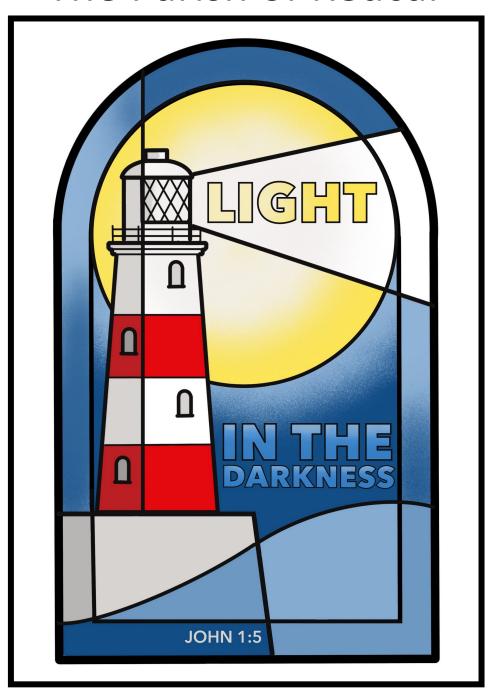
# News and Views from St Peter's Church and

## The Parish of Redcar



**July 2024** 

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OFFICE HOUR—the church is open between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday evenings to discuss baptisms or weddings.

For funerals, please contact your funeral director.

Church email address hello@stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk

#### **WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S**

Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

**3rd Sunday of month** 

10.00am ALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendly

**Service with Holy Communion** 

1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of month

10.00am ST PETER'S ARK—a service for children

Come and learn about Jesus with us

Sunday 7.00pm NIGHT PRAYER (Compline) on Zoom (fortnightly)

Meeting ID: 930 2516 0828, Password: 1234

zoom

Wednesday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

The last Wednesday of the month is also Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

Wednesday 12noon COME TO THE TABLE—bible study, worship,

testimony and food

Wednesday 6.30pm REFLECTIONS—an opportunity to reflect on the big

questions of modern life in a safe, comfortable

and friendly space

Thursday 9.00am MORNING PRAYER in the Lady Chapel

10.00am PRAM SERVICE—a time of worship and play for babies,

toddlers and their parents, grandparents, and carers

Sunday services are live streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel. Prayers, reflections and notices are posted on St Peter's Facebook page.



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# Views from the Vicarage

### **Churches Together**

There will be a Churches Together meeting on Tuesday 16th July at 7.30pm at Newcomen Methodist Church., Mersey Road, Redcar.



Items on the agenda will include sharing

information about major events for the coming year at our churches, and doing something for Christian Unity week in January 2025, and perhaps a community event on Good Friday, Pentecost, or Remembrance Sunday.

Also any interest in any other community event suggestions.

If you would like to be involved in Churches Together please let me know.

### **Sea Sunday**

On Sunday, 14th July at 10..00am we will be having our Annual Sea Sunday Service.

A day when we can specifically remember and thank those who work on our seas, particularly locally.



Being so close to the sea, St Peter's has a long history with sailors and fishermen.

#### **Beach Service with Baptisms**

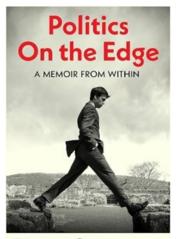
Planned for August 18th at 10.00am near the Stray. Watch out for more details soon.



#### A Good Read

OK, cards on the table, I don't like bringing party politics into church. For a start it is divisive, there are good policies and bad policies in most parties as well as good candidates and bad ones.

Churches are a reflection of the community we live in, so I would imagine that the are members of our congregation



**Rory Stewart** 

who support Conservative, Labour, LibDem, etc etc and those who exercise their rights in a democratic society to not vote at all.

Having said that, I have personally taken an interest in the turbulent world of politics and am reading Rory Stewart's book 'Politics On the Edge'.

It is fascinating to read how he spent his early life walking the length and breadth of Afghanistan, then walked the length and breadth of his constituency in the Lake District in order to be voted into Parliament.

I'm enjoying it a lot more than all the debates on TV anyway.

