



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

MAY 2010

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

Services

Sunday 2nd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Thursday 13th May

Ascension

8pm Holy Communion

Sunday 16th May

First Sunday after Ascension

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd May

Whit Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 30th May

Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Healing Service

Sunday 6th June

First Sunday after Trinity

No Service at 8am

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Weekdays

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

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

Wednesday

10am: Holy Communion

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club for children aged
three and over meets in the church
halls at 10.30am on Sundays 2nd and
9th May. We will be in church on 16th

May for the Family Service.

All children are very welcome.

Something we should pray about

Now we know. The General Election will be on 6th May. We in Redbridge have Local Elections, too. It may be you are totally turned off by politics or disillusioned by recent events. Even so, I believe it is important that we vote and, what's more, that we vote thoughtfully. That is to say, that we don't necessarily vote as we have always voted, but that we think about the issues as carefully as we can.

Some people have said that the Church should not be involved in politics. I have to say I think that is nonsense! Of course, I think it is true that, at least in the political situation in which we live, the Church should not uphold one party over another. But small 'p' politics is a different matter. As Christians, members of another faith or of no faith at all, we live in the world. And I believe we have a responsibility towards the world and its people. Which means we have to be concerned about the economy, the environment, the NHS, Social Services, Education, Asylum Seekers, Immigration and so on. It really does matter.

So we need to think about the policies the different parties advocate and the principles underlying them. Though it isn't always easy to find that out! And you might say that there is so little difference between the major parties that it is more a matter of trust of the leaders of the parties. I don't agree, but it is a valid position to hold.

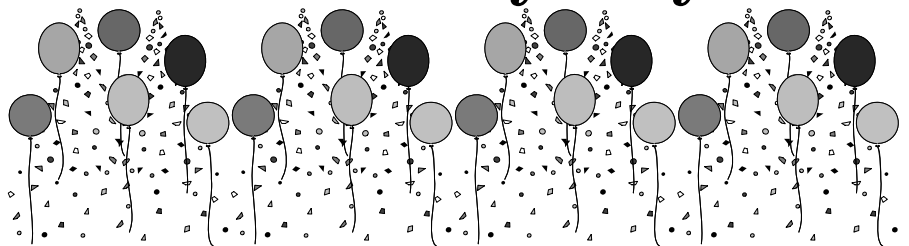
Of course, the most tempting thing to do is to vote for the party that seems to promise the best deal for me! As an OAP to vote for the best pension promises, or care of the elderly, or as someone with a higher income to vote for the party that promises to keep taxes low and so on. But as a Christian, or as someone who cares about our community, our country and indeed, the world, I believe we must think beyond our own immediate interests, and try to think more widely. And as a Christian, I believe the election is something we should pray about. Pray for the conduct of the election and for the candidates. Pray for wisdom for ourselves. And then to pray for the new Government in what can't help but be a difficult situation. After all, whatever the outcome, the economic situation, international relations, the environment and all the other issues must be faced – and it won't be easy!

So think, pray, and, please, **do vote** on 6th May. And don't forget our local councillors – the sort of Council we have matters, too.

Revd Clare Nicholson, Vicar

All the fun of the fair!

St. Peter's May Day Fete



Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May - 2pm to 5pm

All the fun of the fair!

Coconut Shy – Bat-the-Rat – Bottle Tombola – Raffle – Books – Preserves
Bedding plants – Home-made Cakes – Tin Tombola – Toy Tombola – Jigsaws
Bowling for a Pig – New Gifts (unwanted presents - *no jumble please*)
Face Painting – Refreshments: Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Soft Drinks

Around the Hatch

Flower Festival Fund Raising

Events to raise money to pay for the flowers

Just Desserts

Friday 14th May at 7.30pm

Aldbrough Hall Farm

(Next door to the Dick Turpin)

*Have your main course at home
then come to the Farm for a wide
range of delicious desserts.*

A gourmet's delight!

