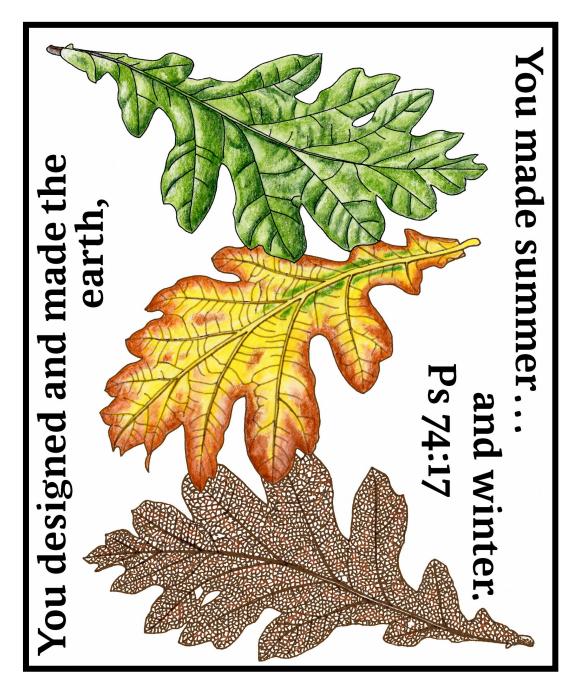
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WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Sunday of month - two services on this Sunday morning

9.00am REFLECTIONS BREAKFAST CHURCH (includes breakfast)

10.00amALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendlyService with Holy Communion



The children's area near the font has appropriate resources and activities available for all services.

Sunday 7.00pm NIGHT PRAYER (Compline) on Zoom (fortnightly) Meeting ID: 930 2516 0828, Password: 1234



Wednesday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

Last Wednesday of month is also Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

Wednesday 6.30pm REFLECTIONS—an opportunity to reflect on the big questions of modern life in a safe, comfortable and friendly space

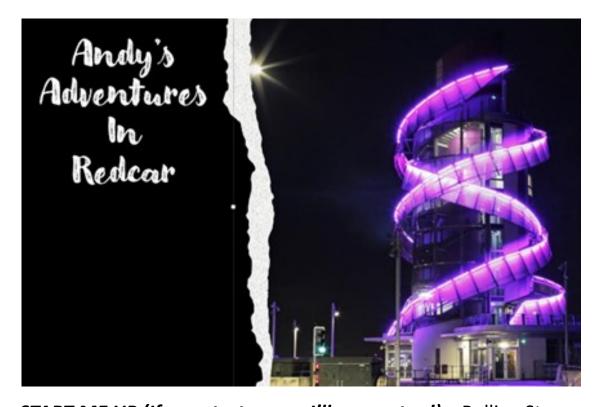
Thursdays 9.00am MORNING PRAYER in the Lady Chapel

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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START ME UP (If you start me up I'll never stop!) – Rolling Stones As I write we are up to week three in our six-week START course. The START course gives people the chance to explore the Christian faith. Quite a few of us have been meeting and almost immediately the group gelled really well and between the many laughs we shared, there were really profound discussions about life, God, Jesus and what it all means.

Like the name suggests, START is often the beginning of many people's journey of faith, but it is also a re-start for some and an essential aspect to church life. It's why we are here. We can be so easily distracted by all sorts of things and relegate evangelism (telling others the good news) to something not as important. Evangelism and church growth is often seen as just being about bums on pews, but I'd like the whole person (not just their posterior) to come to faith and come to know God personally and to join our church family here at St Peters. That's why we are trying to reach more people through the live stream, that's why we have upgraded our lighting and audio visual equipment, that's why we are developing our monthly Breakfast service and All Age (I'm going to have to think up a new title for that) and running enquirers courses like the START Course.

We are also developing our families ministry, alongside Anne and the Pram Service we have welcomed Claire Lingard who is our new Community Minister and trainee Church Army volunteer. Claire's first venture as she gets to know us at St Peter's is to organise a Light Party on Tuesday 31st October alongside BiG KIDS, a creative arts based children's charity, working with 7-14 year olds in Middlesbrough. I know you will make Claire feel really welcome as she settles in here.



I took this picture from the vicarage window today, Beautiful to see the rainbow across the church. What a lovely reminder of God's promises to us. Praise Him!

Every Blessing, Rev'd Andy

ST PETER'S CHURCH REDCAR A TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 10.00AM Dried/tinned food donations please.

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WAVE OF LIGHT

Baby Loss Awareness Week takes place from 9th to 15th October each year. It is an opportunity for parents, their families, and friends to acknowledge and remember their precious babies who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth or those babies who die soon after birth.

The week closes with an international 'Wave of Light' where candles are lit across the globe as part of the international Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

This year at St Peter's we will take part in this global event to remember all the babies that have died during pregnancy, at, during , or after birth.

