



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

# BROADSHEET

NOVEMBER 2019

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

## Services

### Sunday 3rd November

*Fourth Sunday before Advent*

*All Saints*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

### Sunday 10th November

*Third Sunday before Advent*

*Remembrance Sunday*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Remembrance

Service

6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 17th November

*Second Sunday before Advent*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

### Sunday 24th November

*Sunday Next before Advent*

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 1st December

*Advent Sunday*

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

## St. Peter's Christmas Market



**Saturday**  
**16th November**  
**See overleaf!**

## Worthy?

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 1919 King George V sent a special message to the empire: *"I believe that my people in every part of the empire fervently desire to perpetuate the memory of that great deliverance and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it."*

He went on to propose the proclamation of two minutes of silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, so that, as the King put it, *"in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the many dead"*.

I wonder what these two minutes of silence mean to us?

Is it the silence of respect, another that of thankfulness for those who gave so much, many who lost their lives, many others who survived with life changing injuries to mind or body?

Is it the continuing bafflement and anger that governments were unable to find ways of avoiding the death of so many hundreds of thousands?

Is it to identify ourselves as closely as we may with those who died, resolving once more to maintain for the sake of generations to come the memory of those who did not shirk their duty? And that we should not shirk

ours, and dedicate our lives to living lives of peace. Is it the sound of a flower gently moving in the breeze of an open and empty field? Itself a thing of great beauty and a symbol of hope in what was a terrible place to be. A sign that the greatest challenges of life must be faced, but that we do not face them alone.

So as the season of remembrance is upon us once more, it is a time to look at the world around and remember the gift of enduring peace that they gave us by their courage and sacrifice and live lives that they would judge worthy of it.

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

### Children in Distress *Love in a Box* Shoebox Appeal



Shoeboxes will be collected in the first week of November – please bring your shoeboxes to church or contact Vanessa Cole (TEL: 0754 398 3625). Thanks for your continued support. The leaflets carry full information needed.

**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*

**The Jewish  
grave in  
St. Peter's  
Churchyard**

This year is the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One in 1918. Back then St. Peter's Church was 56-years-old. There were a few cottages for farm workers – for the church stood in the middle of fields where farmers grew corn and cabbages, lettuces and carrots – all for sale in the London markets. The houses here today were not built until the 1930s.

The Dick Turpin had been built six years earlier in 1912 – before that it was a beer house in a farm cottage. The A12 road was a minor road – which ended at Barley Lane. You could travel from the stations at Newbury Park, Barkingside and Fairlop to Ilford Station on a steam train – the Central Line did not come until 1948. Where Fairlop Waters Country Park stands today was an airfield in the First and Second World Wars.

On the sixth of this month, one-hundred-and-one-years ago, a young Jewish Canadian pilot flew to his death from Fairlop Aerodrome and is buried in St. Peter's Churchyard. Lt Harry Jassby, born in Montreal, was a 19-year-old pharmacy student at McGill University. Wishing to fulfil his dream of becoming a pilot, he joined the Royal Flying Corps (forerunner of the Royal Air Force) in 1917 as Canada did not have an air force at the time. He lied about his age when he enlisted and his grave indicates he was 22 when, in fact, he was just 20.

Harry Jassby arrived in England in April 1918 where he was assigned to a squadron based at Fairlop Aerodrome, where he learned to fly the famous World War 1 fighter aircraft, the Sopwith Camel. The Biplane was extremely agile, but also dangerous to fly, especially for service pilots.

Harry was among a group of men who had been asked to fly in a

V-formation over London to celebrate the end of the war. Harry was flying a Camel E142 when the plane above his lost its motor and collided with his, causing a crash. He died seven months after landing in England on 6th November 1918, just five days before Armistice Day and the end of the War.

The practice at that time was to bury fallen servicemen in a cemetery nearest to their base. Harry was buried in the churchyard here at St. Peter's, where he received a Jewish burial service with military honours. Second Lieutenant Jassby was the last fatal wartime casualty of 54 Training Depot Squadron at Fairlop Aerodrome.

Second Lieutenant Jassby's grave is on the left inside the front gate at St. Peter's. The Star of David together with the insignia of the Royal Air Force appears on his tombstone with the inscription: *'In life he flew the azure sky, in death he flew to heaven high.'* The traditional Hebrew text within the Star of David translates as: *'May his Soul be bound up in the bundle of life.'*

The grave is maintained by members of the local Jewish community, who visit it regularly and follow the tradition of placing a pebble or stone on the top of the gravestone to signify that someone has honoured the deceased person's memory with a visit. Those of us who have been privileged to witness the gathering have been struck by the dignity of the participants and the solemnity of the occasion.

Last year, on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Harry's death – a ceremony was held at the graveside attended by members of the local Jewish Community. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 a service was conducted at the graveside by Rabbi Lisa Bennett of the Oaks Lane Synagogue. **RJ**

**St Peter's  
Coffee Morning  
and  
Bring & Buy Sale  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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