



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

FEBRUARY 2020

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

Services

Sunday 2nd February

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - Candlemas

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 9th February

Third Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 16th February

Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd February

Sunday next before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday

11am Holy Communion with ashing

6.30pm Joint Holy Communion at St John's with ashing

Sunday 1st March

First Sunday of Lent

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

Coffee Morning

and

Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday 8th February

10am to 12noon

Preserves – Bric-a-Brac – Books

All are very welcome

Our vision

Those who write catchy slogans or create successful marketing ploys will no doubt already have declared this to be the year for aspiring to 2020 Vision. Most of us don't see that clearly with our eyes or our perception of the world around us, often needing help to see the bigger picture or the finer details of life.

As Christians, none of us should claim to be perfect and most of us fail to see the wood for the trees at some time or other. However, there is this strange verse in our Gospels which is attributed as one of the sayings of Jesus: *"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect!"*

God calls us as Christians to emulate that same divinely inspired desire not to stand aloof from messiness and pain, but to get involved right at the heart of things, and to make a difference for good in the midst of hopeless, unglamorous or unpromising situations.

In the second century, St Irenaeus said: *"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"* The angels must surely sing with joy once more: *"Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!"* whenever we display even the smallest acts of kindness and compassion.

Whether we consider ourselves as ordinary and a bit on the edge of things, like the shepherds, just about making ends meet, or whether we count ourselves amongst the more privileged and comfortably off, like the three wise men, who can afford to risk going on adventures in life – whichever may be the circumstance into which we were born, consider that God may be calling each of

us to come a bit closer to Christ as we enter this New Year.

I hope this year we may increasingly see ourselves as God in Christ sees us, considered no less his beloved child than was Jesus himself. It reminds us, as we approach Ash Wednesday at the end of the month, that we are called to delight in God's world and sacrificially to enable others to do the same.

If Christmas is for children, then Lent is for grownups! It is a time of self-discipline and giving. A time to study the word more deeply, a time to put away childish things, to think about God's mission.

May our vision as the Anglican Church here in this community ever remain unclouded by selfishness and insularity, and may we ever be alert to responding in love to the needs of the world, starting with our nearest and dearest and then looking beyond them to help relieve the plight of the poor. May God grant us clarity of vision this New Year and always!

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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**St Peter's
Winter Lunch**
St. Peter's Church Halls



Sunday 1st March

12noon for 12.30pm
Three course Welsh-themed
roast meal
with wine or fruit juice
Tickets £14 from Linda Wright
(TEL: 020 8590 7248)

**Pre-Mothering
Sunday Tea**



**Saturday 21st March
3pm**

A warm welcome awaits at this popular annual event when families treat mothers to a slap-up tea with sandwiches - without crusts - delicious cakes, fresh cream and bone china.
Tickets £8 from Jenefer Allen
(TEL: 0320 8599 8738)

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 and
St John's –
Joint Benefice
proposal**

A joint Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th February at St. Peter's Church at 7pm for 7.30pm when Nathan Whitehead will explain the process for forming a joint benefice and what happens next. All are very welcome – *not only PCC members* - refreshments will be served.

**Easter Lily
Scheme**

This continues to run and is still as popular as ever. It has been running since 1956. The minimum subscription remains at £1 per name and because of your generosity, this has not changed for many years. The names of departed loved ones are displayed on the Altar from Easter to Whitsun. The money is used to decorate the church at Easter with lilies and daffodils. Any money raised in excess enables us to decorate our church with fresh flowers throughout the year. If you would like to participate in the scheme, please contact:- Vanessa Cole (0203 665 2686) or (07543 983635) or vanessacole1@outlook.com If you have participated in the scheme before, you will receive a letter in February. For new participants, and to comply with the *Data Protection Act 2018*, I will need people to sign a form consenting to allow me to keep the details on file. The closing date for donations and names (please PRINT these) is Friday 3rd April 2020.

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SEPTEMBER 1980

The Vicar Writes...
September is an important month for us all, for we have both the Confirmation and the Harvest Festival. I hope that we shall all support the candidates by our presence and prayers on Sunday, 21st September.

The prospect of yellow lines in the Parish seems as a snoot. I have always felt sorry for those who live in Cromfield Avenue, who have cars parked outside their houses on every week day. I hadn't noticed, however, any lunatic problem for the adjoining roads - but I may be wrong about this.

Before our Borough Council starts to use paint brushes on roads in the Parish they might give a little more thought to the parking problems we all face at Newbury Park Station and at the GreenGate. Maybe the Tube Station is not its responsibility - but the problem is there just the same.

Harvest
Tickets for the Harvest Supper will be available from Yvonne Jeffries (599-7250) shortly.

Tramps!
Friday 17th September is the night when Shirley and Peter Budge are hosting a 'Tramps' Supper and Barbecue at Aldborough Hall Farm. It starts at 8.0pm and runs till 11.0pm (599-4365) has the tickets.

Services
7th September
8.30am: Holy Communion (followed by breakfast at 97 (Sewerby Gardens))
11.0am: Family Service with Service
6.30pm: Shortened Evensong
8th September
7.0am: Holy Communion
11.0am: Holy Communion
6.30pm: Shortened Evensong
21st September
11.0am: Morning Prayer
5.0pm: Confirmation with Holy Communion - The Bishop of Exeter
No Evensong
28th September - Festival
8.0am: Holy Communion
11.0am: Morning Prayer and Parade Service
6.30pm: Evensong followed by Harvest Supper
5th October
9.30am: Holy Communion (followed by breakfast at the Vicarage)
11.0am: Family Service
6.30pm: Shortened Evensong

Potters!
Pat Hinks is looking for volunteers who will pot attractive plants or bulbs for the Bazaar at the end of November. If you can help, please telephone Pat on 590-8456.

Care
We are trying to care for the Churchward a little more. Some of the Church organisations are taking over small areas and if you or your family would be willing to do the same Debra Menear would be delighted to hear from you on 590-5864. Our horticulture garden needs as much support as we can give it.

No 9s?
We have been asked to request our readers to 'leave your wool and your number nines' for an event in January. It's to do with knitting (a skill in which we have little proficiency - that we are prepared to admit!). More news shortly...

Bazaar
This year's Church Bazaar is to be a one-day event on Saturday 29th November - no Friday opening. More news later...

If you have a spare bookcase or can put up shelves in the Vestry for the 'Bookie's' please contact Debra Menear on 590-5864.

Forty years ago!

At about this time of the year, forty years ago, the Revd Bill Barnes asked me to take over editing the parish magazine. The Vicar produced this – three or four times a year on a duplicator, running to some 12 pages. I agreed, but it would be monthly and two sides of A4. Not enough, said the Vicar. Two sides of A4 or nothing, said I. Never, said the Vicar, but he came back with eight pages. Two sides of A4 said I. Never, said the Vicar, but he caved in with the comment that it would never last – and here we are some 470 issues and 40 years later and, if I may dare to say so, still going strong. The first issue was a paste-up job, typed on an electric typewriter - for there were no computers or internet forty years ago and the first mobile phones were the size of a house brick and had to be carried in a briefcase. The Vicar insisted I had a committee. It met once and I have not called another meeting since. Derek Smith generously printed the 1,500 copies free of charge at his printing works. The front page of the first copy, dated September 1980, is reproduced above. More next month. **RJ**

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