

News and Views from St Peter's Church and The Parish of Redcar



October 2020

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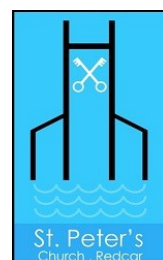
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www.stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk





Coming Together is a beginning
Keeping together is progress
Thinking together is unity BUT
Working together is **SUCCESS**

**PLEASE JOIN US
IN CHURCH**
for our

**ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING
on WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER
at 7.00pm**

(doors open 10mins before)

Please let us know if you are unable to attend

We hope to be able to use ZOOM also
(though internet connection is weak!)

**APCM Zoom Details
Meeting ID: 969 7622 8274
Passcode: 428434**

We will be joined by our Area Dean, Rev'd David Tembey, who has kindly consented to chair our meeting. Please come warmly dressed for sitting social distanced in church. Feel free to bring a warm drink if able to! (*sorry, but no wine & nibbles this year!*)

There are places for new members to join the PCC (Parochial Church Council). Nominations forms are available at the back of church.

We have some testing times ahead and we need energy, wisdom, enthusiasm and most importantly commitment. Please give your support to those who represent you. For further information do speak to Anne or Michael or Rev Tina.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS



Hi everyone! At the beginning of this month we celebrated Harvest. How wonderful to have some flowers on show to bring brightness and warmth.

Thank you Eileen and Yvonne from all of us!

Not quite the lavish extravaganza of years past—who remembers the fishermen's nets and lobster pots draped around the old pulpit, and the parades of offerings up the central aisle to bring before God the fruits of His bountiful giving to us?? Geoff Usher actually recalls carrying a tray full of fresh crabs – imagine that!



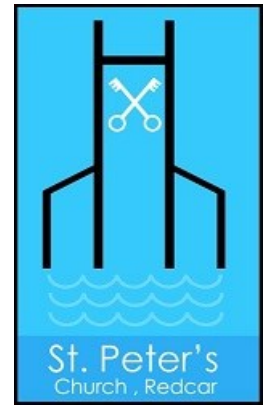
But it was (as it should be) a joyous occasion. God blessed us with a warm sunny morning; we heard beautiful recorded voices singing harvest favourites and as we happily left the building listening to the Harvest Song from Neil and Tina, there was time to support the wonderful table sale of cakes, fruits and preserves, which resulted in donations of just over £150 for Water Aid. Thank you to everyone and also for the generosity of those who brought dry goods and toiletries to pass on to Redcar Area Foodbank. There is still time to support this appeal via our Online DONATE button on the webpage or facebook or simply in an envelope in the Alms Box where we sign in at church (mark it Water Aid).

Michael and I look forward to welcoming you to the APCM on the 21st October. Please do keep in touch and share your news and concerns with us. May God bless us and keep us safe. Anne



WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

We still have restrictions and guidelines to adhere to because of COVID-19 but please be assured of a warm welcome and assistance if needed.



EVERY SUNDAY at 10.00am SAID EUCHARIST (Holy Communion) in church

EVERY SUNDAY at 8.00pm NIGHT PRAYER (Compline) via Zoom

Zoom meeting ID: 884 7969 6809

Password: 185195



EVERY WEDNESDAY at 9.30am SAID EUCHARIST (Holy Communion) in church

Daily Prayers are posted on the St Peter's Facebook page



Congratulations to our very own Sr. Louisa, who was licensed as Reader in York Minster on 26th of September, to serve in the Parish of St Peter's Redcar.



A Reader is a trained lay minister, who holds the Archbishop's Licence to preach, teach and carry out pastoral and other work on a voluntary basis alongside the clergy, typically in their home parish. People in all walks of life are called to serve as Readers; there are now over 200 Readers active in the Diocese of York.

Warden of Readers for the Diocese of York, the Venerable Sam Rushton, said, "God is at work doing new things even in the midst of a pandemic – it's a real joy to present our new Archbishop with five very different people, each with their own stories of life and faith, and each of them called to serve God and their own communities in this special way."