There will be a short service on **Sunday, 15th October, beginning at 6:45pm,** followed by an opportunity to light candles and afterwards to share in refreshments. If you know anyone who has lost a child in this way please let them know of this service. All are welcome.

Rev'd Elaine Scrivens

LECTIONARY OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1st October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 78.1-4,12-16 (or Psalm 78.1-7) Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

Sunday 8th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 (or Psalm 19.7-end) Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46

Sunday 15th October Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 32.1-14 Psalm 106.1-6,19-23 (or Psalm 106.1-6) Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

Sunday 22nd October

20th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 33.12-23 Psalm 99.1-9 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22

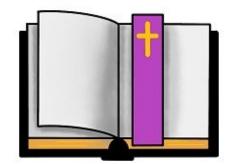
Sunday 29th October Last Sur

Last Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 34.1-12 Psalm 90.1-6,13-17* 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46 Or if observed as Bible Sunday

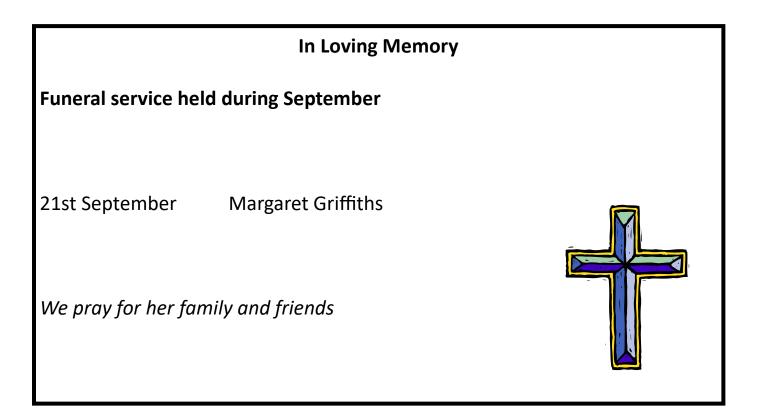
Sunday 29th October Bible Sunday Readings

Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12 Psalm 119.9-16 Colossians 3.12-17 Matthew 24.30-35



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

	Holy Baptism	\wedge
We welcome into the family of the Church:		
3rd September	Heid-Jo Gibson	
17th September	Ethan Parker	
24th September	Cole Xander Knight	
24th September	Annie Grace Johnson	





DIARY for OCTOBER

Tuesday 3rd 2.00pm	BRANCH Meeting starting with worship in the Lady Chapel
Wednesday 18th 7.30pm	EMUs Looking ahead to Christmas, meet in the Narthex
Sunday 22nd 4.00pm	SONGS of Praise at St Mark's Church, Marske Please let Anne know if you require a lift
Wednesday 25th 9.30am	MU Corporate Communion

Hi everyone,

Well, last month was a mixed bag, weather wise, with a little bit of everything! Some of us were still enjoying holiday breaks and family times together but some days it was just too hard to get out of the house and decide what to wear!! Coat or NO Coat! It was lovely to see you last month but do remind our friends as the 3rd October is an easy one to miss. We shared a light-hearted activity for our fellowship in September; we considered COCKTAILS!!

We learnt the definition of a cocktail is "a stimulating liquor composed of spirits of any kind, sugar, water/ice and bitters"; we shared any knowledge we had; named quite a few (not unexpectedly, some knew more than others!) recalled times when we had tried a cocktail or two (there was some hilarity at this time) and discussed favoured ingredients...... but we didn't actually partake of any......

Then the big question ? If Mothers' Union was a cocktail what would it be like?

The afternoon group felt the colour would be blue (no surprise there really), it should be fresh, crisp and fruity and full of light and warmth with a hint of the exotic (thinking especially of our overseas branches all around the world), full of the HOLY Spirit, alcohol is not a necessity!

Later in the month EMUs also considered the question, and there were a few more tales to be shared (perhaps confessions may be a better word, lol) and good times remembered. Cocktails do seem to be associated with special occasions and good times and Elaine brought an extra element to our analogy of cocktails and MU when she recalled a Wedding Sermon she gave at a previous parish which, of course, spoke volumes to us all as members of Mothers' union. In its entirety, it says so much more to the couple setting off on the journey of married life (indeed, as I write, myself and Dave are remembering 52 years ago today!) and we will print it in full for Marriage Week UK 2024 in next February's parish magazine. Thank you Elaine, we all loved it.

God bless Anne x

P.S None of us has any real experience of mixing cocktails, so we will leave you to interpret our thoughts and consider if this, in any way matches how you think about us.



Rev'd Elaine writes...

