



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

JANUARY 2020

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

Services

Sunday 5th January

Epiphany

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

Sunday 12th January

The Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 19th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 26th January

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 2nd February

*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Presentation of Jesus in the
Temple*

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

Excellent Sum Raised at Christmas Market

The Christmas Market raised a record £3,479 - all in six hours! This exceeds last year's total by some £40. Thanks to all who worked for the event over many months and to all who gave their generous support.

Thanksgiving

This year in September our BROADSHEET is 40-years-old. Ron Jeffries has been responsible for all of those years as Editor for hounding (*cough!*) and gently encouraging the Vicars to write a monthly piece for the front page. So, Ron, thank you from Vicars past and from myself for all the work you have put in over the years.

We have also to thank Robert Alder, our organist, for nearly 20 years of service. He has just retired from being organist at St Peter's. He makes jokes about '*Playing all the right notes*' but his humour sometimes escapes in the music and you will find yourself listening to four bars of *Puff, the magic dragon* in the midst of some classical piece. We will miss him. Enjoy your retirement, Bob.

We have so much to be thankful for here at St Peter's, for so many people work for the church, just out of their love for this place.

Our Social and Fundraising team, who have raised a fantastic £11,000 this year - Linda Wright, Jenny Allen, Irene Kirby, Margaret Briscoe, Glenn Harvey, Lee Hawkes, Sue May. Thank you for the incredible work you do organising our events.

Our Churchwardens, who do so much behind the scenes. Thank you Glenn Harvey and Lee Hawkes for another year of not having to worry about things being done.

Our Ministry Team also for leading services and keeping the church going on Sundays when I am at St John's - Vanessa Cole, Glenn Harvey Lee Hawkes, John Pettifer. We are very lucky to have your support and skills.

So let's count our blessings to start 2020 and give Thanks to God and ask for his continued blessings in this year. Happy New Year!
**Revd Kate Lovesey,
Priest-in-Charge**

Sunday evening Services

It is with regret that it has been decided that unless there is a dramatic increase in attendance at 6.30pm Evensong we will discontinue these weekly services on Sundays.

The numbers taking part has dwindled in recent months to less than half a dozen on many occasions. We would have one service of Evensong on the first Sunday in the month. The decision will be taken at the end of February, depending on attendance in January and February.

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Around the Hatch

Record number of Christmas shoeboxes sent to Eastern Europe

Eighty-five shoeboxes, covered in Christmas wrapping paper, were on their way in November from St. Peter's to vulnerable children and families in Eastern Europe who would otherwise have had no other presents at the festive season. Children in Distress is the charity founded in 1989 by the Revd Dr John Walmsley, Vicar of nearby St. Lawrence's Church, Barkingside. Revd Walmsley had heard of the desperate plight of children in Romania, who had no medical supplies or products for daily living. Since then Christmas shoeboxes with warm clothing, toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap, as well as toys and sweets, have been sent every year.

Said Vanessa Cole, Organiser of the Shoebox Appeal at St. Peter's: "In past years we have sent sixty or so shoeboxes, but this year we received welcome support from church members and the community and were able to send a record eight-five. The shoeboxes will take some of the spirit of Christmas to children and families who would otherwise have nothing. Thanks for all your support"



(Above) Members of St. Peter's Church load the Children in Distress van with Christmas shoeboxes (from left to right) Roger Kirby, Irene Kirby Revd Kate Lovesey, Glenn Harvey and Sue Paddon.

Dates for your diary

Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale
Saturday 8th February
Winter Lunch
Sunday 1st March
Details next month

Notes left out for the milkman

In the last years before retirement, I edited the monthly magazine MILK INDUSTRY INTERNATIONAL from my home here in Aldborough Hatch - in the box room, in fact, with a word processor, a FAX machine - and a photocopier on the landing! No internet, no emails, no mobile! And that was only 21 years ago. How did we cope without a mobile, let alone the internet and emails! During the 19 years I edited the dairy magazine I discovered that the dairy industry has its own myths and culture. And there was a wealth of folklore about milkmen - but especially about the notes that housewives left out for their milkmen.

As Editor of MILK INDUSTRY INTERNATIONAL, I asked my readers to send in notes that had been left out for the milkman. I had quite a collection. One from a Surrey housewife read: "Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk".

Another note in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, read: "Please cancel one pint after the day after today". And that was written by a schoolteacher.

A note left out by a Wiltshire housewife read: "Milkman.

Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk".

A note from King's Lynn read: "No milk. Please do not leave milk at Number 14 as he is dead until further notice".

And this note just had to come from Northern Ireland. It read: "Please leave no milk today.

When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday."

But the classic came from Luton. It read: "Leave one extra pint. If this note blows away, please knock."

An elderly lady in Shrewsbury left this out for her milkman: "Please knock. My TV has broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened."

Another note read: "No milk thank you. We are away for the weekend - which is why I am hiding this note under the doormat so that nobody finds out".

"Sorry," read another one, "sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I have been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks".

And another: "From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between - except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk".

And finally: "My back door is open. Please put the milk in the fridge, get the money out of a cup in the drawer and leave the change on the kitchen table in pennies - because we want to play bingo tonight." **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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