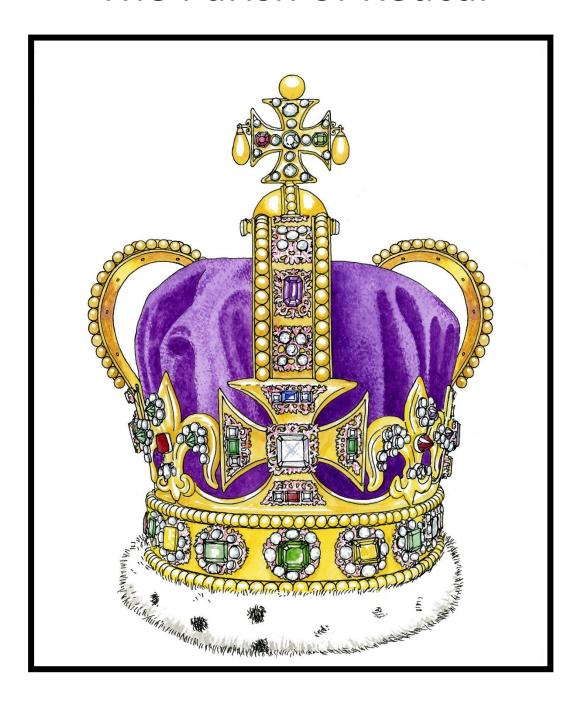
News and Views from St Peter's Church and

The Parish of Redcar



May 2023

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WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays 10.00am Holy Communion

Second Sunday of month All Age Worship—a family friendly

Service with Holy Communion

The children's area in the church always has appropriate resources

and activities available for all services

Sundays 5.00pm fortnightly Peter's Net - a relaxed service of worship, praise,

bible study and prayer

Sundays 7.00pm fortnightly (alternates with Peter's Net)

Night Prayer (Compline) on Zoom

Zoom meeting ID: 930 2516 0828

Password: 1234

Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion

Last Wednesday of month Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

Wednesdays 6.30pm Reflections—an opportunity to reflect on the big

questions of modern life in a safe, comfortable and friendly space

Thursdays 10.00am Pram Service—a short service for babies and toddlers and their parents, grandparents and carers (school term—time)

Monday morning prayers and reflections are posted on St Peter's Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/stpeterschurchredcar



A NEW MONTHLY SERVICE is starting at St Peter's on Sunday,14th May.

Reflections Breakfast Church is for anyone and everyone to sit and eat on a Sunday morning, and be there to show the welcoming and friendly face that we most definitely have. We are inviting baptism couples, pram service people and anyone else to join us on the second Sunday of the month at 9.00am for 45 minutes before the All Age service starts at 10.00am. I'm hoping it will be a relaxed and welcoming place that is easy for people who aren't used to church to cross the threshold and join us. Please join us, whether you are a dyed in the wool member of St Peter's or just looking for somewhere to hang out for breakfast with some really nice people.

God save the KING!

A lot of us haven't had the experience of witnessing a coronation before. The last coronation was famously a time when people bought the new fangled TV sets and invited neighbours in to crowded living rooms to watch black and white pictures of the events at Westminster Abby. Technology is such now that you can watch the coronation on your phone, PC, TV, big screen in town, lap top ...

Whatever way you watch it (if indeed you want to – not everyone does), it's good to join with others in community. We can still invite the neighbours in! And you are always welcome to join us at St Peters at 5.00pm for a faith tea and a bit of fellowship.

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Easter continues through May ending on that great day of Pentecost on 28th

May.



I love this picture, painted by my friend Yvonne Dean. To me it just shouts PENTECOST! The pure white dove symbolic of the Holy Spirit cutting through the blackness at the birth of the church. Fire seems to be left in its wake, another great symbol of Pentecost and there is a feeling of rushing wind with all the swirls. She has caught the movement of the Spirit, a 'movement' that has spread throughout the world from its beginnings at Pentecost. 2000 years on and the effects of Pentecost are still rippling out across the globe.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2 Every Blessing, Rev. Andy

LECTIONARY MAY 2023

Sunday 7th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60

Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14

Sunday 14th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31

Psalm 66.7-18

1 Peter 3.13-22

John 14.15-21

Thursday 18th May

Ascension Day

Acts 1.1-11 or Daniel 7.9-14 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1.15-23 or Acts 1.1-11

Luke 24.44-53

Sunday 21st May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14

Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

John 17.1-11

Sunday 28th May

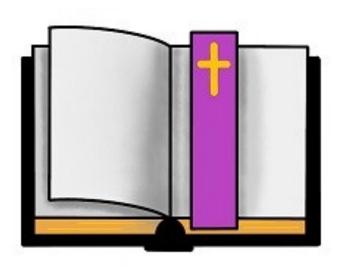
Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30

Psalm 104.26-36,37b*

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21

John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of the church...

