

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



November 2023

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WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Sunday of month

10.00am ALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendly
Service 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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Well, I can officially say it.....
“It’ll soon be Christmas...
again!” After another year that
has gone soooo quickly we are
almost in the season of lots to
do again. (not that there’s not
a lot to do in the rest of the
year). How come the older

you get, the faster the years rattle by? BUT, we are not there yet!

This time of year seems to be a time when we pause to REMEMBER. “Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot; for there is a reason why gunpowder and treason should ne’er be forgot.”

It’s a bit current to remember when a terrorist plot to blow up the English parliament was foiled. I’m glad that we get along much better with our brothers and sisters in the Roman church now.

If you are German and Jewish, the 9th of November 1938 is a date that causes people to remember. “Kristallnacht” (“the night of broken glass”) occurred when the pogrom of the Jews became state sponsored and so heralded open persecution of German Jews leading to the National Socialist Party’s (Nazis) ‘Final Solution’ program. We remember because we shudder at the thought of it happening again. That’s why when Hamas terrorists invaded Israel and shot and butchered innocent men, women and children on 7th October, that too will and should be remembered.

We too pause to remember our loved ones that are no longer with us at this time of year. On November 1st, All Saints Day, we remember and celebrate the saints of the church whether known or unknown.

(By the way, ALL believers are saints!) and on the day after, All Souls Day, people also remember the departed.

Finally, on 11th November, and on Remembrance Sunday, we remember our war dead. These are still very poignant days in the calendar.

Remembering makes us human, it's a gift God has given us that can bring joy and healing, tears and laughter. Most of all we remember what God has done for us:

*Remember His marvellous works which He has done, His wonders,
and the judgments of His mouth*

1 Chronicles 16:12

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight*
Proverbs 3 5-6



What a brilliant job Nick and his team

have made (and are making) of the path into and around church. They have completely transformed the walk into church, and it is much safer now, and easier for anyone to enter. I love it because it says so much about our gift of WELCOME at St Peters. It says 'Come in' all who are seeking. The bible talks a lot about straight paths, the verse above is from the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament and talks about trusting God to lead you through the difficult paths of life. We read about John The Baptist also, whose job it was to herald the Messiah, to clear the way for him and make a straight path for him. So our new path up to church is not only a physical blessing but a spiritual sign of our mission, to make straight the path for people to get to know God in their lives and Jesus as their Saviour.

Running up to this Advent we will be working with Zetland School to produce a Christmas Trail around the town in the windows of various organisations.

Each class will produce a picture that tells a part of the Christmas Story to form a trail around the town. I'm really looking forward to seeing all the great pictures up and about. We hope to display the originals in church throughout the season as part of our decorations in church too.

The Jesse Tree Advent Calendar.

Also, this Advent I'll be posting daily reflections online on the Facebook page from a book called Creation to Crib by David Simms. Watch out for that!

Every Blessing, Rev'd Andy

SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS

7.00pm, THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

PRAYERS FOR THE BEREAVED and

The DEARLY DEPARTED





After the Sunday service on 15th October, I was preparing to lock up the church when a lady arrived with two girls, Daisy and Evie. She said that they had a donation for our Food Bank.

Evie had been to our church for Zetland Primary school's Harvest Festival Service. The children had been told that all their Harvest gifts would be given to the Food Bank.

Thinking about this, Evie and her friend Daisy decided to raise money for the Food Bank by selling their own sweets, which they get for running errands for a lady.

Imagine my surprise when they handed over the princely sum of £60!

This was an incredible effort and was gratefully received by the Food Bank organisers. This all goes to show that young people can demonstrate the principle of caring and sharing to us all. Well done girls.

Brian Harvey (Churchwarden)

LECTIONARY NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday 5th November

**Fourth Sunday before Advent
All Saints Day**

Revelation 7.9-17
Psalm 34.1-10
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

Sunday 12th November

**Third Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday**

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16
Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 6.17-20
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Matthew 25.1-13
Or
Amos 5.18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Matthew 25.1-13

Sunday 19th November

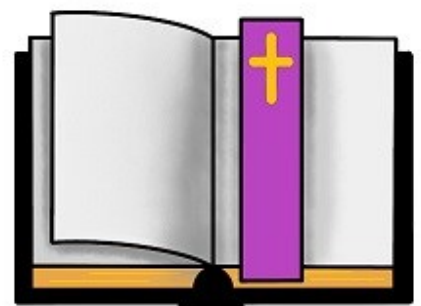
Second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18
Psalm 90.1-8 (9-11) 12
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Sunday 26th November

**Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24
Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of the Church:...

1st October Charlie Brooks

8th October Oliver Smith

22nd October Maya Brooks



Prayer for November 2023

Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching, taken from The Parish Pump

MU and EMUs Big Night Out!



