



ST. PETER'S CHURCH BROADSHEET

AUGUST 2019

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

Services

Sunday 4th August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 11th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 18th August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 1st September

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Matins
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evensong

The church is open for private prayer
Wednesday (10am to 12noon)

Wednesdays

11am: Holy Communion

Children in Distress Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets will be available in September in church or from Vanessa Cole (TEL: 0754 398 3625). Please encourage your friends and neighbours to make up a shoebox too. Sadly, some of our supporters are no longer with us so we would be pleased to have new supporters. Some empty shoeboxes will be available in church. Boxes will be collected at the beginning of November.

Thanks for your continued support. The leaflets carry full information that you need.

The beginning of working together?

Jesus said: *'Go and make disciples of all nations'*; then he sent out his disciples to the ends of the earth. Good news is that we don't have to go that far any more for there are Christians everywhere these days.

I often hear people complain that the few people in church are not enough and this is blamed on the diverse communities outside the door. If you look at the stats - and we're only aiming for those like us - there are still more people than we need to fill both our churches and have them waiting in the street to come in.

It's our generation that is seeing the steady decline of church membership. And so, it falls to us to figure out what it is that will bring people to hear once again the Good News that the God of love is real and active in this world. So where to start? Perhaps the old adage that if you want to change the world it starts with the only one we can change and that is ourselves. Me, myself and I.

As Paul write in the Ephesians, we need to: *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behaviour."*

We need to learn to love others more than ourselves. Be welcoming, and work together.

I was heartened during the Flower Festival weekend by the willing hands who came to help out. The difference in our churchmanship was put aside and with cheerful smiles the gaps were filled.

Once again we heard from our visitors that the Flower Festival was the best one ever. Once again I was reminded of the love of God and his provision, not only for the regular church people, but also for the visitors of all faiths who came to see the displays and enjoy the weekend.

My sincere thanks to all of you who helped at the Flower Festival. It's been a good start to our working together. I am proud of you.

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



At the Flower Festival, David, Trevor and Hilary celebrated the 100th Birthday of their father, Les Godman, with a gathering at his bench near the Lych Gate where they were joined by past members the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group.

Around the Hatch

St Peter's Summer Lunch

Sunday 18th August

12noon for 12.30pm

Three Courses with wine
or fruit juice.

Tickers £14 from

Jenefer Allen

(020 8599 8738)

Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday 14th September
10am to 12noon

Bric-a-Brac – Preserves – Books
All very welcome

Harvest Lunch



Sunday 22nd September

12noon for 12.30pm

Roast Meal

Tickets £14 from

Linda Wright (020 8590 7248)

Tea and Talk

David Swinden:
'Behind the Blue Lamp'
Saturday 19th October
3pm to 5pm

Tickets from
Linda Wright
(020 8590 7248)

Christmas
Market
Saturday 16th November

Mr T

The bench immediately outside the church is dedicated to Mr T. A plaque on the Reader's Desk in church is in memory of Archie Titmarsh. The same man – but Diocesan rules forbade the name by which everyone knew Mr T being used in the church. In fact, some folk thought his name was Mr Tea!

Mr T moved from Newham to the far end of Applegarth Drive in the late 1930s. His friends, Mr and Mrs Ted Sewell, moved next door – Ted was a Churchwarden, Mr T was Lay Reader at St. Peter's.

In 1946, Mr T called the boys in St. Peter's Church choir together to ask them if they wanted to be Scouts or Boys Brigade? They opted for the Scouts, so the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group – which had operated briefly in the 1930s – was back with Pack and Troop nights in the Vicarage meadow and camps all year round.

For some years former members of the Group have gathered from all parts of the country at Flower Festival time for a reunion lunch. This year they celebrated the 100th birthday of Les Goodman, who

also has a bench near the Lych Gate – and was a highly respected Leader in the Group. It was noted that Mr T's bench needed some repairs. This work is being undertaken as I write by Mark Lovesey.

But just who was this Mr T - for there may be many who never had the privilege to meet him? Mr T was a bachelor, a civil servant by day, but devoting himself to young people in the evenings and at weekends. He led the Sunday School for many years – he played the piano by ear at rollicking speed and could bash out any melody without hesitation.

As Cub Scout Leader, Group Scout Leader and later Group President, Mr T led the Group that was over 150 strong at its heyday in the 50s, 60s and 70s. An annual Gang Show and summer camps were the highlights, with monthly church parades when the Group would march from different parts of the Hatch to St. Peter's and pack one side of the church.

The Scout uniform did little for Mr T's lean figure. His corduroy shorts revealed legs that were bandy, while his felt Scout hat brim was almost as wide as his shoulders. But Mr T was a legend in Aldborough Hatch. He gave his time unstintingly with good humour and concern for the well-being of every young person.

In 2021 the Scout Group will celebrate its 75th Birthday – so watch this space for news of the celebrations – and rest assured that Mr T, Les Goodman and many others will be remembered with great affection. RJ

St. Peter's Organisations

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

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