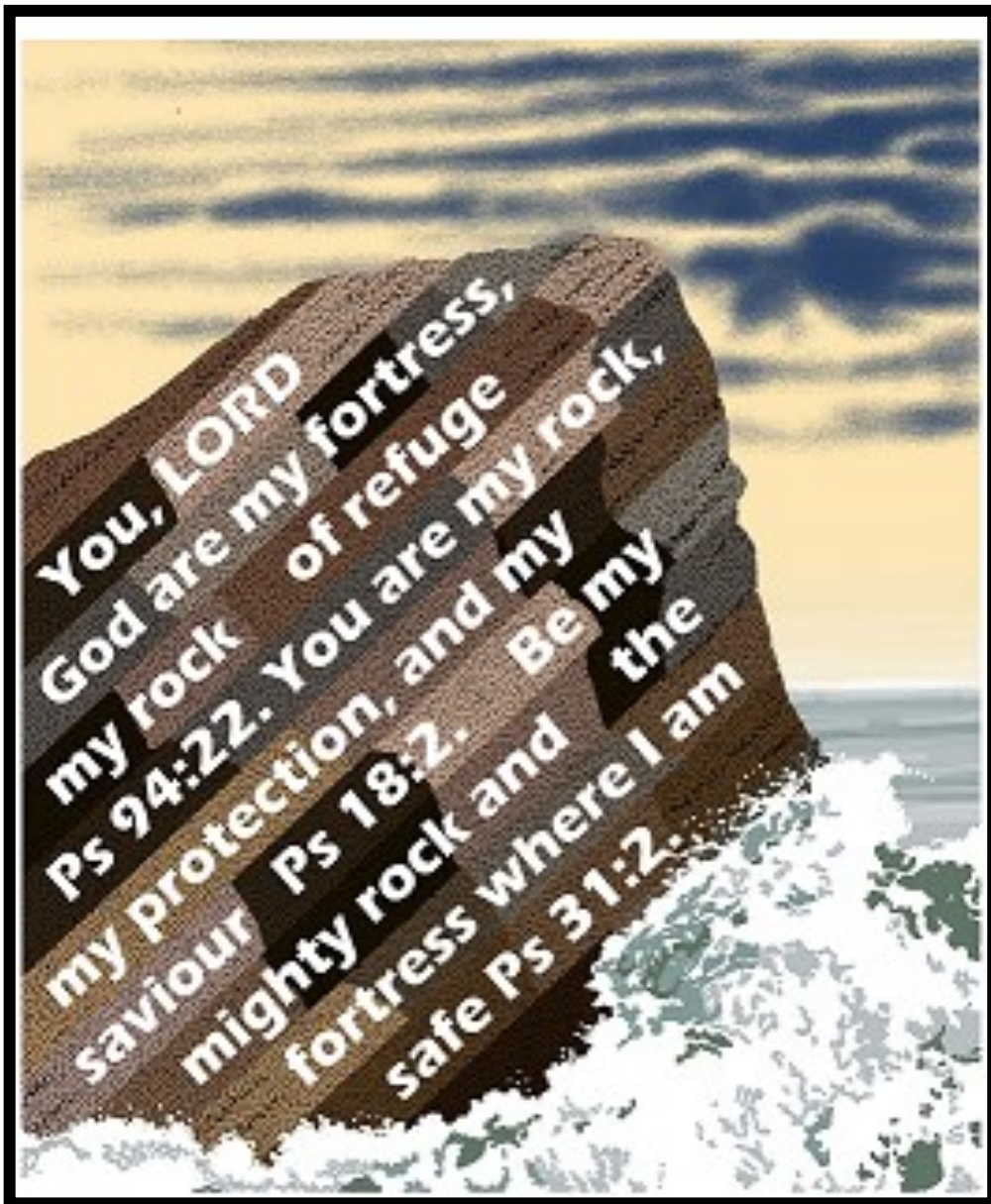


# News and Views from St Peter's Church and The Parish of Redcar



August 2020

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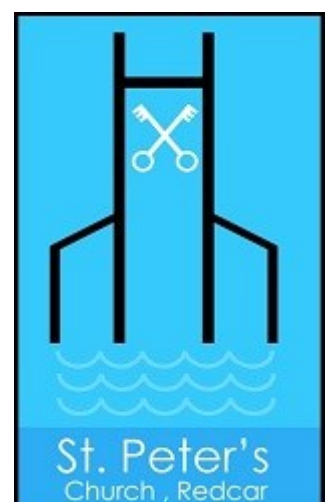
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## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS



Hello everyone,

Well, we did it! We have actually resumed public worship in our church building. Since writing last month we have held four Wednesday services at 9.30am and on the 2nd of August we invited Rev Rachel to join Curate Tina in welcoming us back.