# Every Blessing, Rev'd Andy

#### And You Held Me

And you held me and there were no words and there was no time and you held me and there was only wanting and

and I was nothing but letting go
and being held
and there were no words and there
needed to be no words
and there was no terror only stillness
and I was wanting nothing and
it was fullness and it was like aching for God
and it was touch and warmth and
darkness and no time and no words and we
flowed

and I flowed and I was not empty and I was given up to the dark and



in the darkness I was not lost
and the wanting was like fullness and I could
hardly hold it and I was held and
you were dark and warm and without time and
without words and you held me

Words by Janet Morley
Artwork by Yvonne Dean





#### **LECTIONARY JULY 2024**

#### **Sunday 7th July**

2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13

#### **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Sunday 14th July**

2 Samuel 6.1-5,12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29

### **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Sunday 21st July**

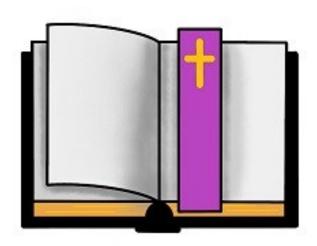
2 Samuel 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34,53-56

#### **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Sunday 28th July**

2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

#### **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**



#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### **Holy Baptism**

We welcome into the family of the church...

2nd June Truly Crust

9th June Kassius-King Cook



#### **Holy Matrimony**

We pray for the home and happiness of

1st June Bethany Oakley and Matthew Sowerby

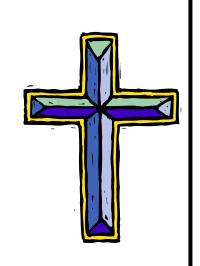


### **In Loving Memory**

Funerals held in June 2024

12th June Robert Shaw (at Kirkleatham)

We pray for his family and friends





## Hi Everyone!

I do hope everyone will read Val's piece on our progress with the Rise Up campaign and the sad tale of our theatre trip!

Thank you to everyone who's sent items for the MU toiletries stall at the Summer Fair, bought tickets for the Summer Celebration on 2nd July, or donated prizes for our raffles; you are all just wonderful!

The Deanery has arranged a lunch at the Cleveland Golf Club, Redcar on Wednesday, 28th August at 12.30pm for 1.00pm The price for 3 courses is £19.95 (plus a tip). They need to know numbers and menu choices asap and a £5 deposit. To Anne or Sandra please (copy of menu available on Tuesday 2nd or on church noticeboard).

Congratulations and best wishes to all members who had birthdays in June with special mention for our dear Brenda Mlitchell, who is 95 years young.

## Blessings, Anne X

## MU Diary for July

Tuesday 2nd 2.00 pm Let's Celebrate Summer

Stawberry & Pimms—our afternoon fundraiser for

MU's 'Summer of Hope'

Wednesday 18th 7.30pm EMUs meeting tbc

Wednesday 25th 9.30 am Corporate Communion

(do wear your badges)

Reminder: No Branch meeting in August but look forward to seeing those who can make the Deanery Lunch.



Mother's Union is Campaigning to

**RISE UP** 

against Domestic Abuse

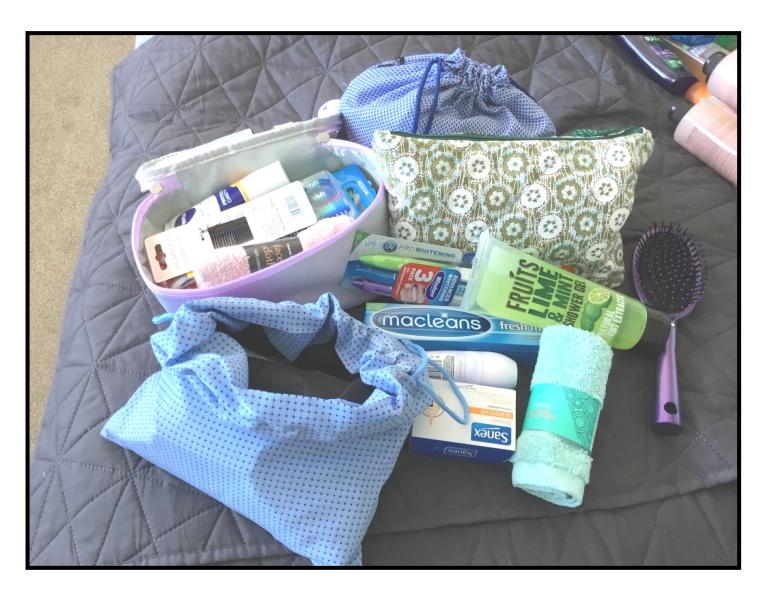
The letters of RISE UP stand for **R**espond, **I**nform,

Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. Domestic abuse can

happen to anyone from any walk of life. It's our goal that

Mothers' Union members and churches will work together to be a part of the change and will get involved with our RISE UP challenge.