October is here and we look forward once again to enjoying the colours of autumn all around us, the fruit trees heavy with fruit in our orchards and gardens, the leaves and seeds falling to the ground, perhaps walks through woods with the crispness underfoot that we associate with the season, the 'seedtime and the harvest' being sung about again in our churches and schools, and all being well as we recognise the familiarity of the turning of the seasons.

However, the hot June, the cold and damp July and the two named storms in August, Antoni on the 5th and Betty on the 18th and 19th, brought unseasonably wet and windy weather to many parts of the UK. September started off very warm in the South of the country and as I write we are beginning to feel the effects of Hurricane Lee with strong winds and rain. For me this means that the seasons seems little less defined, the wildlife less prevalent, and the lives we live just a little more precarious perhaps. What are we doing to our world and what are we doing to mitigate disaster?

When I visited the Svalbard archipelago in the Arctic Circle this summer I was lucky enough to visit The Global Seed Vault. It provides long-term storage of duplicates of seeds conserved in genebanks around the world, places like the Millennium Seed Bank at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew.

When we were there we were told that scientists believe that up to two in five plant species are in danger of extinction as a consequence of our failure to look after our world with respect and the devastating changes to the climate that are happening as a result.

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The Global Seed bank and the Millennium Seed Project are collecting seeds from as many species across the UK and the world as it can. These are kept at sub-zero temperatures in specially designed underground flood, bomb and radiation-proof vaults. They are a 'Noah's Ark' of seeds for the future, should we need it.

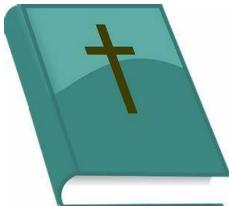
Seeds are the precious treasure-chests of life. They provide the food we eat as grain for bread, and crops of all kinds. They provide flowers and shrubs for our pleasure. They grow into trees for the cleansing and replenishing of the air we breathe. In so many ways they sustain life.

Julian of Norwich, the 14th Century Mystic and anchoress, in one of her many visions found herself holding a hazelnut in her hand, as miniscule in God's eye as a tiny round ball floating in space, and she asked God what it was, and the reply came *'it is all that is made......and God loves it'*.

The seed is so important for the future of our world, so important for our survival, so important to God that we should be mindful to make sure that we do our best to protect and preserve it.

This autumn perhaps we could find the space and time to reflect on the precariousness of our ecosystems, to think about how we use the world's resources and to make the changes needed in our own lives to preserve our world. Perhaps also, we could sow, plant or grow something new for God and for the future of our world.

Blessings this October, Rev'd Elaine Scrivens



Bible Sunday – 29th October

At the recent Coronation, the King was given a Bible with the words *'the most valuable thing that this world affords'*. As Bible Sunday is celebrated this month, let's ask why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, it claims one authority - God Himself! '*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired ('*the word of God in the words of men'*) and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: '*when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth'* (John 16:13). How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines: *Right time:* We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances: e.g., a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

Right Place: We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

Right Version: We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

Right Help: Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives.

Let's get reading!!

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SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER

10.00am to 12noon

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As an evangelist myself, I cannot help but be in awe of Billy

Graham. I read that in his lifetime he preached the gospel to 3.2 million people. He led an awesome life and was the catalyst that started so many Christians on their journey of faith and discipleship. At his funeral, his son Ned addressed the congregation and said "My father was FAT."

Living in a world where obesity is becoming a real problem, Billy Graham was not someone I would have described as overweight. However, this was not what Ned meant, he went on to explain further, **FAT** was in fact an acronym for his father's characteristics.

F stood for the faithful life he led.

A represented his availablity to the will of the Lord in his life,

T was that throughout his life he remained teachable.

Ned then prayed that we may all remain that way.

F- A - T FAITHFUL – AVAILABLE – TEACHABLE

As followers of Christ, we are all required to remain faithful to abiding in Christ and partnering in the work of the kingdom. We should be available, ready to be used by God in his timing and always stay teachable, eager to be instructed from his word and by his spirit.

So, this made me think maybe I am not as FAT as I should be! How about you?

Blessings, Claire

EAST REDCAR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the above will be at 7.00pm on Thursday, October 5th.

It will be held in the upstairs meeting room of St. Peter's Church, Redcar Lane, and will finish at 8.30pm or earlier.

Our guest speaker this time will be from The Hydrogen Village trials to tell us all about this controversial project.

As usual there will be also reports from Redcar East local police officers, whereby we can also feed back any policing concerns we may have.

In addition, there will be the Parks Reports – a round up of what's currently

happening in Redcar's parks – Zetland park, Green Lane, Holyhead park, Borough

Road park, Redcar cemetery, the Lily Park, and the paddling pool.

Finally we will have Any Other Business where members can raise specific

concerns or items of interest not covered by the agenda.