To mark the occasion they wore a little bit of celebratory bling on their heads! A circlet of flashing lights, which isn't very obvious in the pictures unless you zoom in. I hope the pictures give you an opportunity to see how the social distancing is working. It is still very new, and different but amazingly reverent and special. Do write in to us or post on the facebook page your experience of 'returning' or not!

It isn't for everyone yet and that is why we will continue with the online service on a Sunday evening and we are considering how we might use some of the skills of streaming videos which we have used during lockdown, to continue our links. We are exploring how we can offer more opportunity for Individual prayer again and looking forward to our first Baptism; what a joyous time that will be!

The congregation MUST now wear face coverings in church unless there is an exception in their circumstances. If in any doubt about whether you 'can come' (for example children are allowed, but there are rules). We offer a little sheet of GUIDANCE information to those arriving for the first time , which we hope helps.

Whether in the building or at home please remember we haven't forgotten you! Keep in touch as best you can; and as the candles are lit in the Sanctuary (usually before the service commences]) why not JOIN US by lighting a candle at home on either Wednesday or Sunday or BOTH.

Stay Safe, and may God bless us always.

Anne and Michael



### ST PETER'S 100 CLUB DRAW FOR JULY 2020

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## CURATE'S CORNER



Have you ever had the experience of being lost? When I was a about 5 or 6 years old I was on holiday on the South coast, and my mum and I were in a souvenir shop looking to find something which we could buy to take home as a reminder of our stay. I must have wandered out of the shop, thinking I was following my mum, and gone into the shop next door, when in fact my mum hadn't left the first shop. I still remember that sense of panic and disorientation when I realised that she wasn't there...and I didn't know where I was! I can't quite remember how long I was lost for but thank goodness that she was looking for me because I do remember the sweet relief and peace that I felt when my mum grabbed hold of my arm. She, on the other hand, demonstrated her relief by telling me off!

As adults, we can still, at times in our lives, feel lost. Even as Christians, we can go through times and seasons in our lives where we feel disorientated. We have a sense of not knowing what we are doing with our lives or where we are headed. And at times like these, a low-level panic can set in – commonly called anxiety. You can't pin it down...you just know that you feel 'lost'. Have you ever been through times like that? I have.

This morning I was much encouraged by my daily devotion which reminded me of what to do and where to turn when you may be feeling lost.

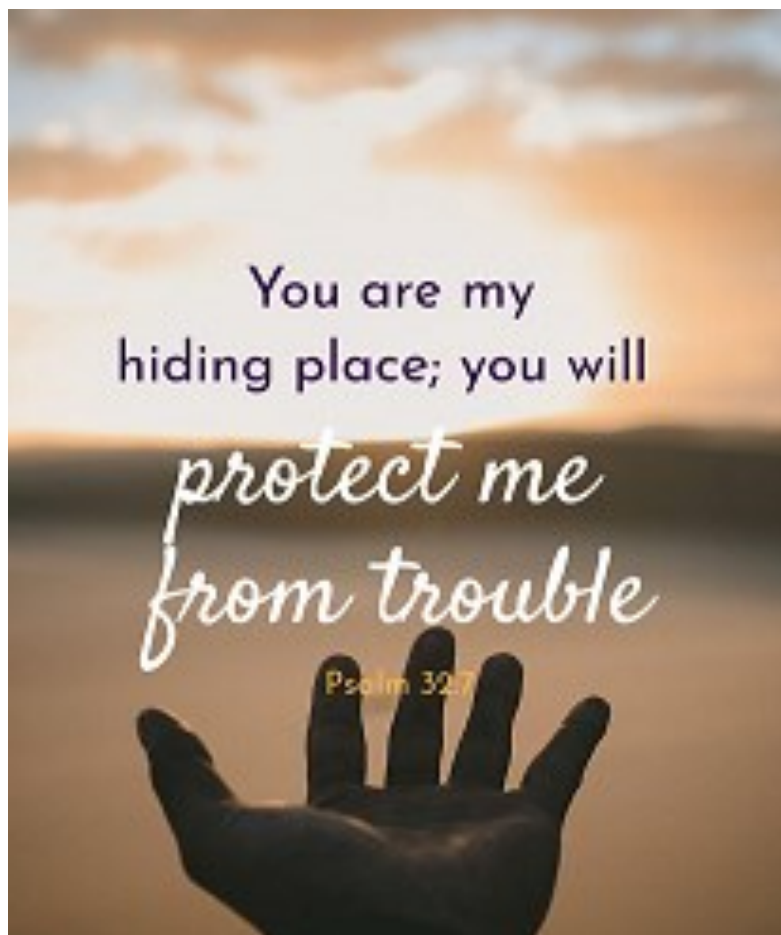
Proverbs 3:6 says, "Seek His will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." The reading said that to have the right attitude in life, we need to '*stay in touch with the control tower*'.

