



ST. PETER'S CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2009

BROADSHEET

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

Services

Sunday 6th September

*Fourteenth Sunday after
Trinity*

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

Sunday 13th September

*Fifteenth Sunday after
Trinity*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 20th September

*Sixteenth Sunday after
Trinity*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September

*Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity*

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 4th October

*Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity – Harvest Festival*



8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

Weekdays

The church is open for private prayer on
Monday and Wednesday (10.30am to
12noon) – except Bank Holidays
Wednesday
10am: Holy Communion

Monday Club

7 th September	Cards
14 th September	Open Afternoon
21 st September	Bring and Buy Sale
28 th September	Bingo

We have received an email from Mr Atul Bhatt, who lives in Leyswood Drive. Mr Bhatt, who tells us that he enjoys reading the BROADSHEET, writes: *"Many times I have felt like writing and making some contribution, as issues you raise regularly and talk about are important and so relevant to all of us in the area and society at large, irrespective of our backgrounds.*

"I was really touched by 'Help Change the World' in the August issue and fully agree that every little does indeed make a difference. I believe change has to first take place 'within' and any actions that follow, be they little or small, will always be positive and result in bringing about some desired change. I came across this piece recently and wish to share that with you."

Gandhism . . .

Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and founder of the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Non violence, in his 9th June lecture at the University of Puerto Rico, shared the following story:

I was 16-years-old and living with my parents at the institute my grandfather had founded 18 miles outside of Durban, South Africa, in the middle of the sugar plantations. We were deep in the country and had no neighbours, so my two sisters and I would always look forward to going to town to visit friends or go to the movies.

One day, my father asked me to drive him to town for an all-day conference, and I jumped at the chance. Since I was going to town, my mother gave me a list of groceries she needed and, since I had all day in town, my father asked me to take care of several pending chores, such as getting the car serviced. When I dropped my father off that morning, he said: "I will meet you here at 5pm, and we will go home together."

After hurriedly completing my chores, I went straight to the nearest movie theatre. I got so engrossed in a John Wayne double-feature that I forgot the time. It was 5:30 before I remembered. By the time I ran to the garage and got the car and hurried to where my father was waiting for me, it was almost 6pm. He anxiously asked me: "Why were you late?" I was so ashamed of telling him I was watching a John Wayne western movie that I said: "The car wasn't ready, so I had to wait," not realising that he had already called the garage.

When he caught me in the lie, he said: "There's something wrong in the way I brought you up that didn't give you the confidence to tell me the truth. In order to figure out where I went wrong with you, I'm going to walk home 18 miles and think about it." So, dressed in his suit and dress shoes, he began to walk home in the dark on mostly unpaved, unlit roads. I couldn't leave him, so for five-and-a-half hours I drove behind him, watching my father go through this agony for a stupid lie that I uttered. I decided then and there that I was never going to lie again.

I often think about that episode and wonder, if he had punished me the way we punish our children, whether I would have learned a lesson at all. I don't think so. I would have suffered the punishment and gone on doing the same thing. But this single non-violent action was so powerful that it is still as if it happened yesterday. That is the power of non-violence.



Harvest Supper

St. Peter's Church Halls

Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm

Tickets £4 from Yvonne Jeffries (020 8599 7250)

Harvest Festival gifts

Once again we will be donating our Harvest gifts to the Redbridge Night Shelter in Ilford Town Centre. This will assist greatly in providing hot meals and shelter all year round for the homeless in Redbridge. We would be pleased to receive any of the following: tinned meat, corned beef, spam, ham, hot dogs, soups, tuna, salmon, potatoes, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, sweetcorn and tomatoes (but not baked beans, please); tinned fruit, custard, puddings, rice pudding; tomato and brown sauce; gravy granules; tea, coffee, sugar; black sacks, washing powder, floor cleaner, anti-bacterial spray, washing-up liquid, bin liners, toilet rolls, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, liquid soap (not bars of soap, please), deodorants, disposable safety razors.

Around the Hatch



Coffee Morning

Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 25th September

St. Peter's Vestry

9.30am until 12 noon

Bring & Buy - Cake Stall - Raffle

St. Peter's

Quiz Night

Saturday 5th September

7.30pm

St. Peter's Church Halls

Tables of eight

Fish and Chip Supper

Tickets £7 - Bring your own drink

Bookings to Yvonne Jeffries

(020 8599 7250)



We are planning to take part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. The shoeboxes, containing gifts for a boy or girl overseas who would not otherwise receive any presents at Christmas, will be collected in the first week of November. For leaflets and further details, please speak with Yvonne Jeffries (020 8599 7250).

