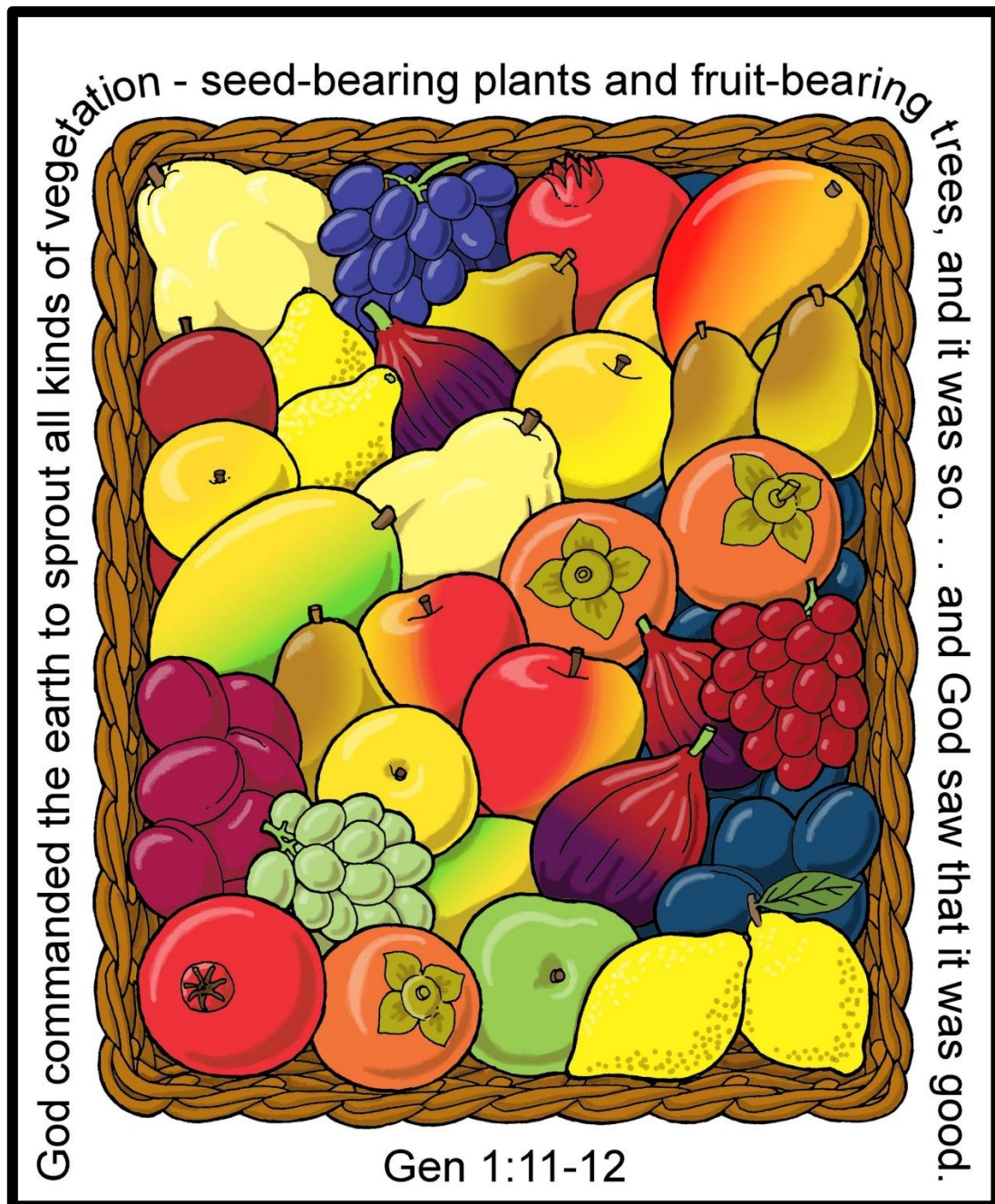


# News and Views from St Peter's Church and The Parish of Redcar



**October 2026**

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## **WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S**

**Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

**3rd Sunday of the month**

**10.00am ALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendly  
Service with Holy Communion**

**1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month**

**10.00am ST PETER'S ARK—a service for children  
Come and learn about Jesus with us**

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

**Monday 7.00pm BIBLE BOOK CLUB – digging deeper into God's Word**

**Tuesday 4.30pm FAMILY FAITH – worship, crafts, songs, games, and  
food for all the family**

**Wednesday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION**

**The last Wednesday of the 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**

**Thursday 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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# News and Views from the Vicarage

Autumn is upon us already even though the trees don't seem to want to give up their leaves just yet (as I write anyway). Schools have started their new educational year, and we too are entering a season that always seems to get busier as Christmas approaches (sorry to mention Christmas when it is only October). There's plenty to think about before then. Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 18th October. Harvest gifts will be donated to the Food Bank as usual.