50p a portion

Plate Raffle

Friday 4th June at 7.30pm

St. Peter's Church Halls

*Not a raffle of plates, but of a
wide variety of desirable items –
all placed on plates! A fun
evening for all the family*

St. Peter's

30th Flower Festival

Theme: Pearls of Wisdom

Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th

and Monday 28th June

Full details next month

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale

St. Peter's Church Halls

Saturday 22nd May

10am to 12noon

In aid of Christian Aid

The Memorial Hall referred to in
the article *For the Fallen* on this
page is open on the first Sunday of
each month from April to October
this year from 2pm to 4.30pm

Monday Club

3 rd May	Bank Holiday – No Club
10 th May	Cards
17 th May	Speaker – Pamela Belonwo from Redbridge NHS
24 th May	Bingo
31 st May	Bank Holiday – No Club

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



For the fallen

The Ilford War Memorial Gardens on the A12 near Newbury Park Station are an oasis of peace, serving as the focus for the London Borough of Redbridge Civic Service on Remembrance Sunday in November each year.

The decision to construct a War Memorial in Ilford was taken at a public meeting on 27th November 1918 – sixteen days after the Armistice - when the Ilford War Memorial Committee was formed to: “raise subscriptions to a fund to be known as the *Ilford War Memorial Fund for the purpose of providing a War Memorial to the memory of Ilford residents killed in the Great War 1914 – 1918, and to decide as to the War Memorial to be provided*”.

The following year a 'plebiscite' was taken of all residents in the then Ilford Urban District, with 14,000 votes being cast in favour of a Children's Hospital, and to erect a suitable monument. Some £10,000 was raised from donations made by those living in the Borough, local businesses and from those with family or other links to Ilford.

Two acres of land, which form the War Memorial Gardens, were purchased at a cost of £800. The Bronze Sentinel mounted on a Cross was erected at the entrance to the Gardens at a cost of £1,200. This was sculptured by Newbury A Trent (1885-1963), a member of the Royal British Society of Sculptors and unveiled by HRH Princess Louise on 11th November 1922.

It took another five years before enough money could be raised to build a new wing to the Ilford Emergency Hospital - The Ilford War Memorial Children's Wing – which was built on land adjoining the Memorial Gardens, part of which was purchased by the Fund. The building included the Memorial Hall in which the names of the War Dead would be recorded. The total cost was some £8,000. These were opened by Lady Patricia Ramsey, formerly HRH Princess Patricia, the daughter of The Duke of Connaught and a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, on 27th June 1927.

The names of the 1,159 men from the Urban

District of Greater Ilford, which included Goodmayes, Seven Kings, Newbury Park, Barkingside and Ilford who were killed in the Great War are recorded on panels in the Memorial Hall – the original intention being that this would form the main entrance to the Children's Wing. However, other than at the opening ceremony, it appears never to have been used for this purpose. Quite why no one knows, but perhaps a formidable Matron determined that it would be inappropriate! As a result, apart from occasional use by dignitaries preparing to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in the inter-war years, the Memorial Hall became an adjunct to the Children's Ward. It was often used for storage, although on warm days beds were pushed into the Hall and the entrance doors opened to give the children some fresh air.

The Ilford Emergency Hospital became the King George V Hospital and was opened by King George V in 1931. In 1993 that hospital relocated to a site in the grounds of Goodmayes Hospital and is now part of the Barking, Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust. The buildings of both the hospital and the maternity hospital nearby – which had stood empty for some years - were finally demolished in 2001 to make way for a new housing development.

A campaign was mounted by local groups to preserve the Memorial Hall and a case was made for the building and the monument at the entrance to the gardens to be added to the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest (Grade II). Sadly, it was not possible to get the listing extended to the Children's Wing which was demolished. However, the Memorial Hall, which has a floor area of some 625 square feet was repaired and refurbished by the developers, Bellway Homes Limited, and ownership transferred to the London Borough of Redbridge. The Hall had fallen into serious disrepair. The panels around the walls and the floor were covered with mould which had to be cleaned off. Masonry was cracked, needing expert repair, and the tiled floor required specialist treatment. It was rededicated in August 2005. **RJ**

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