April 2nd Ellenor Butcher

April 23rd Eden Rose Smith - Wanless

April 30th Edie King



Holy Matrimony

We pray for the home and happiness of

April 8th Sophie Elsworth and Carl Goddard



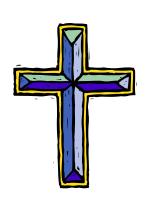
In Loving Memory

Funeral services held during April

21st April Muriel Roberts

27th April Derek Holdroyd

We pray for their family and friends



A Message from Francis

I have been overwhelmed by the interest, comments and good wishes on my experience of meeting the King on Maundy Thursday. It was a wonderful service and a great



honour to meet King Charles III, who spent a few moments with me and thanked me 'for my service and my unending commitment.' He was a warm and generous gentleman whose sincerity shone through as he shook my hands, an experience I will never forget.

The congregation's interest in viewing the Maundy money and hearing about my experience was lovely and I am very grateful for their interest.

Thank you, Francis





HAVE YOU SEEN THIS IN THE NEWS or ONLINE?





MONDAY 8TH MAY Starting

Monday 8th

May then

throughout the

summer

Can you lend us a HAND?

Across the country, thousands of organisations are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our local communities, to mark His Majesty the King's Coronation.

Girlguiding is one of the partners in this volunteering project and here at St. Peter's, our church unit would really love to hear from anyone who would or might like to get involved.

There have been Guides at St. Peter's since the 1930s

The church family of St. Peter's would also be pleased of your help......

A bit of GARDENING? A spot of CLEANING? A dab hand at PAINTING?

A penchant for filling a RECYCLING bin? POLISHING the brass?

If you can spare an hour fantastic. The day? amazing.

If it becomes a regular thing, so much the better. Much of our charitable

endeavours have gone by the wayside because of no-one to take charge – could

this be you? If those who are able, do a bit, it really will help a lot!

Interested or perhaps know someone who might be??

Have a word with any of the following: our Churchwardens Daphne or Chris; our Verger Sue or Rev Andy.



READER'S RAMBLING Reflections Update

Hi Everyone.

Now we have been through the sadness and then joy of Easter, I thought it would be a good time to

let you know how we are getting on with Reflections.

You will have seen a nice red leather sofa appear in the Narthex. I know many of you have already commented on how comfortable it is. We are looking for another one to complement it, but I am trying to support the local charity shops so we have to wait until a suitable one appears.

We are also looking for some lighting to string up above the area where the sofas will be, some softer mood lighting to complement the space, it won't be long before that appears too.

We now have Reflections posters in the main supermarkets; also Julie Tait and her family have very kindly done a leaflet drop in the local area.

I have attended two schools with Rev Andy, and intend to keep that going with a view to getting a leaflet to the parents on what it is all about.

I am also more active in attending our coffee mornings and also any events we hold at church that involve families to help promote our project.

We also have, I am told, a very nice coffee machine. Not being an aficionado of the drink, this is lost on me (I am very much a Yorkshire tea drinker), however, I do sample the coffee on a Wednesday evening, and it is very nice.

Just last week Andy and I took part in a Mustard Seed (Stepping Up) day with all seventy community ministers; this was held in the lovely surroundings of Wyedale and was hosted by the management team at the diocese.

We discussed new ideas, plans for improvement and chewed the fat on how our various projects were going. Some were roaring away, and were very much an instant success, while some were a bit slower to take off; however, we were all encouraged by the words spoken by Ian McIntosh, who is our Diocesan Director of Ministry and Mission, when he said that we were walking with Jesus on this journey not running. Walking pace is three miles an hour, there is no rush, we need to let God direct us where he wants us to go and at what speed.

