



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

FEBRUARY 2009

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

Services

Sunday 1st February

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February

Third Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 15th February

Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd February

Sunday next before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 25th February

Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion

8pm Holy Communion

(with Ashing)

Sunday 1st March

First Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Weekdays

The church is open for private prayer on
Monday (10am to 12noon) and on

Wednesday (10.30am to 12noon) – except
Bank Holidays

Wednesday

10am: Holy Communion

Lent 2008

Lent Course

Wednesdays in Lent
commencing on 4th March

10.45am and 8pm

in the Vicarage

Following the York Course

Mitzi

She claws my knees and she makes me sneeze,
Mitzi, my neighbour's cat.
But her glossy fur and her rumbling purr,
Will surely make up for that!

Her owner's don't mind, I think they're resigned
That she spends prime time with me;
There's a sort of arrangement she'll be back home
By the time they come in for tea.

So Mitzi is mine for the afternoon,
I long for her to appear,
And as long as she's home by six o'clock,
I know I'll be in the clear!

She may leave her hairs on cushions and chairs,
And astonish us with her greed –
But her snowy white throat and shining coat,
Absolve her from each misdeed!

The marks of her paws with mud outdoors,
Are a constant reproach to me.
But what do I care as she's there,
Purring away on my knee!

Dorothy Raser

Dorothy died just before Christmas. But her death was not a sad death. Dorothy was ready to die. A lady of deep faith, whose whole life shone with the love of Christ, Dorothy will be deeply missed, but not mourned. By that, I mean we do not feel aggrieved by her death.

Ecclesiastes wrote: *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...'*

Dorothy was a lady who seemed to know instinctively the right time for things. I believe her knowledge came from a life of prayer, giving a sensitivity to God and an understanding of life. She was open to new ideas, but wise in their expression. And she had a lovely sense of humour! And loved cats. So let's enjoy her poem about Mitzi, the cat, remember Dorothy with joy and with gratitude, and learn from her life and example.

Rev. Clare Nicholson, Vicar



The Busy Bodies Pre-School Nursery, which meets at St. Peter's Church Halls, held its Christmas Concert in December.

Around the Hatch

St. Peter's Winter Lunch

A Three Course Meal
with wine or juice



St. Peter's Church Halls
Sunday 8th February
12noon for 12.30pm
Tickets £10 from Val Smith
(TEL: 020 8599 6452)

St. Peter's Bingo Quiz Night

St. Peter's Church Halls -
Saturday 28th February at 7.30pm
Light refreshments - Bring your own drink

**St. Peter's Coffee Morning
and Bring and Buy Sale**
St. Peter's Church Halls
Saturday 7th March
10am to 12noon

**Women's World Day of
Prayer**
Service at St. Peter's
Friday 6th March at 2pm

Flower Festival 2009
A meeting for everyone interested in
helping with this year's Flower Festival
will be held on Wednesday
18th February at 8pm in Church.
All are welcome.

*From Westminster to Aldborough Hatch
A history of St. Peter's Church*
Priced at £1.50, copies are available from 020
8599 7250. All profits to St. Peter's Church.

Monday Club

2 nd February	Cards
9 th February	Open Afternoon
16 th February	Bring and Buy Sale
23 rd February	Bingo

St. Peter's Organisations
Monday Club - Monday 2pm
Beaver Scouts - Monday 5.15pm
Cub Scouts - Monday 6.30pm
Scouts - Monday 7.45pm
Brownie Guides - Tuesday 7pm
Guides - Wednesday 7pm

The Mayor's Charity Cockney Night

St. Peter's Church Halls
Saturday 7th March at 7pm
Peggy Oliver, Redbridge Pearly Queen
Dancing - Supper - Bring your own drink
Tickets £10 from the Mayor's Office
(TEL: 020 8708 2110)
In aid of Haven House Children's
Hospice and the Dream Factory



(Left) More
from the
Busy Bodies
Pre-School
Nursery
Christmas
Concert

March Events
Lent Lunch - Sunday 15th March
Pre-Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea
Saturday 21st March
Further information to follow next month

In last month's BROADSHEET we referred to
the Chapel of St James at Little Heath and
that the last curate, the Rev. H. R. Landon,
remained until 1918. John Debere knew him
in later years.