Our All Souls/All Saints memorial service is on Sunday, 1st November in the afternoon and Remembrance Sunday on the 8th. The Royal Northern Symphonia concert is on Thursday, 26th November, Stanway & Garnett's Christmas Memorial on 28th and Sunday 29th brings Advent Sunday (and my 5th anniversary of being here at St Peter's). Wow, seems like only 2 minutes!

Can I invite you to try out some of our regular and new things happening at St Peter's?

## **Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Night Prayer on Zoom (every 2 weeks)

## **Mondays**

6.00pm Children's Choir

7.00pm Bible Book Club (Bible study group)

## **Tuesdays**

12.00noon Holy Grounds Community Café and Warm Space

2.00pm MU Branch Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month)

4.30pm Family Faith

## **Wednesdays**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee at the Holy Grounds Café

1.30pm Stay and Play with Coffee, Cake and Craft

6.00pm Children's Games Club

6.30pm Reflections

7.30pm EMUS (Evening Mothers' Union) - 3rd Wednesday of the month



## **Thursdays**

10.00am Pram Service

11.00am Food Bank and Holy Grounds Café

## **Fridays**

1.30 Whist Group

7.15pm 5th Redcar (St Peter's) Guides

## **Saturdays**

Regular coffee mornings

# *Blessings to all, Andy*

The first in a new series about the Northern Saints portrayed on our church Reredos

## **St Cuthbert – A Friend of God**

St Cuthbert is one of the most famous saints from the North of England. He lived more than 1,300 years ago, in the 600s, and became known for his kindness, his love of nature and his strong faith in God.



Cuthbert was born around the year 634, probably in the Scottish Borders. As a young boy, he looked after sheep. One night, while watching his flock, Cuthbert saw what he believed was a bright light shining in the sky. He later discovered that the light appeared at the time when St Aidan, the Bishop of Lindisfarne, died. Cuthbert felt that God was calling him to become a monk.

Cuthbert joined the monastery at Melrose and spent many years learning about the Christian faith. He became known as a person who was kind, cheerful and always ready to help others. He travelled around the countryside, visiting villages and teaching people about Jesus.

Later, Cuthbert became Prior of Lindisfarne, an important Christian centre off the coast of Northumberland. He worked hard to help the monks live together peacefully and to care for the people who came to them for help.

But Cuthbert loved quiet places. He eventually left Lindisfarne and moved to the tiny island of Inner Farne, where he lived almost like a hermit. He prayed, grew vegetables and spent time thinking about God.

According to stories, Cuthbert was also a great friend to animals. People said that birds would come to him, and that he even shared his food with them!

Cuthbert later became Bishop of Lindisfarne. Although being a bishop was a very important job, he remained humble and continued to care about ordinary people. He travelled to preach, encouraged those who were struggling and reminded everyone of God's love.

Cuthbert died on 20 March 687 on Inner Farne. His body was buried on Lindisfarne, but his tomb became an important place of pilgrimage. Many years later, his body was moved because of Viking attacks, and eventually his shrine was placed in Durham Cathedral.

Today, St Cuthbert is remembered as one of the great saints of the North. His life reminds us that we don't have to be famous or powerful to make a difference. Like Cuthbert, we can show God's love by being kind, helping others, caring for creation and taking time to listen to God.

St Cuthbert's feast day is 20 March.