At St Peter's we have placed notices in the church toilets with information on who to contact regarding domestic abuse. We have also contacted Eva's Women's Aid, the local charity offering help to abuse victims, to find if we could assist in some small way. Members decided to donate toiletries to people in need. We donate an item each month such as toothpaste, shampoo etc. and make up toiletry bags which we give to Eva's Women's Aid.



There are bronze, silver and gold awards for MU branches and churches who take part and complete various actions as we work together to raise critical awareness and take action against domestic abuse, in whatever form it takes.

If you would like to help, please see Val Brennan for further details.

Representatives of Eva's Women's Aid will be Guest Speakers at our next MU Branch Meeting in September.









### EMUs and the Big Night Out That Wasn't...

We had been planning it for months – a trip to The Sunderland Empire Theatre to see a new touring production of "Jesus Christ Superstar".

A group booking of 10 tickets was purchased with very specific requirements – evening performance (for our members who work), seats in the stalls, stepfree access, two sets of five seats in front of each other, at the end of a row and near the Ladies!

Lifts were arranged and we set off really looking forward to our big night out. Imagine our disappointment when we arrived in Sunderland to find that the performance had been cancelled just an hour before curtain up!

So what to do? We found a nice bar, had a drink, a good old chat and came

back home. It may not have been the trip we thought it was going to be, but it was still a lovely night out in good company.

And we got our money back so we can plan another trip for the future!

Daphne Wood



### Rev Elaine writes...

Over the years Jim and I spent a lot of time in America, not only on holiday, but when Jim had been working there. Several years ago we spent four months travelling around, while Jim was visiting various universities.

While we were there, we never knew what sort of TV we would have, and so became great fans of PBS (Public Service Broadcasting), a non-profit organisation that is free to view. PBS provides programming in cultural, educational, scientific programmes, and in news and public affairs. Ours sons and I became addicted to "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" and Jim and I enjoyed the balanced news programmes. So I often watch PBS news, and a couple of weeks ago I was watching when I heard the following: "all things counter, original, spare, strange." My ears pricked up because these words come from one of my favourite poems by Gerald Manley Hopkins. It's called Pied Beauty.

For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough;

And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;

Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)

With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;

He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:

Praise him.

The programme was discussing "What the world looks like when humanity stays home" and referred back to the horrors of the pandemic, when there seemed to be a strange beauty in the world around us.

Pied Beauty calls believers to praise God for all the strange beauty in the world. Not just the obviously beautiful things, but beauty that is unconventional, rare, and even contrary — the shadowy, dappled, mottled, pied or variegated, fickle (changeable), fallow and at rest, things sour as well as sweet, things dim as well as dazzling, that which is slow and not just fast.

This past week I've driven through a frightening downpour, but as I was driving the sun came out and I was startled by the beauty of the raindrops as they came towards the car. It was truly breathtaking and something I'd never experienced before. It can be surprising where we can find beauty, catching a glimpse of a sunset through a bedroom window, watching the fledglings being fed on a neighbours roof, I could go on. May we all, when we see the beauty of creation, however strange, remember to stop and give thanks to our amazing God.

## With love Rev'd Elaine

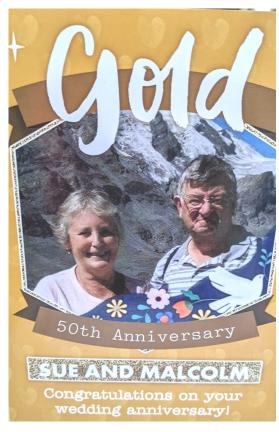


#### A GOLDEN COUPLE CELEBRATE

On Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Sue and Malcolm Steele celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary - 50 years married and still a very special couple. Never ones to enjoy a lot of fuss, they ran away together for a few days in Blackpool. But before they went, they made sure their St Peter's family could join in the celebrations by arranging for everyone to have a special cup cake and to listen to the poem penned by Sue for her Malcolm. All together now, ahh...!!







Here is the poem Sue wrote for her Malcolm to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary:

"Well, I really can't believe it, 50 years have passed us by, How I managed to put up with him, I honestly can't think why We were fixed up by a pal of Mal's fifteen months before I wasn't really sure at first and nearly aimed for the door I didn't like his platform heels and his coat had fur around the top He carried an umbrella, but his hair needed a crop He must have really loved me, cos the shoes and coat went away He dumped the umbrella, but his hair it had to stay After being married a while you find faults beyond a joke For example, he always has to hog the TV remote On the good side, Mal's a gentleman, opening doors for me everywhere Lets me have the window seat when we travel here and there He always brings the bins in, and cooks our evening meal The more I think it over, I'd not get a better deal Don't think I want to change things, being together all these years Like all other couples we've had ups and downs and tears We have a lovely family to keep us both quite sane And given half a chance, we would probably do it again!"