In the way that Air Traffic controllers see the big picture when it comes to what's going on in the sky, similarly, we need to stay in touch with God – the one who sees the big picture for your life and orchestrates everything that involves you.

Staying in communication with God should be at the top of our daily to-do list. He helps us navigate the ups and downs of life and find our way through those cloudy days when we can't see the next step we need to take. All we need to do is stay in touch, to seek his will, to trust that he is in control and will show us the way. As the perfect parent, God doesn't tell us off when we are lost but brings us back to himself when we call out to him. He is always there. He is always looking for us. He is only a prayer away.

God Bless

Tina



## WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

**SUNDAY [SAID] EUCHARIST in church at 10.00am**

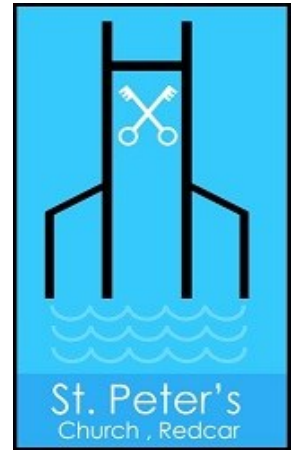
**2nd August**

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**16th August**

**23rd August**

**30th August**



**WEDNESDAY (SAID ) EUCHARIST in church at 9.30am**

**5th August**

**12th August**

**19th August**

**26th August**

**SUNDAY COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER) via Zoom at 8.00pm**

**2nd August**

**9th August**

**16th August**

**23rd August**

**30th August**



**Zoom meeting ID: 884 7969 6809**

**Password: 185195**

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



## A Poem – Sabbath

Oh holy day on which we rest,  
from all our strains and daily tests.  
We touch a place we cannot see,  
but feel within, .....eternity.  
We come to the well which richly feeds,  
our souls and minds with all their needs.  
And joins us all in divine love,  
a Holy Communion sent from above.  
In bread and wine and songs of joy,  
all that oppressed our souls destroyed.  
We Lift our hearts to heaven in praise,  
as we find hope in him once raised.  
Oh Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
help us to love you the most.  
Above our earthly commitments be,  
the One who reigns eternally.  
And lead us home to eternal rest,  
the fulfilment of that sabbath, blest.  
When pain and striving no more will be,  
but eternal peace and harmony.

By Revd Claire Renshaw







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A big THANK YOU to everyone who has passed on their 'filled' Smartie Tube to me! Please don't worry if you still have one at home! It will keep until we meet in person.

It is JOY to send **GOLDEN CONGRATULATIONS** for the second month in a row. This month to **Chris and Brian Harvey** on celebrating 50 years of marriage. Not quite the celebration they had hoped and planned for but we send you our warmest wishes for a very special occasion and if any of **YOU** have a birthday this month **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Enjoy your day!

Sadly, with the way things are going with the COVID 19 we don't really know when we can meet together in person! Perhaps we might manage something in September. If you have any bright ideas just let us know.