## **NEXT COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER**

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## **EVENTS AT ST PETER'S - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Saturday, 7th November - Redcar Community Choir Concert**
- **Saturday, 14th November - Tabletop Sale and 'Soup'n'Pudding' Lunch**
- **Thursday, 26th November - Royal Northern Sinfonia Concert**

## **ST PETER'S 100 CLUB**



## **RESULT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2026 DRAW**

**1st Prize No. 24 Joan Bentley**

**2nd Prize No. 39 Emma Fox**

## LECTIONARY OCTOBER 2026

### **Sunday 4th October**

Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3.4b-14

Matthew 21.33-46

### **18th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Sunday 11th October**

Exodus 32.1-14

Psalm 106.1-6,19-23

Philippians 4.1-9

Matthew 22.1-14

### **19th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Sunday 18th October**

Exodus 33.12-23

Psalm 99.1-9

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

OR

Isaiah 35.3-6 or

Acts 16.6-12a

Psalm 147.1-7

2 Timothy 4.5-17

Luke 10.1-9

### **20th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Luke the Evangelist**

### **Sunday 25th October**

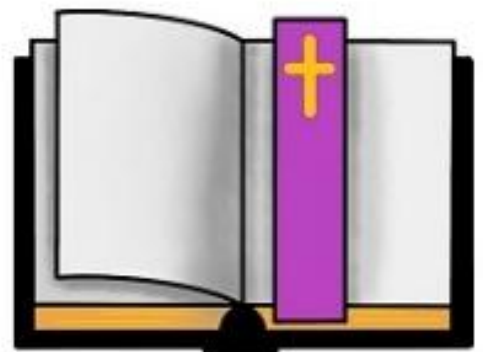
Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Psalm 90.1-6,13-17\*

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Matthew 22.34-46

### **Last Sunday after Trinity**



## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the family of the church*

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 6th September  | Arlo Twemlow           |
| 6th September  | Adeline Elcoate        |
| 6th September  | Chester Twemlow        |
| 6th September  | Elliott Twemlow-Allan  |
| 6th September  | Reuben Twemlow         |
| 6th September  | Teddy Elcoate          |
| 13th September | Arthur-Jamie Haley     |
| 13th September | Archie Haley-George    |
| 20th September | Navy-Raine Gibson-Joel |

### Funerals

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 4th September | Michael Anthony Madden |
|---------------|------------------------|

*We pray for his family and friends*



# HOLY GROUNDS

## Community Café



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# ST PETER'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WEEKLY GROUPS



**MONDAY: CHOIR 6-7PM**



**TUESDAY: FAMILY FAITH 4.30-6PM**



**WEDNESDAY: STAY AND PLAY : 1.30-3PM**



**GAMES CLUB : 6-7PM**



**THURSDAY PRAM SERVICE : 10-11.30**



**SUNDAY ST PETER'S ARK : 10-11AM**

**FAITH FAMILY FUN COMMUNITY**



## MU Diary for October 2026

Tuesday, 6th 2.00 pm Branch Meeting

Sunday, 18th 4.00pm Deanery Songs of Praise at St. Margaret's, Brotton, featuring 150 years of celebratory hymns and worship songs

Wednesday, 21st 7.30 pm EMUs - 'A Trip Down Memory Lane' with Anne

Wednesday, 28th 9.30 am Corporate Holy Communion at St. Peter's

Advance notice:

The Diocesan Autumn Gathering at Heworth, York, is to be held on Saturday, 7th November 10.00am – 3.00pm

Also:

If I may use this space to ask any members who have Children's Society collection boxes to return them for opening to me (Anne Hagen) on or before our November meeting. Thank you.

## Hello again!

Thanks to everyone who made last month's meeting. It was a lovely afternoon of friendship and fellowship; though we did miss everyone who couldn't come!!

It was good to see so many smiles as we started thinking about our own 'memories' of our life experiences by answering five questions I had chosen. As we started to share some of our stories and listen to each other there were even more wry smiles, some misty eyes and plenty of laughter.

Of course memories may also bring back some heartache, disappointment or a missed opportunity and after tea and biscuits that was also reflected in our 'memories' of Old Redcar as seen through a slide show of postcards and pictures of our town! Plenty of nostalgia to share.

Looking ahead, I think there may be a certain amount of serendipity to our October meeting, but I do hope you will join us.

Some information about the 'Songs of Praise' service on the 18th of October: it is of course open to everyone who loves the opportunity to worship together, and it starts at 4.00pm. It being the 150th year of Mothers' Union, it is lovely that ladies from Brotton (where there is no MU branch) are hosting us and I'm sure there will be a nice cuppa afterwards. Thank you to Pat Taylor for choosing 'Our Hymn' this year.