Sue and Malcolm would like to thank everyone for the cards, presents and good wishes they received from their St Peter's family..

#### The 'I AM'

The 'I Am' spoke from the burning bush
And Moses heard the voice of God,
Take off your shoes he was told
For it was holy ground he trod.

When Jesus came, He said 'I Am'
The Bread of Life that Moses knew
Who fed them in the wilderness
With fire and cloud He led them through.

Good Shepherd who will lead us on
Through desert times of pain and strife,
The same 'I Am' that Moses met
Who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

By Megan Carter, taken from The Parish Pump



### ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

The result of the June 2024 draw was:

1st No. 91 R Loudon £40

2nd No. 46 M Tyson £10

#### Men of The Sea

Your first disciples, Lord, were men of the sea:

Hardy fishermen from the shores of Galilee.

They knew from experience the perils of the deep...

They also knew Your presence with them in their darkest hours.

We pray for those who face like hazards today...

Lord of the sea, be near to guard them in every danger...

And let them hear Your voice above the tempest,

'It is I, be not afraid"

So bring them to their haven in peace.

From a prayer by Frank Colquhoun

Taken from The Parish Pump

#### **East Redcar Residents' Association**

The East Redcar Residents' Association works to improve and protect the parks and open spaces in East Redcar. Meetings are held in St Peter's Church upstairs meeting room at 7.00pm on the first Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Thursday, 4th July.

ERRA is seeking the views of residents on Green Spaces in East Redcar.

Please contact michaelcarling@btintertnet.com for details.

Thank you, Mike Carling



The Friends are taking part in the Redcar East Information Day to be held at the Cleveland Bay Monday, July 8th between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. If you live in West Dyke, Zetland or Wheatlands Wards and have an issue, please come to see the relevant organisation concerned. If you want more information about local services, now is the time to do this. There will be other stalls relating to essential services. If you would like to attend, just come along and talk to representatives from the Street Scene, Highways, Libraries, Fire Brigade, Arriva and Police departments - this is the event for you.

We had a very emotional event on Father's Day, with 200 visitors coming to the cemetery, and they were able to give us some valuable information to help us with our work.



We are getting help with the issue of headstone restoration which mainly affects the headstones at risk in the old section of the cemetery, although some stones in the middle and new section are affected. If you have a family headstone, please check it out to ensure it is not affected as things change with the passage of time. We are continuing with our work in the cemetery and although the weather has got drier the sun has affected the planting. Thanks for all the donations given to us, we appreciate it very much.



This month sees one of our team togetherness activities so we are playing and having fun as a group and not just working. We are usually working in separate teams, one fundraising and one gardening. On these days we get together, for this one Soo has organised a picnic on the beach with French Cricket with a scavenger hunt. A few of us might be wanting rain so we can go into the library and have a quiz! But don't tell Soo.

#### **Dot Ahmed**



We are currently looking for volunteers. We need your help to spread the word!



If you or if you know someone who wishes to join Silver Mews Care Home as a volunteer – perhaps as a Befriender Volunteer or an Activities Volunteer, please point them to the below to find out about the roles and how to apply to Silver Mews Care Home.

Silver Mews Care Home is working with the Redcar and Cleveland Volunteer Development Agency, based in Palace Hub, Redcar, to recruit volunteers for Silver Mews.

https://www.rcvda.org.uk/volunteering or you can call them on 01642 440571.

You need to be over 18 years old and undertake a DBS check (Disclosure and Barrring Service) to volunteer in the care industry.

Please note this is not a route into care work—the volunteer roles are to enhance the lives of residents through greater choices with people who wish to support them as Befriender Volunteers or Activities Volunteers.

Registered Address: Silver Mews Care Home, Deal Road, Redcar, TS10 2 RG



#### **Miscellaneous Observations:**

- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getter harder and harder for me to find one now
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong
- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station...
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research
- Where there's a will, I want to be in it
- In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify ..." I answered, "a doctor"
- The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage

### **Signs Found Outside Churches**

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is a ch\_\_ch What is missing? (U R)
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- In the dark? Follow the Son.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd
- Worn out? Come in for a Service!
- This church is not just four weddings and a funeral.

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