The Archbishop gave a very warm and encouraging charge from 2 Timothy 4:1-5 and Luke 12:35-40 and we are grateful that Sr. Louisa joins Steve Graham and Chris Bowers in this responsible and privileged call to serve God among us and within the community.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

at 5.00pm

A time to remember those we love but see no more—
and to acknowledge our grief and lament for those in our community
and across the world who have lost their lives to Covid-19.

(Please note there will be no Compline Service on Zoom on Sunday 1st November)

From the Parish Registers

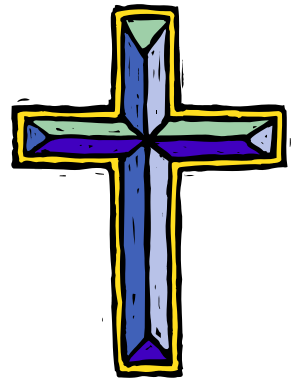
Funerals *We pray for the family and friends of*

1st September David Calvert aged 68yrs

2nd September Doris Whitehead aged 86yrs

16th September Karl Bedford aged 48yrs

24th September Jayne Johnson aged 59yrs





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Some thoughts from our Treasurer...

Greetings everybody!

I will find my rest in God alone. He is the one who gives me hope. Psalm 62 v5

Member or not, it is lovely to share with you all, throughout the year, some of our thoughts, events, prayers and issues that nearly 4million Christian women around the world, (members of the Anglican Communion) share as members of Mothers' Union. Here at St. Peter's we first had members 105 years ago!

Certainly, in the 21st Century, each year at the national AGM we find out what our theme for the following year will be. For 2020 it was (and still is!)

BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE!

Who would have thought then, that we would have been so tested in our daily lives as we faced the onslaught of coronavirus? It has been wonderful how you have been keeping in touch with each other, upholding each other in your prayers and I know many of you have continued supporting those in need through appeals, etc.

On the Mothers Union.org website among the resources as well as bible passages, I found a page of 'QUOTES' as an encouragement to worship, to strengthen faith and to focus on God's plan for us. I thought I might share a few with you:

"Each time we face our fear, we gain strength, courage, and confidence in the doing" Theodore Roosevelt

"Jesus gives us hope because He keeps us company, has a vision and knows the way we should go" Max Lucado

"Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think" Christopher Robin

And I leave you with this prayer by Nick Fawcett:

Whatever today may hold, whatever tomorrow might bring,
the future is secure, for Christ is with us,
the same yesterday, today and forever.

Live each moment with him in quiet confidence and joyful celebration,
for he is ours and we are his for all eternity.

Amen

Every blessing Anne

Harvest-in-a-Bag!

This year St Peter's was unable to celebrate Harvest with our children in the usual way (no Messy Harvest allowed!) so Rev Tina gave us Harvest-in-a-Bag.



The story was about a little harvest mouse called Squeak, who went to the barn on the farm where he lived and learnt all about Harvest and why we thank God for all his gifts to us. Tina presented the story, with the accompanying video, at Pram Service on 1st October; and all the children were given a bag containing some harvest craft activities to take home—some photos below!

The video of Harvest-in-a Bag (including a very catchy Harvest song, beautifully sung by Tina to words written by her husband Neil) is still available to watch on our St Peter's Facebook page.



PRAM SERVICE IS BACK!

After a prolonged break due to you-know-what, the Pram Service team was delighted to be able to recommence services. We carried out a thorough risk assessment using the Church of England guidelines and invited families to a run-through.

There have been lots of changes—we are now in the upper Zetland room, we have face

coverings for adults and social distancing (as much as is possible with very young children!), numbers are limited to 15 families and places should be pre-booked, we have recorded music but no singing, musical instruments but no toys, and the blowing of bubble prayers has been replaced by a rather impressive bubble machine! Barbara Fitzpatrick's beautiful Noah's Ark banner has been used as the centrepiece of our little altar. It's great to be back! Daphne



Fruit of the Spirit

(Gal 5:22,23, Ps 34:8)

Opportunities

To ripen your fruit in our lives,

Lord, give us opportunities.

To grow in your Spirit,

Know your warmth and your light,

Allow the segments of

Self-control, gentleness, faithfulness, goodness,

Kindness, patience, peace and joy

To be lubricated and sweetened by love,

Showing the world Your nature transforming

Our natures, in the fruit bowl of our lives

In Jesus.