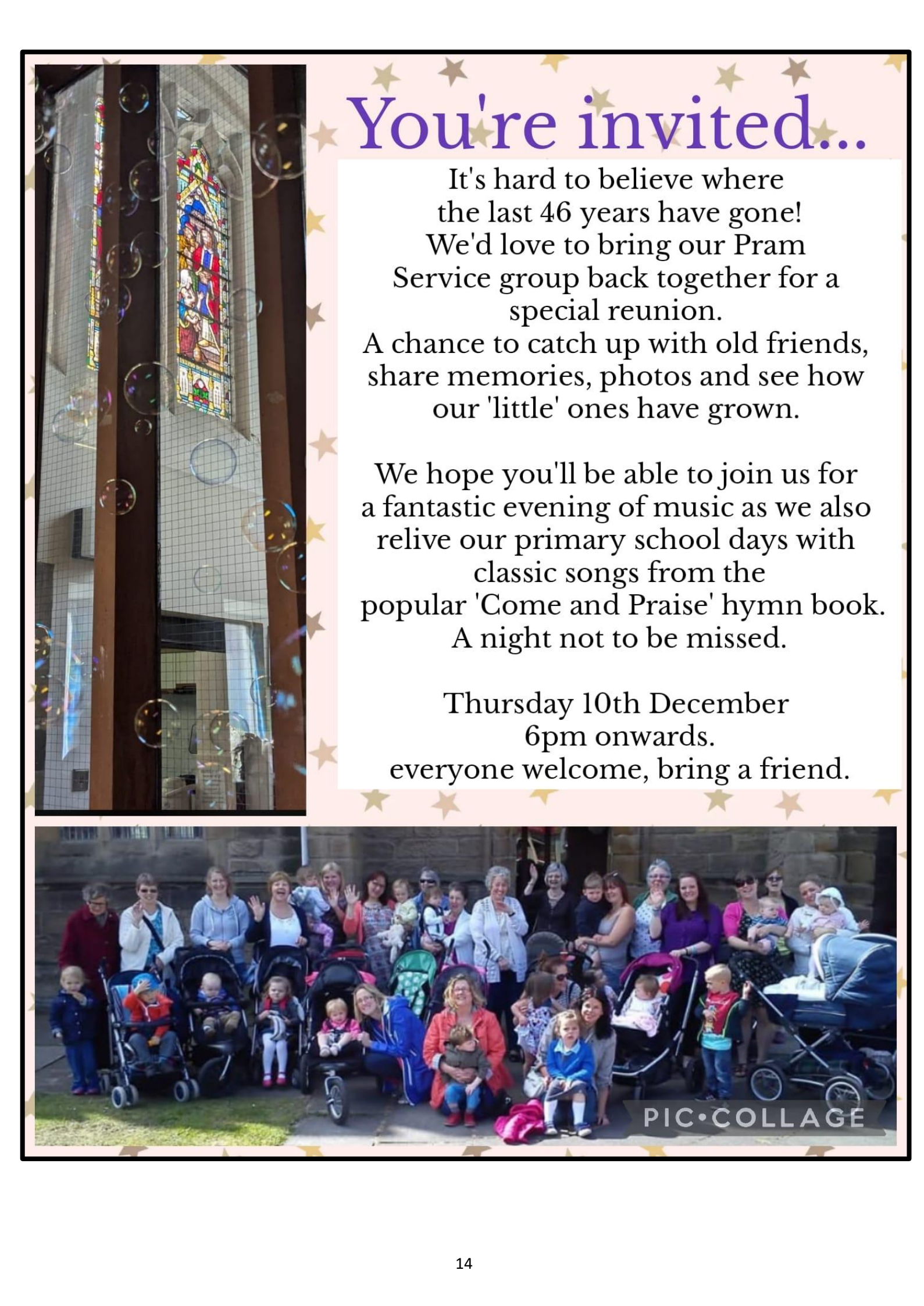
As we welcome in autumn and prepare for shorter hours of daylight, I thought I'd leave something to ponder! This well-known bible verse is a favourite of mine:

