



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BROADSHEET

JUNE 2010

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

Services

Sunday 6th June

First Sunday after Trinity
No 8am Service of Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 13th June

Second Sunday after Trinity
No 8am Service of Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 20th June

Third Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th June

Fourth Sunday after Trinity
St. Peter's Flower Festival
9am Holy Communion

7pm Festival Songs of Praise

Sunday 4th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity
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
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 6th and 13th June. We will be in church on 20th June for the Family Service.
All children are very welcome.

Praise in the Park

Seven Kings Fellowship of Churches - Seven Kings Park
Sunday 11th July
Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale
Saturday 17th July

'Pearls of Wisdom'

is the theme for this year's Flower Festival at St. Peter's.

I wonder if you realise this year is our Thirtieth Flower Festival? It is our 'pearl anniversary' – hence the chosen theme! I am amazed at the inventiveness and creativity of our people here. To think of thirty different themes, and to explore them all with such imagination takes some doing, doesn't it? I am full of admiration for them. The whole event is a major undertaking, too, for it isn't only the Flower Arrangements themselves, but the Craft Market, the entertainments, the Choral Recitals – it all takes an immense amount of work. And it takes working together. It takes planning, thinking, praying together; it takes sharing responsibility, it takes co-operating one with another. In other words, it takes being the body of Christ.

St. Paul talks about the Church as being the 'Body of Christ' in his letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that though our gifts may be diverse, we are all part of the same body. At St. Peter's we try to make everyone feel welcome, people who are like most of us, and more especially people who are different from the majority. We try to be utterly inclusive, recognising that everyone is a child of God. It isn't always easy – after all, it is sometimes hard to understand those who are unlike us. But we believe it is worth working at it. We aren't a perfect church yet! But we do hope everyone who visits us or attends does indeed feel welcome, and quickly a part of our fellowship.

So I hope you will visit our Festival; enjoy the flowers and all we have to offer, and perhaps join us in our worship, too, for we have so much to thank God for. I write this on General Election Day. When you read it you will know the result, of course. I don't, yet! But it struck me that the image of 'the body' isn't a bad one for a community, indeed for the whole of society. An organic body, a human being, is made up of limbs and head and skin and organs and so on, each part with its different function, all working together so that the body can live and function. Society is made up of many different members, also with different functions. But all parts are needed – just as the heart needs the brain, and the head needs the foot! Society functions best when we recognise and value the contribution each member makes, and we work together for the well being of the whole. Perhaps under our new government, whoever they are, we can all work together, thinking of one another and not just ourselves in the difficult times ahead. I hope we can. **Revd Clare Nicholson, Vicar**

St. Peter's Flower Festival 2010

Theme: Pearls of Wisdom

Saturday 26th June

Church open from 10am to 7pm **Craft Market** open from 10am to 6pm
Refreshments available from 10am to 6pm (including hot and cold drinks, ploughman's, strawberries and cream teas)
Musical Pearls played by **Robert Pyatt** on the green at 1pm
Indian Folk Dancing by **RAM** on the green at 2pm
Choral Music The Choirs of St. John's and St. Peter's, and friends will give a recital at 3pm
The Palmerstone Dancers on the green at 4pm **Service of Compline** at 7pm

Sunday 27th June

Service of Holy Communion at 9am
Church open from 10am to 7pm **Craft Market** open from 10am to 5pm
Refreshments available from 10am to 5pm (including hot and cold drinks, ploughman's, strawberries and cream teas)
Students from Oaks Park High School Specialist Music College GCSE and BTEC music classes will perform pieces prepared as part of their exam courses on the green at 1pm
The Palmerstone Dancers on the green at 2pm
Choral Music The Choirs of St. John's and St. Peter's, and friends will give a recital at 3pm
Charmas Stage School Singers on the green at 4pm **Festival Songs of Praise** at 7pm

Monday 28th June

Church open from 10am to 7pm

Around the Hatch

Flower Festival Sponsorship

We are again inviting friends of St. Peter's to sponsor the floral arrangements at this year's Flower Festival to celebrate the life of a loved one. If you or your family would like to participate in this scheme (or require further information), please contact Roger Goffee, 22 Abbotsford Road, ILFORD, Essex, IG3 9SL (TEL: 020 8590 1610; e-mail roger.pam.goffee@talk21.com) for a form before 11th June. Forms are also available from the Church. The minimum sponsorship remains at £15 and cheques should be made payable to St. Peter's Church. We are also inviting people who pay income tax to Gift Aid their donation. We will arrange for the name of your loved one to be attractively displayed close to the main door of the church.

Flower Festival Fund Raising

An event to raise money to pay for the flowers

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

Historic Aldborough Hatch, Essex

Set of ten postcards – 6" x 4"

Printed on glossy photo-paper

Aldborough House and Chapel - around 1800; The Chapel -1905; The Chapel - 1988 and 2010; The Dick Turpin - pre-1912 and pre-1944; Cuckoo Hall – early 20th Century and 2010; The smithy opposite Aldborough Hall; Aldborough Grange; St. Peter's Church and Halls - 1930s or earlier and 2010; Sketch of St. Peter's on the appeal leaflet – 1860s and the church today; The Church of St. James, Little Heath

£3 per pack of ten

(Please add £1 postage and packing)

Available from Ron Jeffries, 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North, IG2 7SX

All profits to St. Peter's Church

Monday Club

7 th June	Cards
14 th June	Luncheon
21 st June	Bingo
28 th June	Visit to St. Peter's Flower Festival

St. Peter's Organisations

- Monday Club - Monday 2pm
- Beaver Scouts - Monday 5.15pm
- Cub Scouts - Monday 6.30pm
- Scouts – Monday 7.45pm
- Brown Guides - Tuesday 7pm
- Guides - Wednesday 7pm

Last month we told the story of the founding of the Ilford War Memorial Gardens on the A12 near Newbury Park Station. Here we bring readers up to date with the ongoing work by Redbridge Council and a dedicated group of volunteers who are determined to ensure that those who gave their lives that we might live are not forgotten.

