



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

# BROADSHEET

JUNE 2019

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

## Services

### Sunday 2nd June

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday after Ascension*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

### Sunday 9th June

*Pentecost – Whit Sunday*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 16th June

*Trinity Sunday*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

### Saturday 22nd June

*St. Peter's Flower Festival*

6pm Compline

### Sunday 23rd June

*First Sunday after Trinity*

*St. Peter's Flower Festival*

9am Holy Communion

6pm Compline

### Sunday 30th June

*Second Sunday of Trinity*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 7th July

*Third Sunday after Trinity*

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 Flower Festival

The 39<sup>th</sup> Flower Festival  
will be held over the  
weekend

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June

## If the grass is uncut there is good reason!

**I have to say I really don't  
like it when we have to talk  
about money.**

Money is the root of all evil, so the Bible tells us. We do all need it, that is for certain; nobody in this world can get by without it. That is the same for churches.

We have the reputation for being well-off and, indeed, if you measured us in terms of land and buildings that may be true. But, actually, here at St. Peter's we have a few people working hard to keep the roof on and the grounds nice.

People donate generously with their time and money, but for a while now our outgoings here at St. Peter's have exceeded our incomings. We have made many repairs to things that cannot wait, such as the collapsed drains this year.

We have come to that place where we do not have enough money to pay a gardener anymore and even the things we cannot save on - like fuel bills and general running costs - are becoming a struggle.

There is an expectation that we will keep the grass cut and the grounds nice, but we have about £2,000 donated towards the cost of that each year and we spend in excess of £6,000 on grass cutting alone.

Capability Brown will be turning in his grave as I write

this. It is the one thing we do not have to do; church rules mean we only have to cut the grass in the churchyard twice a year. I only mention grass as it is the thing people get most upset about. We have been proud of our grounds and how lovely they look around Flower Festival time, but if we continue like we have been we won't have a church to even do that twice a year.

We have the challenge of having to repair our spire as the shingles are coming off. We have floors to replace, one in particular has asbestos in it and needs to be done.

Every penny we spend has to be raised by us as a congregation, some of it from renting our halls, but most from the generosity of church members who give week in and week out. Some from appeals through the year and, of course, our community events do for the most part bring in money.

I know that St Peter's is beloved far and wide. I wonder if some of our readers would join us in keeping this gem of a church going? You could start a direct debit and begin to give regularly or consider leaving the church something of a legacy in your will.

If our churchyard turns into a field then you will know it is not because we do not want to cut the grass, but it is because we simply do not have the younger people to do it for free or the money to pay for it ourselves, especially when we have other more pressing priorities.

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

# Flower Festival 2019

**Theme:  
Let's Celebrate  
(Annual Events)  
Programme**

## Saturday 22nd June

**Church** open from 10am to 6pm

**Craft Market** open from 10am to 5pm

**Refreshments** available from 10am to 5pm (including hot and cold drinks, salad lunches, strawberries and cream teas)

**Bob Alder** entertains on the Green at 11am

**Naomi Hinds (Pete Cried Wolf)** local singer-songwriter performs a unique type of folk songs on the Green at 12noon

**The Clangers** Bellringers from St Margaret's Barking on the Green

at 1pm

**The Palmerstone Stage School**

on the Green at 2pm

**Choral Music** The combined choirs of local churches will give a recital in Church at 3pm

**Performances by Redbridge Music Lounge** on the Green at 1pm

**Service of Compline** in the Church at 6pm

## Sunday 23rd June

**Service of Holy Communion** in the Church at 9am

**Church** open from 10am to 5pm  
**Craft Market** open from 10am to 5pm

**Refreshments** available from 10am to 4.30pm

**The Barnabas Band** entertain on the Green at 11am

**Performances by Redbridge Music Lounge** on the Green at 12noon and 1pm

**The Palmerstone Stage School** on the Green at 2pm

**Choral Music** The combined choirs of local churches will give a recital in Church at 3pm

**The Barnabas Band** entertain on the Green at 4pm

**Service of Compline** in the Church at 6pm

## Monday 24th June

**Church** open from 10am to 6pm

## Flower Festival Fund Raising Events

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

### Jazz Evening

**Return of the popular jazz pianist - Keith Nichols**



*New programme!*

### The Silver Screen

*Music from Hollywood Films*

Saturday 1st June – 7pm

including light snacks

Tickets £10 from Linda Wright  
(020 8590 7248)

### Just Desserts

Friday 7th June – 7pm

in grounds of

Aldbrough 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

## Worth a million today!

The first Vicarage at St. Peter's was built around 1879 adjacent to the south-west corner of the churchyard. There was a garden to the south, a large field to the west (known as the meadow), and a lake to the south of that. The meadow was used for fêtes and garden parties, and for camping the Scouts and Guides. The Revd. Lawrence Pickles, Vicar from 1951 to 1962, swam in the lake and did gardening naked. The Vicarage was demolished in 1965 when the Revd. Jack Hesketh, who, as incumbent, held the title deeds of the Vicarage and associated land, and with agreement from the Crown Land Commissioners sold them to a builder for housing for £82,500. The sum was invested for the benefit of the Vicar, which meant that his stipend was one of the greatest in the Diocese and said to be larger than that of the Bishop. The Revd. Hesketh died suddenly at the end of 1965, only had the benefit of this stipend for a few months and never occupied the new Vicarage which was erected as part of the deal with the builders. When church law changed in the 1970s the stipend reverted to that for other clergy, and the Diocese probably put the balance in their general funds. Except for a short time, neither subsequent Vicars, nor the parish benefited financially from the sale of the land (the proceeds of which would be worth in excess of £1 million today!), despite assurances given to the Parochial Church Council at the time. The new vicarage was built close to the site of the old one. The assorted housing that was built on what was the meadow, now forms St Peter's Close.

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