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Every blessing, Anne x





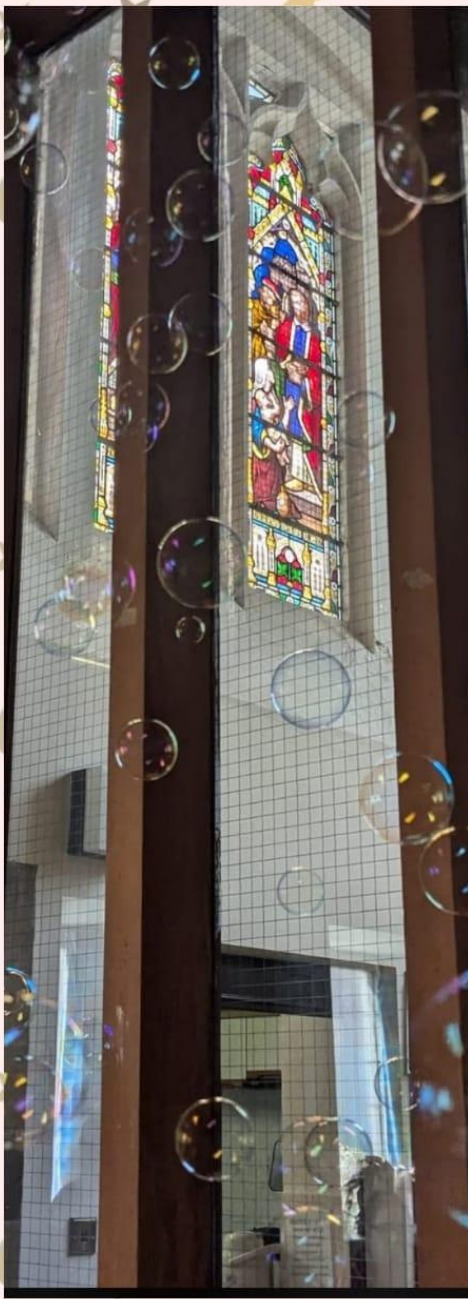
# You're invited...

It's hard to believe where  
the last 46 years have gone!  
We'd love to bring our Pram  
Service group back together for a  
special reunion.

A chance to catch up with old friends,  
share memories, photos and see how  
our 'little' ones have grown.

We hope you'll be able to join us for  
a fantastic evening of music as we also  
relive our primary school days with  
classic songs from the  
popular 'Come and Praise' hymn book.  
A night not to be missed.

Thursday 10th December  
6pm onwards.  
everyone welcome, bring a friend.





**Brian Harvey**

**In the**

**When were you born and where did you grow up?**

1948 in Willington Quay on Tyne Maternity home and grew up in Percy Main, North Shields until the age of 8.

**Where did you go to school?**

Education began in St. John's Church School, Percy Main until at age 8 my family moved to my mother's birthplace of Dormanstown. After schooling in Dormanstown I attended Sir William Turner Grammar School.

**What was your first proper job?**

Music Teacher at a R C Secondary School in Rotherham before back moving to this area.

**Did you go to university or college? If so, where?**

I studied teaching training (Music) at Nottingham College of Education from 1967 -1970

**When and where did you meet your wife/husband?**

I met Chris at All Saint's Church Dormanstown Youth Club and the rest is history!

**What was or is your occupation?**

Having taught music all my working life , I retired from teaching in 2007. However, being a church organist from age 13 this has continued to play a major part in my life up to the present time.

**Where did you worship before coming to St Peter's? How long have you been coming here?**

St. Hilda's Church, Redcar for over 30 years until coming to St. Peter's in 2014.

**Do you have a favourite bible verse? If so, what is it and why?**

I don't have a favourite but there are many that mean a lot to me.

**Do you have a favourite hymn?**

This is a difficult question to answer as a church organist but if I really search, I would say it's not a hymn, but Psalm 150 sung by the by choir of York Minster as they recess. A truly moving experience.

**What sort of music do you like to listen to?**

I honestly appreciate a wide range of styles of music Folk, Rock , Classical, Choral. You name I'll listen to it!

**Can you play a musical instrument?**

Yes, just a few! Piano, Violin, Organ, Guitar (Bass and Rhythm), Recorder and of course the Voice.

**Do you have a favourite part of Yorkshire that you like to visit?**

Moors and Coast. We are very fortunate to live in Redcar.

**Is there anywhere in the world you'd like to visit regardless of expense?**

Japan during Cherry Blossom time.

**What is the last book you read? Do you have a favourite book?**

Can't remember but I love reading fiction books about social history in the North of England during the 19th Century.