Wow, what a fabulous evening we had at Middlesbrough Theatre watching 'Dreamcoat Stars'. An amazing show featuring stars from the hit production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.

We went back in time to experience classic musicals of the West End and Broadway, including Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar, SIX, Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia!, we Will Rock You, jersey Boys, Les Miserables, Moulin Rouge and many more.

We 'Drew Back the Curtain' and sang and danced the night away, enjoying each others company as

well as enjoying this amazing show!

Thanks to all for a fabulous night

Tracey Calvert x



DIARY for NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 7th	2.00pm	BRANCH Meeting, starting with worship in the Lady Chapel. Guest Speaker this month
WEDNESDAY 15th	7.30pm	EMUs Christmas 2. Meet in the Narthex
WEDNESDAY 29th	9.30am	MU Corporate Communion

Hi Everyone,

How was October for YOU?

For members who missed the Branch meeting, we agreed to get involved with the Mothers' Union **RISE UP AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE** Campaign. as highlighted in **Connected** magazine, which every member should have received by now.

Make sure you have a read and if you can help, please bring along items for the **Moving In/Moving On packages** to the meeting. Val Brennan has kindly offered to be our collection point.

Owing to illness, I was unable to attend the Songs of Praise but I did manage the visit to Middlesbrough Theatre and others are going to say just how good the two events were!

God bless Anne x

PS From Daphne Wood

The MU Deanery Songs of Praise service on 15th October at St Mark's Marske was a well attended and joyful occasion. St Peter's MU was well represented with about 12 members present. Thanks to Rev Elaine for presenting her choice of hymn and to St Mark's MU for making everyone so welcome.

Rev'd Elaine writes...

In November we enter the annual season of Remembrance, for our churches and our nation culminating in Remembrance Sunday on 12th November.

This year, as I write this piece in early October, I do so with a heart heavy with sadness against the backdrop of the dramatic and horrific escalation in the conflict in the Middle East, which has become a dreadful reality for many millions of people in Israel and Gaza over the last few days.

We are all, I'm sure, grappling with the horrors unfolding day by day which are being relayed through the media and the stark images and stories of suffering, the personal stories of loss and grief and the utter hopelessness that many feel as homes, livelihoods and loved ones are taken on both sides.

Yet again, as in the ongoing war in Ukraine, we see the dreadful human cost of war, particularly the cost to ordinary people, men, women and children caught up in a struggle not of their making.

It seems that we have learnt so little through the years, through the conflicts which we will recall again on Remembrance Sunday in two World Wars, through the wars in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, The Falklands, the conflict in Northern Ireland, Syria, Yemen and so many more....

through the sacrifice of so many for the cause of power or identity, freedom or peace??

In such dark days where is hope to be found?

In times of trouble many of us turn to God, and ask the questions that have no answers, and pray for peace. I believe that God weeps with those who weep and stays close to those who ask for his presence with them.

I believe God longs for the day when humanity turns away from the foolishness and futility of war and seeks real and lasting peace across a world that so needs God's peace.

Those days have been long awaited even from Old Testament times when the word of God came to the prophet Isaiah:

*'God will teach us what he wants us to do;
we will walk in the paths he has chosen....
He will settle disputes among great nations.
They will hammer their swords into ploughs
and their spears into pruning knives.
Nations will never again go to war,
never prepare for battle again.*

Isaiah 2:3-4

Today, and in the days to come, I will continue to pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and beyond, across our world. I hope that you will share with me in that prayer and that, even now, nations at war will turn back to seek God's way of peace.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

Matthew 5:9

May God fill you with the hope of peace in a troubled world



Blessings this November,
Rev'd Elaine Scrivens



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**The
Children's
Society**

This poem is a favourite of Margery Walker

First Coming by Madeline L'Engle

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.

He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Wednesday Ladies' Group

At our first meeting of the month of October, we had a very interesting talk from David Dance on Forensics. His slides, which vividly showed a variety of dead bodies, some only a partial set of bones, gave forensic examiners a surprising amount of detail.

Our second October meeting was our Games Night, and was another success, when we played Dominoes amid much fun and laughter.

Moments in Time



A raindrop falling from a leaf

Frost on a Winters morn

A shooting star at dead of night

The rising sun at dawn

First look upon a country scene

The smell of a fragrant rose

Jewels on a spiders web

An antlered stag in pose

A young bride in her gown of white

A new born baby cry

You cannot recreate these things

No matter how you try



Spiritual Disciplines: Generosity

'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35).

What does generosity look like for us? The practice of generosity is about more than finance, as we recognise that everything we possess belongs to God (Ps 24:1). We are stewards of all our resources, including time, possessions, gifts, as well as our love and compassion for others. God enables us to be generous, because of all that He has given us:

'You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.' (2 Cor 9:11).

Here are some practical ways of practising generosity:

Give consistently: Planning our financial giving ensures that it isn't an after-thought, but carefully considered (2 Cor 9:7). We can offer time to volunteer in church or in the wider community. We might open our home to others for a meal or coffee.