It seems a long way off but we can now start to take orders for those who would like a Calendar or an MU Diary for 2021!! Please let the Treasurer Anne (me) know on 01642 479755 (I've no details of prices yet but will inform you asap)

Following the online Healing service on zoom last month the Diocese are having another go to celebrate MARY SUMNER DAY on **Saturday 8th August 2020 at 2.00pm**. Using the Zoom App on your mobile phone or tablet or computer the details to enter are: **Meeting ID: 827 9747 9065**

**Passcode: 205637**

Love Anne x



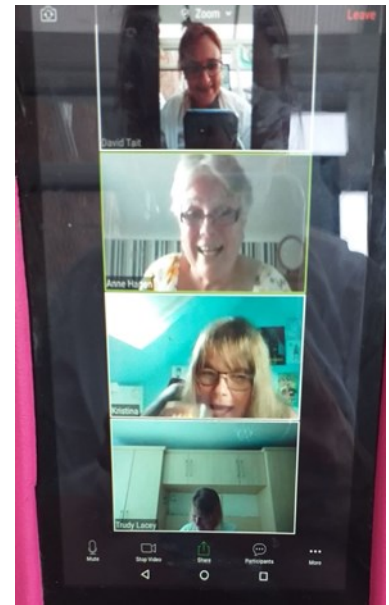
While sharing news about using Zoom, let me tell you about what the evening group (the EMUs!) have been doing.

We started a 'facebook group' on the 5th March so we could plan a secret 'baby shower' type party on the 18th March [our monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month]. However, on Monday the 16th we had to cancel it at very short notice because of the Lockdown. We were all extremely sad but at that time we honestly thought we might get it reorganised before baby was due at the beginning of May! Who were we kidding!! NOT A CHANCE!

It is hard to recall that we never actually celebrated Mothering Sunday as a church family; we sorely missed our special days throughout Holy Week (especially those with young families who would have got together on Maunday Thursday and a Mini Messy church on Good Friday) and the usual build up to Easter Sunday but we did other things together and as members of St. Peter's.....

We lit our Candles of Hope, and made individual Easter Gardens in our own garden or yard; we decorated eggs and made Easter wreaths; and we shared what we were doing for VE Day. It was fun communicating through social media but it also created its own pressures and on the 10th May we set up a Prayer Group on Whats App, because not of all of us used Facebook at that time! I think it reminded us we were not alone at this difficult time and that our Father in heaven was always there for us and loved us !

We held our first ZOOM meeting on 20th May!  
Followed by a 'Baby Quiz Night at which our star guest was the baby! From there we started the push to encourage as many people as we could, to try Zoom via a Coffee morning so the Congregation would be ready to join together on 28th June.



That's what we continued to do while we were in Lock Down. Sharing ideas, praying together and supporting each other. For such a small core group of 6 or 7 we are a microcosm of society at large: some of us have been shielding throughout the whole time up until 1st August; we have key workers in the NHS working throughout; mums doing 'Home schooling'; having a baby!; been furloughed; working from Home!

There's been heartache and sadness at the loss of friends and family! But elation on welcoming baby Sidney to the Tait family and Kristina being successful with her studies at University. We were energised by keeping ourselves busy gardening, going on a daily walk if allowed, painting and decorating etc etc!  
**We've been down, we've been up!**  
**It hasn't been easy has it??**

Anne x







Congratulations to Chris and Brian Harvey,  
who celebrated their Golden Wedding on  
2nd August 2020.  
Still enjoying cutting the cake together after  
all these years!





## Morning Prayer

When morning in russet and saffron clad  
Is mantling the hills in a dew-soft plaid  
To the song of the moorland two-wings glad  
Let my heart upraise;

When light creeps in through the chinks of the door  
When the mist ascends from the mountain floor,  
When the ocean shimmers like burnished ore,  
Let me give thee praise.

O God of the morning, Christ of the hills,  
O Spirit who all the firmament fills,  
O Trinity blest who all goodness wills,  
Keep us all our days.

From Prayers of the Western Highlanders  
*Taken from The Parish Pump*





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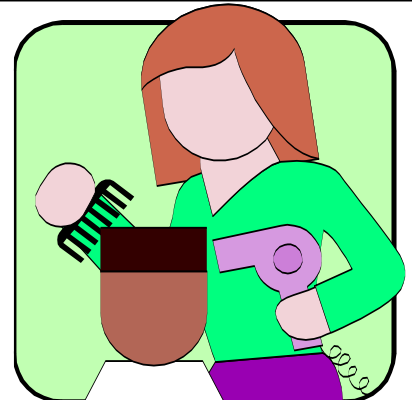
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## A Poem to mark Rev Canon Rachel Harrison's Retirement

Well, Rachel, your retirement awaits.

Can't meet in church for hugs or handshakes.

So we're having to do it online with ZOOM

Fitting us all into one of your rooms.

Who would have thought how this transformed our lives?

The last three months have really opened our eyes.

Rachel, you're like a shepherd, always checking stock

Always very caring to us, your little flock.