**What do you do to relax? Do you have any hobbies?**

In my younger days I enjoyed singing in various choirs, playing in orchestras, playing/singing in a folk group and playing in a Ceilidh band. My relaxation nowadays consists of gardening and ironing. I kid you not!!

**What would be your favourite 3 course meal?**

Starter: Seafood, Main Couse: Duck, Dessert: Crème Brulee

**If you were to spend a year on a desert island, what luxury would you take with you? A Piano.**

**Which word best describes your life right now? Content.**



The work continues in the cemetery helped by this lovely weather. We are mainly tidying up and cutting back in preparation for the winter. Soon we will be planting spring flowering daffys, tulips, crocus and iris. We will be planting these in the children/babies gardens and to the areas where few people visit now in order to show that people buried there are not forgotten.

We are coming up to Remembrance time, laying wreaths and poppy crosses. We are tidying around war graves in preparation for this poignant time.

We are waiting for the last grass cut, and then the wildflower area will be cut, and we will be able to rake off to start the process again.

We are holding a coffee morning at the Zetland Park Methodist Church Hall Saturday, 10th October between 10.00am and 1.00pm. There will be many items for sale, a tombola and refreshments. This is a joint venture with East Redcar Residents Association and our group.

We will be back again at St Peter's Church on Saturday, 17th October between 10.00am and 12noon. We will be selling jewellery, bric a brac, china, jigsaws, Christmas items and paintings. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continuing support it does make a difference.

For further details contact Dot Ahmed, email: [dotahmed@btinternet.com](mailto:dotahmed@btinternet.com)



## **Prayer for Harvest**

Dear Lord,

As we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the farmers who have struggled through the summer's drought and heatwaves, we also give thanks and pray for those who work to share the good news of Your kingdom, to bring in Your harvest of people who are searching for You.

May we, who know You, join those workers and share the good news that Jesus brings. So many people are lost and without hope or direction. Help us to reach out to them, maybe with an invitation, or simply a smile, or an act of kindness. May they see Your love reflected in us and turn to You.

May they put their trust in Jesus, who alone is the answer to all life's great questions. Lord, may we be workers in the harvest field where You have placed us, for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **The Word of God**

*(Heb 4:12, Isa 55:11, Jn 16:33)*

Changes,  
so many changes  
in a world fragmenting and frightening,  
where hatred and prejudice destroy  
and shock even the unshockable.

Only the Word of God is constant;  
living, active  
and powerful in proclamation.  
Still able to accomplish  
everything God desires.

The Word of God;  
everlasting lamp for our feet  
and a light for our path  
that darkness can never dim.

The Word of God;  
unchanging, unchangeable,  
revealing and revealed  
in Jesus, who has overcome the world.  
Take heart!

*Both pieces by Daphne Kitching, taken from The Parish Pump*



### **Doors...**

My granddad always said, "When one door closes, another door opens."  
Lovely man. Terrible joiner.

### **Pastors...**

What do they call pastors in Germany?  
German Shepherds.

### **Miscellaneous observations on daily life...**

- At my age I have given up on health foods; I need all the preservatives I can get
- Ever feel like life is a car wash and you're on a bicycle?
- My favourite childhood memory is having energy
- My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from
- It's weird being the same age as old people
- I like to make a shopping list. I like to guess what's in it when I get to the shop and discover I left it at home

### **Genesis for Cats...**

On the first day of Creation, God created the cat.

On the second day, God created humans to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that humans could labour for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created expensive furniture so that the cat would have objects whereon to sharpen its claws.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the humans broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the litter tray needed changing.

*Taken from The Parish Pump*

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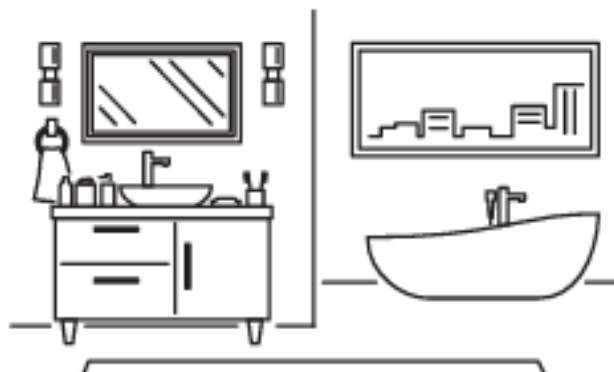
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