So you will see some more changes in the coming weeks in the furniture etc, please don't be put off by this, some things will work and some may not but if we

If as you read this someone springs to mind that may be enquiring, asking questions about what life and God is all about, please encourage them to come along; also, please don't be afraid to come along yourself and chaperone them if you feel that is appropriate - no pressure, just a warm inviting space to discuss the issues affecting everybody at the moment.

I hope this update has helped you understand where we are at this moment in time and please feel free to speak to me if you have any ideas that may be relevant.

I will leave you with this thought, Lord, help us to realise, that nothing can happen today, you and I can't handle.

don't try we will never know.

God Bless, Steve

Our Diary for May



Tuesday 2nd 2.00pm Branch meeting - Worship (including MU Wave

of Prayer) followed by fellowship and Guest Speaker

Monday 15th 1.30pm New Marske Branch is holding an Afternoon

Tea. Visitors are welcome.

Wednesday 17th 7.30pm EMUs meet

Saturday 20th 10.00am – 2.00pm DIOCESAN SPRING COUNCIL

at St Cuthbert's, Marton.

See Anne's article for further information

Wednesday 31st 9.30am Corporate Communion (do wear your badges).

Advance notice: 4.00pm on Sunday, 4th JUNE at St Peter's,

MU Deanery Festival with Banners

(with Holy communion). All church services are open to

anyone to come along

Branch news:

Hi Everyone!

So are you getting excited? As if Easter wasn't enough excitement for millions of Christians here and around the world, we are fortunate, (or so it seems to me!), to be able to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and his Queen on the 6th May. This moment is also a reminder of God's call on us all, wherever we live in the world, both to pray for those in authority over us and to recognise that we are subjects of the Kingdom of God, whose King will reign forever. (1 Timothy 2:1-3) It will be good to hear everyone's experiences of the day, so do take pictures to share.

As you will have spotted there are a few events in the DIARY for us to remember and, if we are able, to join in with, starting with our meeting on the 2nd when we have invited Margot Davidson-Wood to be our guest speaker. This is also our slot in the worldwide 'Wave of Prayer', when we in York particularly pray for our LINK Dioceses of Aru in the Congo; Kigezi in Uganda, Ikeduru in Nigeria, Ho in Ghana and Guyana and Suriname in the West Indies.

The following week on the Monday, the branch at St. Thomas' in New Marske has invited Jennifer and the Literature Stall along to their afternoon tea fundraiser.

They are also having a cake stall and raffle.

On Saturday, 20th May, the Diocesan Spring Council meeting is being held this year locally in Cleveland Archdeaconry. It is being held at St Cuthbert's Centre in Marton; the York Diocesan President Hilary Castle along with the Trustees and officers will be there. Ordinary members (like you and me) have always been welcome to attend but it hasn't been held as close to us before. So this is a good opportunity to see who our 'leaders' are and hear more about the work of Mothers Union outside of our own branch and Guisborough Deanery. We are asked to bring a packed lunch but tea/coffee will be available. Anyone who would like to come but needs a lift — have a word with me or any committee member.

Last but not least, please add **SUNDAY, 4th JUNE at 4.00pm** to your diaries or phone! We will be hosting this year's Deanery Festival and I'm sure you won't want to miss it.

God bless Anne x

5th Redcar (St. Peter's) Guides

Some photos of recent Guides' activities.









SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Coronation Faith Tea and Pimms 5.00pm Saturday, 6th May at church

Come and celebrate together after the coronation of our King Charles III with an all-age, family faith tea. Wear your best red, white and blue if you wish; bring something to eat, drink and share and we'll provide the entertainment!

Breakfast Church

9.00am Sunday, 14th May

A relaxed and welcoming get together, that makes it easy for people new to church to cross the threshold and join us.

Coffee Morning

10.00am—12noon Saturday, 27th May

Our regular monthly church fundraiser and get together

Annual Summer Fair

10.00am—1.00pm Saturday, 1st July

Our BIG church fundraiser with extra stalls and games.



Handbells at St Peter's

Brian Harvey writes...

I have recently taken charge of a set of handbells, and I'm looking to form a team of ringers at St. Peter's.

You don't need to have the ability to read music, just be able to count. I can say from experience that you will find this activity very therapeutic and rewarding. I'm hoping to have a team of eight people, from age eleven upwards, with a possible maximum team of twelve in due course. If you feel interested, please contact me at St. Peter's Church.



