

Friday 19th April

Good Friday

10.30am Matins & Passion
Play
2pm Devotional Hour

Sunday 21st April

Easter Day

7.30am Vigil and Pascal Fire
to bring in the light;
Holy Communion
followed by Parish
Breakfast (bacon
sandwiches, etc.)

10.30am Holy Communion

No evening service

Sunday 28th April

Second Sunday of Easter

8am Matins
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 5th May

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Lent

By the time you read this, you may already be struggling to resist the temptation to unwrap a surreptitiously hidden bar of chocolate, or to accept the piece of cake offered, so as not to offend the person who has made it, of course! Lent is often approached with a certain amount of fear and trepidation. It is usually seen as a time of self-discipline and self-denial. A time of "sack cloth and ashes" with self-examination and feeling guilty about the many ways in which we fall short of the standards that God calls us to live by as followers of Christ. The word "Lent" however has its roots in an Anglo-Saxon word "Lencten" meaning "spring." Spring is bringing the long cold and dark days of winter to an end. The world is already re-awaking with new energy and colour. As trees come into bud, and snow drops, daffodils and many other flowers push up through the soil, there is a real sense of expectation and promise of what is to come.

Like the season of the year, Lent is a time full of expectation and promise. It is a time for re-awakening our spiritual senses, as we look forward to a joyful celebration of the new life offered through Christ's Cross and Resurrection. Just as in the garden, things don't come to full fruition unless we put in a little effort, digging over the soil and rooting out the weeds; if we wish to experience the full joy of Easter, we need to put in

a little work during Lent to prepare the ground. Seen in this light, a little extra time in prayer study and reflection doesn't seem so bad? Lent gives us a chance to rediscover the wonder and beauty of God's love for us. Everything that we do – prayer, study, and self-examination is offered as a loving response to the love that He first offers us. As we journey through Lent this year, may it be a time of growth and renewal, so that we may indeed know the joy of Easter.

Revd Kate Lovesey,
Priest-in-Charge

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association Clean-up the Hatch!

Saturday 30th March

10am – 12 noon

**Meet at St. Peter's
Church Halls**

*Residents are invited
to help clear litter
and rubbish*



*Litter-picks and bags
provided.*

*Please wear stout gloves.
All very welcome*

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

St. Peter's Flower Festival

The 39th Flower Festival will be held over the weekend
22nd/23rd/24th June

Theme: Let's Celebrate (Annual Events)

The following events will be held to raise money to buy the flowers for the Festival. All are very welcome

Easter Lunch

Sunday 14th April

Three course roast meal with wine or fruit juice. Tickets £13.50 from Shirley Rudge (020 8590 5882)

Spring Quiz Night

Saturday 11th May

Tickets £10 including buffet from Jenefer Allen (020 8599 8738)

Jazz Evening

Return of the popular jazz pianist - Keith Nichols



New programme!

The Silver Screen

Music from Hollywood Films

Saturday 1st June

including light snacks
Tickets £10 from Linda Wright (020 8590 7248)

Just Desserts

Friday 7th June

in grounds of
Aldborough Hall Farm

St. Peter's Organisations

Monday Club – Monday 2pm
Beaver Scouts – Monday 6.30pm
Cub Scouts – Monday 6.30pm
Scouts – Monday 8pm
Guides – Wednesday 7pm

Haul Road victory!



Readers will recall that last month the Revd Lovesey wrote about the controversy over the haul raid. The following letter from Jenny Chalmers, Chair, Aldborough Hatch Defence Association, was published in the ILFORD RECORDER on 28th February.

Your readers will now be aware that after a campaign by us to move the haul road from Fairlop Waters Country Park, Councillor Jas Athwal, Leader of Redbridge Council, appears to have kept his word to do this, given at the Full Council meeting last November. I still don't know why all these last-minute negotiations had to take place with the gravel company, who thought it was alright to ignore the Council's decision and arrogantly pegged out the haul road route in the woodland area with the diverse and protected wildlife habitat. This is a small victory in what will be a huge disruption for people who live in Aldborough Hatch or use Fairlop Waters Country Park. When the gravel extraction on Aldborough Hatch Farm, next to St. Peter's Church and opposite the Dick Turpin Restaurant, starts there will still be trucks thundering past, noise and dust, but now not as close to the Fairlop Waters footpath, whilst wildlife in the disputed area will be saved. I am still very upset that Councillors on the Planning Committee voted in this crazy decision to allow Brett Tarmac Limited to extract gravel so close to houses, church, schools and other public buildings.

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