A place of remembrance

In July 2006, the Ilford War Memorial Gardens Action Group was established to improve the gardens and to increase public awareness of their significance as a place of remembrance and for quiet reflection and relaxation. The group comprises representatives of local groups, remembrance associations, council officers and is chaired by Councillor Ruth Clark. A programme of improvement works was put in hand in the latter part of 2006. Members of the Group have planted spring bulbs – daffodil, crocus and snowdrops – in the beds and in the grassed areas, bringing colour and life to the Memorial Gardens in the springtime. The rose beds have been restocked, new shrubs planted and the flower beds are filled with colour in the summer. Much of this work, which is on-going, has been carried out by members of the Action Group assisted by local residents. The Gardens were awarded a Certificate of Merit for the most improved public garden by 'London in Bloom' in 2007, and were similarly recognised in 2008. In addition to the horticultural improvements, the railings surrounding the gardens have been repainted and information and interpretative boards erected explaining the history and significance of the Gardens and the War Memorial Hall.

In June 2007, the Action Group organised an Open Day to raise awareness of the War Memorial Gardens and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the Memorial Hall. A summer concert was held in June 2008 and carol services have been held in the Hall for the past three years – the Hall being decorated with a Christmas tree and holly wreaths. Funding has also been obtained to provide a small natural play area for young children in a corner of the gardens – and so provide a link that was lost when the children's wing of the hospital was demolished. Sadly, the Gardens have experienced their share of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, most notably in 2007 when the glass ceiling lantern was badly damaged by stones thrown from the adjoining footpath. The damage has been repaired. The Gardens are open throughout the day but because of the risk of damage it is not possible to allow unrestricted access to the Memorial Hall. However, a rota of volunteer stewards has been organised, which has enabled the building to be open to the public on the first Sunday of each month from April to October 2010 (2pm to 4.30pm), on London Open House Weekend and on the morning of Remembrance Sunday. (We acknowledge with thanks an article by Foster Summerson in the 'London Society Journal' from which some of this material has been culled - RJ.)

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A new leaflet – "Aldborough Walk" – published by Redbridge Council earlier this year, invites residents to "discover the history on your doorstep". With a map and photographs of places of interest, the walk starts at Barkingside Station, runs across Fairlop Plain to Aldborough Hatch and thence to Newbury Park Station and the Ilford War Memorial Gardens. A hundred years ago Aldborough Hatch was little more than a hamlet. The houses between St. Peter's and the A12 were built in the 30s, 40s and 50s. A walk in Aldborough would have been similar but different 100 years ago as the following extract from George Tasker's "Country Rambles by field, path and road in and around Ilford" (published in 1910) illustrates.

Aldborough Walk

The ramble commences at the trams at the Aldborough ('Cauliflower') Bridge, running to "Downshall Council School, opposite which is St John's Church, the parish church of Seven Kings. Follow the telegraph poles to the right along a pleasant country road" (Aldborough Road South).

"Great Newbury Farm" (near the Bury Club) "is soon passed on the left, while away on the right is seen West Ham Lunatic Asylum" (Goodmayes Hospital, now part of the North East London Foundation Trust).

"Most of the land at Aldborough Hatch belongs to the Crown as it was part of Hainault Forest, and the Government contributed to the erection of St Peter's Church, which is built of stones from old Westminster Bridge.

"Opposite the church" (in what is now Applegarth Drive) "is Aldborough Grange – the last of the great mansions of the hamlet. It possesses a fine specimen of wrought ironwork, viz. the gate in the side wall of the grounds by the road. The field path by the church and the continuing road beyond it lead to the Horns, Barkingside.

"Instead of continuing along the Aldborough Road - which eventually ends in Hainault Road near Little Heath - go through the gate on the right opposite St Peter's Church and along the field path" (the path followed roughly the lines of Applegarth Drive and Bawdsey Avenue). "Note on the left Chigwell Row Church, Hog Hill, and Hainault Forest, then over some stiles to a pretty wooded dell – locally known as the 'Happy Valley' through which flows the Seven Kings Water, crossed by a small plank bridge" (now the A12, just East of the junction with Bawdsey Avenue).

"From here the path has been diverted, the land having been acquired by the asylum authorities and instead of going in a straight line to the top of Barley Lane, it turns to the left and again to the right, finally coming out by St James's Church, Little Heath" (sited on the North-West corner of the present junction of the A12 and Hainault Road and demolished in 1933).

"From St James's Church a short lane leads to all that remains of the heath. This remnant was planted with trees and shrubs, and grass seed sown in January 1910."

The leaflet Aldborough Walk is available from Redbridge Local Studies & Archives at Redbridge Library (TEL: 020 8708 2417) **RJ**

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