ST PETER'S CHURCH, REDCAR LANE, REDCAR NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM ALL WELCOME

LADIES' WEDNESDAY GROUP

"Tibet" was the title of the talk given by Sue Parker at our last meeting. The selection of the beautiful slides she showed were accompanied by a very interesting and detailed talk.

May 3rd Coronation Afternoon Tea at the Cleveland Golf Club 3pm.

Diary of a Church Mouse

Lean and alone I spend my days behind the Church of England baize
I share my dark forgotten room with two oil-lamps and half a broom

The cleaner never bothers me so here I eat my frugal tea
My bread is sawdust mixed with straw my Jam is polish for the floor
Christmas and Easter may be feasts for congregations and for priests
And so may Whitsun all the same they do not fill my meagre frame
For me the only feast of all is Autumn's Harvest Festival.

I climb the eagle's brazen head to burrow through a loaf of bread
I scramble up the public stair and gnaw the carrots hanging there
It is enjoyable to taste these items ere they go to waste

But how annoying when one finds that mice with pagan minds

Come into Church my food to share who have no proper business there

Two field mice who have no desire to be baptised invade the choir

A large and most unfriendly rat comes in to see what we are at

He says he thinks there is no God and yet he comes - it's rather odd

This year he stole a sheaf of wheat It screened our special preachers seat

And under cover of its notes ate through the altar's sheaf of oats

But all the same it's strange to me how very full the Church can be with

people I don't often see at all except at Harvest Festival.

And prosperous mice from fields away come in to hear the organ play

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY



We would like to thank Sandra, Sue, Malcolm and all the

church members for making us so welcome with our bric a brac stall at the April coffee event. Thanks also to the Friends for their hard work manning the stall and the congregation and residents for being so generous supporting the event.

Phase one of the Peter Rabbit Garden has been completed. We have so many individuals, groups, businesses, specialist contractors and funders to thank for their help. Thanks to the Friends for the many hours in planning and turning this unique area into a respectful place for relatives to come and a place for their precious babies to be remembered.



We would like to thank Amy Dowson and the special needs students of Redcar and Cleveland College for the tea party they are putting on for us. This is a thank you to us for all the work that we have done in the cemetery, a very thoughtful gesture which acknowledges the time we spend helping others.

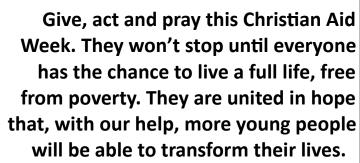
We are having a craft stall at St Hilda's Church on Saturday, 13th May between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Many items have been made by Soo and the Craft Group. Please support us if you can.

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation by inviting residents to a gardening session on Monday, 8th May between 10.00am and 12noon. Join us if you can and please bring your gardening gloves.

Dot Ahmed

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ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

The result of the April 2023 draw was:

No. 8 Dave Hogg £40

No. 21 Sandra Veitch £10

EAST REDCAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The next two meetings of the above will be at 7.00pm on Thursday, 4th May and Thursday, 1st June. Both meetings will be held in the upstairs meeting room of St. Peter's Church, Redcar Lane, and will finish at 8.30pm or earlier.

Guest Speakers to be announced.

As usual there will be reports from Redcar local police officers, whereby we can also feed back any policing concerns we may have. There will also 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? Just turn up on the night, give me a ring on 01642 482132 or e-mail bib_ken@ntlworld.com for further information. Ken Bibby Chairman

The Original Naughty Step

Chris and Lorraine Bowers have recently returned from a cruise to the Scandinavian capitals.

Chris found this at the National Museum of Finland in Helsinki, in the religious section.

The 'Stool of Repentance' was used to impose punishment. The convicted person had to sit in the middle of the crowd on Sunday. Minor crimes were atoned for by sitting on the lowest step, but if you had committed a more significant crime, you had to sit on the middle or top step!



Life Abundant....

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach.



They stopped at an old farm house and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted.

"We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

Lesson

A nervous Head boy was reading the New Testament Lesson in School Assembly for Pentecost: "Here beginneth the first Actor of the Chaps."

Blessing

It was the five-year-old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; "He's put it on my head!"

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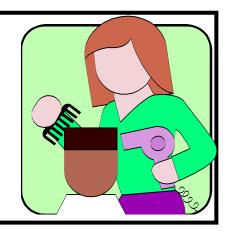
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