Lord give opportunities

For the hungry to taste your ripening fruit in us,

See that you are good and come to you.

By Daphne Kitching, taken from The Parish Pump



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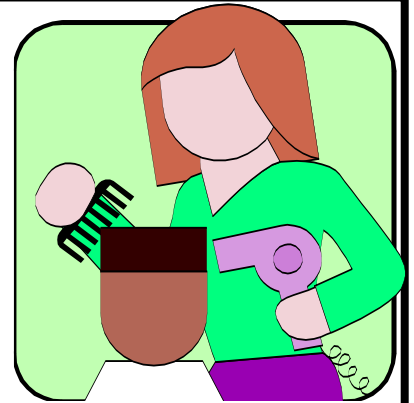
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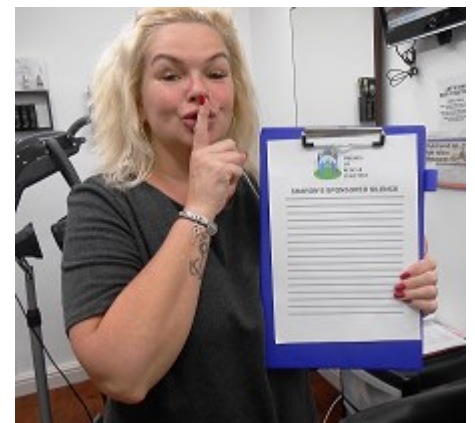


NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY

These last few months we have had some extra help looking after the cemetery. Tim Myer, who is the Community Pioneer based at the Co-Op in Marske, and Julie Wilson, who works at Redcar Co-Op Funeral Care. It is lovely to have them with us as they are so cheerful and enthusiastic. They have been weeding and tidying and helping Anne, who cares for the graves in the Remembrance Garden. We met them both as we are one of the groups who will receive funding from the Co-Op which will enable us to carry out our latest project of putting in a tribute to the Phil Mead Teesport Lifeboat in the half moon area in the middle section of the cemetery. Here is Tim going around the cemetery with refreshments and a big box of Quality Street. Ged is first in the queue. Thanks Tim.



We have been unable to carry out any fundraising activities this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. One of our local hairdressers, Sharon, is now working at Salon Twenty 2 at 22, Coatham Road and is doing a sponsored silence to raise funds for the Friends. Anyone who knows Sharon will realise that this will be quite a challenge for her! You don't have to be a customer, just pop into the salon to sponsor her or put a donation in the collecting box. The silence day for Sharon is December 4th for 12 hours, 10 hours at work and 2 hours in the Gypsy Rover micro pub in Station Road, where there will also be a collecting box.



We have had lots of compliments about how lovely the cemetery looks; this makes all the hard work worthwhile. A few more dry autumn days will be good for all of us.

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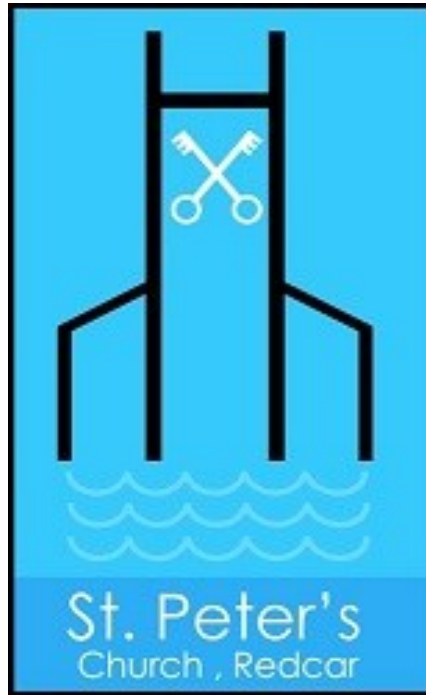
- ~ A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking
- ~ A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative
- ~ My wife really likes to make pottery, but to me it's just kiln time
- ~ A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother
- ~ I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded
- ~ Marriage is the mourning after the knot before
- ~ Sea captains don't like crew cuts
- ~ A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumour

Taken from The Parish Pump





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