Penny-farthing Curate

The Rev. Horace R. Landon went on to
become the curate at St. Alban's in South
Ilford, where I was a choirboy and where he
continued to serve as curate until his death
at 82 in 1940. He was a Tractarian (a
supporter of the Anglo-Catholic Revival,
which began in 1833).

He lived a very disciplined life and
would not use public transport on a Sunday
and would walk from his bachelor lodgings in
Douglas Road, Goodmayes, to and from St.
Alban's church. A couple of families in the
parish would take it in turns to give him
Sunday lunch to save him a double journey;
and when either was not available to do so,
my Mum would do it. He was a delightful old
man to have at the meal table. He always
wore his cassock in the street with a black
cloak and a top hat. When listening to us
young servers talking about bicycles one day,
he announced that he used to ride one when
he was up at Oxford University. When I
asked him the 'make' he told me it was a
'penny-farthing'. He would have been an
undergraduate in about 1876!

Continuing the series of articles looking back
over the past to the days when there were trees
down the entire central reservation on the A12
and at least four grocery stores and as many
greengrocers on Silverdale Parade.

Laugh a minute!

Over the years laughter has often rung out in
church and halls at St. Peter's. In the 50s and
60s Church Parade was held every third
Sunday in the month.

Members of the 1st Aldborough
Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group sat on the

south side of the church, with their 100 or so
members occupying almost every pew and
often being squeezed up like peas in a pod.
The Brownies and Girl Guides - fewer in
number, but still a goodly crowd - sat on the
north side.

There seemed to be an unwritten
rule that the older the Scout, the shorter the
shorts, especially on Church Parade - and
there was a rush to sit at the aisle end of a
pew opposite the bigger - and, therefore,
more attractive - Girl Guides

The Scouts' well-known Bob-A-Job
Week took place during the Easter school
holidays, when Wolf Cubs, Scouts, Senior
Scouts and Rover Scouts would offer their
services to carry out any jobs at a shilling a
time - a shilling being known in those days
as a bob and worth about five pence in today's
currency. It has to be said that the Wolf Cubs
and younger Scouts enjoyed Bob-A-Job Week,
whilst the older members of the Scout Group
did not. If you were a small boy with an
appealing face and a squeaky voice,
householders would often give you a shilling
just to see the back of you. And if you smiled
especially sweetly, you could receive a drink,
a bag of sweets or even an ice cream!

If you were older, many a
homeowner thought Christmas had arrived
and gave you time-consuming, back-breaking
tasks that were worth far, far more than the
bob they handed you - somewhat grudgingly
- at the end of the day.

It was at a Church Parade when
the Vicar announced that, following the
success of the Scouts' Bob-A-Job Week, the
Girls Guides were to have a similar fund
raising week. But when the Vicar informed
us that the event was not to be called Bob-A-
Job, but that the Girl Guides would be
Willing-For-A-Shilling, there was a deathly
hush soon followed by peel upon peel of
laughter - from the Scouts, of course!

The Vicar turned a deep purple as
he speedily announced the next hymn, but
even the mighty organ had difficulty in
drowning out the laughter that now gripped
the congregation.

Yes, it is a fact of history that the
Girl Guides launched a fund raising event
called Willing-For-A-Shilling - without
realising that this might have a meaning that
had never crossed their pure minds!

I am uncertain whether or not this
was a local or national enterprise. Not
surprisingly, it only ran for one year and -
equally unsurprisingly, I have never heard or
read of it elsewhere. But my memory is quite
clear and I can hear the laughter now.

Another organisation meeting at St.
Peter's in the 40s and early 50s rejoiced
under the name of the Girls' Friendly Society.
I have no doubt that those who ran the group
and those who took part had the very best
intentions, but we boys thought it was a hoot.

We would wait outside the halls on
their meeting night and as they ran out to
trot off home to their ever-adoring mummies
and daddies, we would ask if they would like
to be friendly to us.

I have to say that in my personal
experience, none of them were, but I cannot
vouch for some of the other - and more
dashing - young men!

RJ

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