Flower Festival DVD

A DVD with 88 colour photographs of the flower arrangements and accompanying music is available at £5 (plus £1 postage and packing) from Ron Jeffries, 37 Spearpoint Gardens, IG2 7SX. Cheques payable to St. Peter's - all profits to St. Peter's.

The Children's Society

Yvonne Jeffries would be grateful if the Children's Society boxes could please be returned to her by Sunday 13th September - either at church or at her home.

St. Peter's



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 21st November

Grand Christmas Draw

First prize: Digital Picture Frame
Second prize: Case of Selected Wines
Third prize: Luxury Hamper
plus many other prizes

Tickets available next month from
Chris Kerrison (020 8599 4368)



We continue our tales of St. Peter's - this month with revelations of some of the myths and legends that have grown up over the years.

Of Sugar Sunday, Pickling Sunday, Raffles and the like

Until the first half of the 19th Century, Hainault Forest came down to Aldborough Hatch and the word 'Hatch' itself denoted a hatch or gate into the forestland. In 1851, an Act of Parliament 'disafforested' Hainault and 100,000 trees on Crown land were felled within two years. Large farms were laid out on Fairlop Plain with housing for labourers and the straight roads - Hainault Road, Forest Road and New North Road - were cut through. Aldborough Hatch, once described as "the village in the suburbs", stretches from the South of Fairlop Plain and, not unnaturally, a number of myths and legends have grown up over the years.

Amongst these are two special Sundays - *Sugar Sunday* and *Pickling Sunday* - neither of which are known or celebrated (as far as we are aware) outside the Hatch (in general) and St. Peter's Church (in particular). It has been said that their origins lie in the *Book of Common Prayer*, but I regret to say that despite intensive research (which, at times, was quite painful), I have been unable to verify the accuracy of that statement. The first prayer book was published in 1549 in the reign of Edward VI, following the break with Rome and a bit before my time. This was rapidly succeeded by a reformed revision in 1552, under the same editorial hand, that of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, and a combined version appeared in 1559.

Tumultuous events over the next century, including the English Civil War (of which I have no personal experience), meant that it was not until 1662 that what became the official prayer book of the Church of England - also called the *Book of Common Prayer* - hit the bookshops. Things stayed very much the same until the last century when an edition was published "with the additions and deviations proposed in 1928", followed by the *Alternative Service Book 1980*, and later *Common Worship*. I have searched them all - well, most of them

anyway - and both Sundays are conspicuous by their absence.

Sugar Sunday takes place this year at St. Peter's by decree of the Parochial Church Council on 27th September, when members of the congregation will stagger from their cars, motor cycles and bicycles, or hobble up the road, laden down with bags and bags (and in some cases sacks) of granulated, icing or castor sugar to be laid in the pews at the back of the church.

My research (for I am nothing if not thorough) reveals that there are some sixty different sugars known to man - including Beet sugar, Grape sugar, Gur, Invert, Jaggery, Rock, Sanding and Superfine. But the ladies of St. Peter's ask for none of these - just the three named - although I would guess that a few bags of Superfine would be welcomed, but unlikely, for this is manufactured in the USA.

And why, I hear you cry, is all this sugar required - and in such vast quantities? Let me explain - if you are still with me, that is. The major event in the Aldborough Hatch winter social calendar is the St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar - scheduled this year for Saturday 21st November. The ladies of the parish will soon be preparing to stock the Preserves Stall at the Bazaar - stirring huge cauldrons of jams (using home-grown fruits, such as plums) and marmalades (where the fruit is imported, for oranges do not do well hereabouts).

And before some clever dick tells me that the Seville Orange season is not in the autumn, I would point out that some of the sugar will be stored until next year when the stalls in Romford Market are groaning under the weight of the succulent fruit. Meantime, a tinned marmalade preparation will be used by those who missed the Seville season (and there are not many who do so, for these ladies are canny to say the least). And the types of marmalade will be many and various - lemon marmalade and whiskey marmalade being amongst the most popular (the latter especially so with those who like to start the day with a bang).

Sugar is also a vital ingredient of the many different varieties of cake that will adorn the stall of that name at the Bazaar and the ladies who slave over hot stoves for days on end (baking fairy cakes, rock cakes, round cakes, long cakes - the variety is endless) will welcome the sugar supplies as they come tumbling in. And Jean, who stocks a superb stall at the St. Peter's Flower Festival with her delicious array of homemade sweets, will store some of the sugar in a dry place for use in the days running up to the Festival next June.

(To be continued next month - when we will lift the lid on the excitement that is *Pickling Sunday* and the *Raffles*, without which no social event at St. Peter's is complete - R.J.)

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

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