Why not come along and see for yourself? Either just turn up on the night or give me a ring on 01642 482132 or e-mail bib_ken@ntlworld.com for any further information.

Ken Bibby, Chairman



ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

The result of the September 2023 draw was:

No. 20 D. Cartwright £40

No. 81 J. Hogg £10

We started our autumn meetings with a very interesting talk by Richard and Jan Crouch, when they spoke about the Mountbatten Family and the colourful lives they both led.

We held our first Games Evening two weeks later, when we played Beetle; this produced much laughter and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

October 4th Forensic Science David Dance

October 18th Games Evening

Are We There Yet?

Oh my, the joys of motoring, with children in the back! Reserves of patience are required that normally we lack. The constant questions 'How long now? 'and 'What is there to eat?' For goodness' sake, just look outside, we haven't left our street! The motorway then speeds things up and miles go whizzing by The children snooze, oh joy of joys, but then the dreaded cry, "Can we stop soon I'm desperate!" there's yelling in my ear, Just hang in there, we'll soon be there, but

let's stay at home next year!



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY



This month we are starting our autumn schedule of jobs to be done; already some of the leaves are falling. We have many trees, especially in the old section of the cemetery. Here is Fiona, Anth and Ian who have been emptying out the leaf keep in readiness for the new leaves to go in. So it is wheelbarrows to the ready for the hard work to spread this lovely mixture on beds and borders of the cemetery. Thanks to all.

We have had some rain recently, which we badly needed, although we don't like it on a Tuesday morning, but very few sessions have been cancelled.

The lawns continue to be cut and on the last cut the wildflower area will have its annual cut and then the fun



will begin. This year members of the Redcar Branch of the Darlington Building Society will help rake off the area and then it all starts again. We will be looking for the cowslips in the new year.

Peter, one of the ex-lifeboat men from the Teesmouth crew, is going to oil the sculpture to protect it in the winter. Dave, another of the crew, has re-fixed the plaque that lists the members of the crew. Thanks to them.

The middle section of the cemetery railings is being re-painted by the Pay Back Scheme. The paint is being donated by Councillors Malcolm Head and Mary Ovens and from the Friends fundraising. The work is quite slow as there aren't many men around to pay back hours for deeds done; however we will get there. We are now linking with Kirkleatham Walled Garden, and it was very good to meet Hazel the Head Gardener. It is a positive help to improve our knowledge of plants and gardening tips which will help our volunteer gardeners in the future. We have had a member of the Men's Shed to look at the base of the Tulip Tree surround. Over time it has been breaking up, we are waiting for the estimate to then decide on the action.

We are planning for Armistice Day and have had a craft session in Laburnum Road Library to re-new our poppy display. Thanks to Anne, Kath, Soo, Bren, Jan, Ged and Dot.



We are also helping with the Friday coffee mornings between 9.00am-12noon at the library to support the use of this lovely library as a social space.

Thanks to St Peter's Church for inviting us to have a stall at the next on Coffee morning on Saturday, 28th October, between 10.00am and 12noon. We are looking forward to selling our famous bric a brac, jigsaws, books, jewellery, and other items. We hope to see you there.

Dot Ahmed

The Chicken and the Pig....

A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the meal. "Let's offer them ham and eggs!" "Not so fast," said the pig. "For you, that's a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment."

What would Jesus do?

While waiting in the queue for the till at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the salesperson about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The salesperson explained that WWJD stands for 'What would Jesus do?', and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered a moment, then replied, "Well, I don't think He'd pay £17.99 for that hat."

Long wait...

We went away for a half-term break but found the service in the local restaurant abysmally slow. My husband was getting really irritated, so I tried to distract him with small talk. "You know," I said, "my friend Christine is getting her baby baptised."

"Really?" my husband snapped. "It was even born when we walked in here." **Noise...**

The wheel of my shopping trolley was making a horrible scraping sound as I rolled it through the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping I offered it up to a woman, explaining, "It makes an awful complaining noise, but it works." "That's okay," she said cheerfully, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

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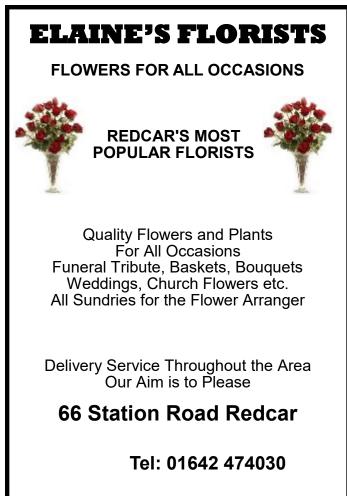


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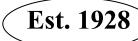


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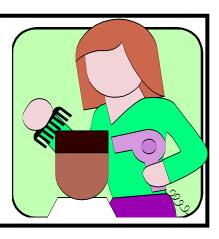
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