Always there to lend an ear; share a laugh; perhaps a tear.

Remember your first wedding here?

It's one you won't forget

So busy smiling at bride and groom,

you tripped up the altar step!



We will miss your little Bible story.

Was it 'Listen with Mother' or 'Jackonary'?

Will you miss the zip slide with your special little Ted?

If he retires too you can send Bruce instead.

We never know what you'll think up next,

Social committee is looking quite perplexed

A donkey for Nativity?

A camel for Epiphany?



Since we live along the coast,  
you even mentioned a fishing boat.  
Christmas Parties, events and suppers;  
Rachel and Bruce – the dresser uppers!



Although our vicar, chiefly our friend.  
One on whom we could always depend.  
We're going to miss your infectious grin,  
But your well earned retirement will soon begin.

**From St. Peter's**  
**SENDING ALL OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR**  
**A RESTFUL AND HAPPY RETIREMENT**  
**Poem by Sue Steele**





## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY

We have made very good progress since the last edition of the magazine. We have new volunteers as more people have come through the cemetery for a quiet walk; and as more people have visited their relatives' graves they have realised that we need help. The work has given us a chance to catch up with the months that we have missed. It has been good to get out in the fresh air and catch up with each other's news at a distance, support each other and get the cemetery in better shape. Many thanks for the plants that have brightened our borders, donated by Jackie, Community Champion from Tesco Store, and Chris Jones, West Dyke Ward Councillor.

The committee has met in the sundial area in the cemetery to discuss issues of concern and to find a new direction in this difficult time. We have not been able to carry out any fundraising yet; we are just working out the safest way to do this.



We are sad to report that we have lost another member of the Friends, our other President, Joyce Dowding. She passed away at the age of 97 after a very short illness. She had a role in fundraising for the group but also was a font of knowledge and a genuine 'Friend' of the cemetery. Here she is with Mark Zetland who is the Patron of the group at the races. She was invited to present the cup on Veterans Day and had a lovely lunch and was the star of the show as many people wanted to talk to her. She was one of the first women to land at Normandy after the D Day landings. She played a big role in the NAAFI catering for servicemen in combat zones. She was a nanny to many children throughout her working life and was known throughout the town as Nanny Dowding. She will be buried in the cemetery. RIP Joyce.







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As I watch  
She climbs the steps steadily,  
Holding the handrail,  
Her two-year old feet following each other  
Rhythmically, unhesitatingly  
To the platform at the top  
Where she sits down  
And freezes.



Holding tight to the sides,  
Knees up, feet flat  
She judders down a little way  
Then looks up.  
Her eyes meet my smile, my outstretched arms –  
And she takes her hands off the edge of the slide,  
Shooting forward with a squeal of delight,  
Trusting the love she knows.

Lord, I have climbed so steadily,  
I have come so far, in my own strength,  
Holding on, holding back,  
Sometimes freezing.  
But I am your child,  
Today I will lift my eyes  
And meet your smile, your outstretched arms,  
I will lift my juddering feet -  
And take my hands off the edge of the slide  
Released to ride, by your Spirit,  
Into the freedom of your will,  
Trusting the Love I know.

By Daphne Kitching

*Taken from The Parish Pump*

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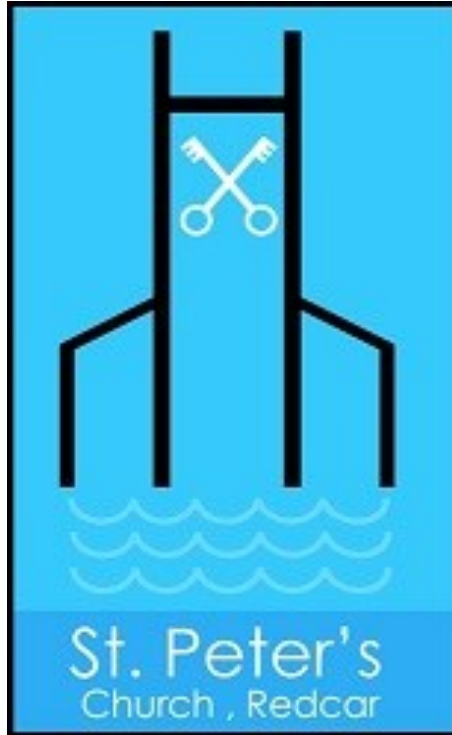
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