



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

OCTOBER 2019

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

Services

Sunday 6th October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 20th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 3rd November

Fourth Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

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

Wednesdays

11am: Holy Communion

Spring bulb planting

Following the glorious display earlier in the year, we will be planting Spring bulbs in the churchyard on Saturday morning 5th October from 10am.

Donations to buy the bulbs would be welcome – please send to Glenn Harvey,
Hon. Treasurer.

Gifts of Tête à Tête Narcissus (daffodil to you and me!) and dwarf tulips left in the church would be most welcome.

Mistakes

I'm not on my own. James 3:2 says: "We all make many mistakes". We're all in the same boat. We all get ourselves into a mess.

It's not necessarily wrong to make a mistake. Mistakes are largely made through ignorance or inexperience.

Mistakes are bound to happen. How are you going to know if something will work if you don't try! "He who made a mistake tried to do something".

Warning! We have to live with the consequences of our mistakes. Mistakes are meant to lead to growth in maturity. We're supposed to learn from them. So try not to make the same mistake twice.

Making mistakes throws into relief two extraordinary truths about God. God is able to prevent us from making certain mistakes, although generally, He allows us to make mistakes. In addition, He allows us to live with a certain degree of error - at least for a time. The Bible is full of people who believed the wrong thing, made wrong decisions, said or did the wrong thing, whether through error, lack of knowledge, or even through sin.

So God's gift of freewill gives us scope to be and to do wrong, even when we don't see it, and even sometimes without correcting us. Like parents who try to correct their children, but when they don't listen, realise it's pointless to continue to argue.

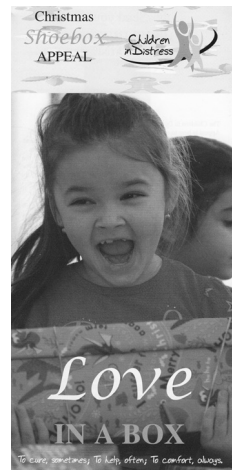
Yet, astonishingly he still loves us. God is outside time and space. He sees everything I've ever done, and everything I ever will do. To Him, it's like all my mistakes, past, present and future, have already happened!

So our mistakes can't take him by surprise. He never says "Oops" or, "Arghhh". He still adopts us into

his family and welcomes us back if we have become lost from him. Look up some examples in the Bible (for example, Elijah, David, Peter) and see how things eventually turned out. We see that God was in the midst of everything, weaving everything together into His great purposes. And it's no different for me or you. If we allow Him, He can weave even *our* lives into His plan because He is in control, and nothing is too hard for him to do. What a relief to those of us who feel that life has got in to a bit of a mess. Maybe things aren't as awful as we thought! For all is weaved into His plan and so if we want to do that U-turn and come back it's always possible with God.

Revd Kate Lovesey
Priest-in-Charge

Children in Distress Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal



Leaflets are available 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.

Tea and Talk

David Swinden
'Behind the
Blue Lamp'



Saturday 19th October
3pm to 5pm
Tickets from
Linda Wright
(020 8590 7248)

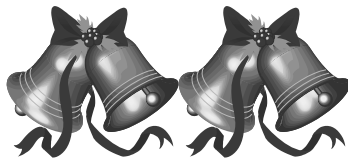
St Peter's
Coffee Morning and
Bring & Buy Sale
Saturday 7th December
10am to 12noon
Preserves – Refreshments
All very welcome

St Peter's
Christmas
Concert
Keith Nichols
on piano

Saturday 7th December
7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets £12 to include nibbles
and Christmas refreshments

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

St. Peter's Christmas Market



Saturday
16th
November

10am to 4pm

Grand Draw

First Prize:

£125 Marks & Spencer Voucher

Second Prize:

Luxury Hamper

Third Prize:

Half Case of Selected Wines

plus many other prizes

Christmas Goods, Craft,
Home-made Cakes and Preserves,
Christmas Cards and Notelets, Toys,
Toiletries, Books, Refreshments

Garden Coffee Morning

The final total raised for The Children's Society at the Garden Coffee Morning on 27th July was £502. Thanks to all for your support.

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

I met with Brett Tarmac Limited and The London Borough of Redbridge at the Liaison Meeting on 1st September. Excavation for sand and gravel in the area between St. Peter's Church and the Aldborough Hall Equestrian Centre will not start until at least next year - Spring/Summer 2020.

A monitoring station has been set up in the field for air pollution whilst the plastic barriers and bins around the field are to trap amphibians and reptiles so that they may be moved to a safe location.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will take place at St. Peter's Church Halls at 8pm on Tuesday 29th October. All are very welcome.

Jenny Chalmers, Chair, Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

A railway in the Hatch?

Many of us thought we had a war on our hands in the 1990s when the London City All-Weather Racecourse was proposed for Fairlop Waters, but imagine the furore today if a railway line was proposed through our beloved Aldborough Hatch, for that's what happened. But it was long ago... in 1857! The Eastern Counties Railway line through Ilford had been in existence for about 20 years when a proposal for a branch line was lodged at Essex County Hall in 1857.

The Hainault (yes, that's how it was spelt!) Forest Railway was designed by Engineer Richard B. Grantham FGS. The total length of the planned branch line would be five miles and eight-and-a-half chains. The railway line would start at Ilford Station and run eastwards for one mile, then branch northwards following Seven Kings Water to Hainault Forest, terminating at Lord's Old Pond.

In 1851 Hainault Forest was disafforested and almost immediately 100,000 trees belonging to the Crown were cut down. The cleared area was divided up into Crown farms like Foxburrows, Forest, Aldborough Hall, Aldborough House, Aldborough Hatch and Hainault Farms – amongst others – which were set up in 1856/7. New roads were built – New North Road, Forest Road and Hainault Road: while the Chigwell Row to Collier Row road was improved.

The restored Hainault Forest came into being in 1903/6.

What was the purpose of the railway? What did the shareholders aim to achieve? It could have been for residents of Chigwell Row for travel to Ilford and London. It may be that produce (milk, grain, vegetables) from the farms would be transported to the markets in London. But the line was never built and we shall, therefore, never know if a group of concerned residents would have risen up to protest at the potential desecration of Fairlop Plain and its environs and given Essex County Council a run for their money.

There are some folk who will tell you that a bus route used to run along Aldborough Road North, terminating at St. Peter's Church, but if there was I missed it. **RJ**

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