Give spontaneously: God often brings opportunities across our path where we can respond spontaneously. This might be prompted by a text from a friend in crisis or giving a neighbour a helping hand. Acting spontaneously reminds us that God is always working in and through us.

Give sacrificially: Being generous also involves making sacrifices with our time and priorities, as we help others, share our possessions, or use our gifts. How can we simplify our busy lives, in order to free up space to practise more life transforming generosity?

To engage in generosity is an invitation to experience more of God's provision in our lives:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (Luke 6:38).

By Canon Paul Hardingham, taken from The Parish Pump

EAST REDCAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the above will be at 7.00pm on Thursday, 2nd November. It will again be held in the upstairs meeting room of St. Peter's Church, Redcar Lane, and will finish at 8.30pm or earlier.

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 ? Either just turn up on the night or give me a ring on 07980495953 or e-mail michaelcarling@btinternet.com for any further information.

Mike Carling
Chairman



ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

The result of the October 2023 draw was:

No. 68 Norma Hathaway £40

No. 77 Sylvia Richmond £10



FRIENDS
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CEMETERY

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY

We have had some assistance from the Pay Back Scheme to help with the work in the cemetery. Community Pay Back (unpaid work) is where offenders work on projects to pay back the community for their crimes. This is managed and delivered by the Probation Service. The work visibly contributes to enhancing communities as well as supporting the rehabilitation of offenders. The courts can impose between 40-300 hours of unpaid work depending on the seriousness of the offence. The men who are paying back are continuing to paint the railings in the middle section of the cemetery. They have also made a beautiful poppy display for the gates to the old section of the cemetery where men and women lie in Commonwealth War graves from the two world wars. Thank you to them. We will be putting our own poppy display up and laying poppy crosses and wreaths in the coming days.



We will be planting many bulbs gifted to us soon. Thanks to all those who donated small and large daffs, crocus, and tulips. It seems a lot when we are planting them out; however, it is such a large space, so they don't go far. There will be a wonderful colourful display in spring.



Thanks to all who supported the stall we had in St Peter's on Saturday, 22nd October, and to the team who made us so welcome and helped with setting up the stall. We raised £145.00.

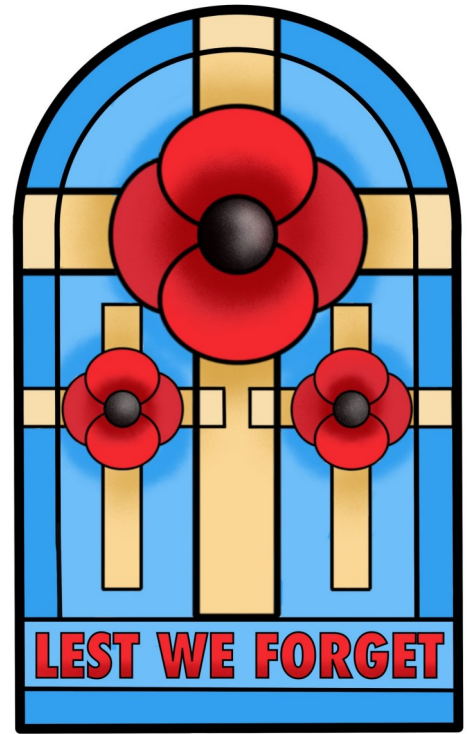
Thanks also to the staff and customers of the Darlington Building Society at our tombola which we held in the Redcar branch recently.

We are appealing for more prizes for our Christmas tombola stall - please let us know if you can help.

Dot Ahmed

Be a stained-glass window

People are like stained glass windows. We glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright outside. But it is only when the sun goes down that our true beauty is revealed – and then only if there is a light deep within us – the light of God.



Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: “I’ve been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can’t think of a single one now. So, I think I have wasted my time.”

The minister thought for a moment and replied: “I’ve been married for 30 years, and my wife and I have cooked thousands of meals. For the life of me I can’t recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished us and gave us strength to carry on living. If we had not had those meals, but snacked on rubbish instead, we would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually.”

Taken from The Parish Pump

Some signs found outside churches:

- Church carpark sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY.
Trespassers will be baptised.
- No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.
- Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!



Light

A small boy was fascinated by the red Sanctuary lamp during a rather long sermon. Finally, he whispered: 'Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?'

Anagrams—someone out there must be very good at Scrabble!

- Presbyterian – Best in prayer
- Astronomer – Moon starrer
- Desperation – A rope ends it
- The eyes – They see
- The Morse Code – Here come dots
- Dormitory – Dirty room
- Slot machines – Cash lost in me
- Election results – Lies; let's recount
- Snooze alarms – Alas! No more Z's
- A decimal point – I'm a dot in place
- Eleven plus two – Twelve plus one

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