

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



Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

September 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**

**Thursday 11.30am PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S – a short service of prayers
for the ministry of St Peter's**

**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 St Peter's Vicarage



As I write this, I'm nearing the end of our summer holiday travelling around France with Debbie in our 2003 VW Camper, 'The Blue Meanie' (Beatles reference for those who don't know). We've travelled quite a few miles and stayed on quite a few camp sites. The weather has been hot and the mosquitos hungry, but we have had a wonderful time.

One of my aims for this holiday was to see God in as many places and in as many people as I could.

The kindness of campsite receptionists,

The stunning beauty of the landscape,

The power of the eclipse,

The taste of Chantilly cream,

The awesome beauty of places of worship,

BUT

the moment I saw God's great handiwork the most, was one clear blue morning. I was the only person in the campsite swimming pool, but I was sharing the pool with a flock of swifts that kept swooping down at 200 miles an hour to the pool and as they flew along just above the surface would dip slightly and take a mouthful. Then dart off as fast as they had arrived.

Now apparently the collective known for Swifts is a SCREAM, probably because if a human was going that fast, that's what would be coming out of the human's mouth. I just watched in absolute amazement, praising God for being privileged to be able to watch this acrobatic display. God is good.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it; Psalm 24.1

Blessings, Andy



LECTIONARY SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday 6th September

Exodus 12.1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15-20

14th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th September

Exodus 14.19-31
Psalm 114 or Canticle: Exodus 15.1b-11, 20,21
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

15th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th September

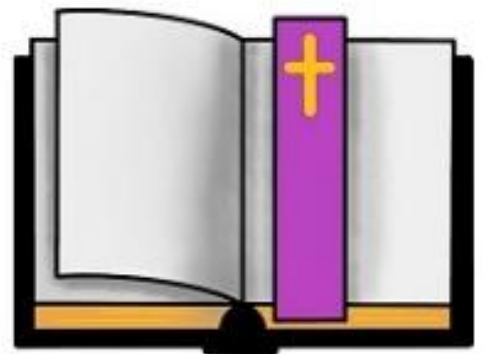
Exodus 16.2-15
Psalm 105.1-6,37-45
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

16th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27th September

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

17th Sunday after Trinity



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the church

2nd August Bobby Wilson

29th August Parker Mitchell

30th August Oliver Brown

Holy Matrimony

We pray for the home and happiness of

29th August Rebecca Plant and Steven Mitchell

Funerals

19th August Jane Foreman *(at Kirkleatham Crematorium)*

We pray for her family and friends

Reaching Out

Hi All,

I hope you are all having a good summer. As you may know, Suzanne and I are members of the Caravan and Motor Home Club, and we spend a lot of our time away with them in our motor home.

Recently, the North Yorkshire Caravan and Motor Home Club Centre celebrated 60 years of existence with a celebration rally held at Wetherby racecourse. This was a five-day event packed with entertainment and activities and was supported by 180 caravans and motor homes. We hosted members from as far afield as Essex, Norfolk, Wales, Cumbria, Lancashire and, of course, our beloved Yorkshire.

We were entertained on Saturday night by the Caravan and Motorhome Club concert band who put on a 'Last Night of the Proms' extravaganza.



Having previously conducted services at other centre rallies, I was blessed to be asked to hold a church service for our centre on the Sunday morning at which 75 members and 40 band staff attended. This is just one of the many ways that I believe my ministry, with you, our church family's support, is reaching out to people that would normally miss out on some spiritual nourishment.



At this service, we sang three hymns, 'At the Name of Jesus', 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven' and 'Oh Jesus I have Promised', all played by the concert band. We followed the readings from the lectionary and had a caravan themed sermon, which, I am told, everyone really enjoyed. Suzanne read some prayers and a past chairperson read the first reading.



The service concluded and we left the room to one of my favourite songs, 'Never Gonna Give You Up' by Rick Astley, again played by the band, because, as you know, God never gives up on us.

God bless us all, Steve



MU Diary for September 2026

Tuesday, 1st September 2.00pm **BRANCH MEETING**, starting with a short act of worship followed by fellowship, catch up and a trip down Memory Lane with Anne and Postcards of Old Redcar

Wednesday, 16th September 7.30pm **EMUs**

Wednesday, 30th September 9.30am **Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel. Please wear your badge and join us.

Hi Everyone!

September is upon us!! I do hope to see as many of you as possible at our meeting; it seems such a long time since I've seen some of you. There is always so much catching up to do after the summer break!

Well done, Robina, Janet, Diana and Sandra who had a full day out in York and joined the afternoon picnic in Dean Park with Archbishop Stephen, no less!! Daphne and I were able to join up with the ladies in York Minster for the 150 Anniversary Choral Evensong at 5.30pm. The weather was glorious, the company and the service beautiful.

Late last month, branches received confirmation of the appointment of Alison Marshall as the new Chief Executive of Mothers' Union and I'm sure

we'll be hearing more as she takes up the appointment in November. Kathleen Snow (Worldwide President) asks us to pray for Alison and the team as they move through this period of transition, for unity, encouragement and wisdom. As Kathleen says "After 150 years, our story is certainly not finished. There is much to be hopeful about, and I believe God has much more for Mothers' Union to do" A copy of the email, giving an insight into Alison's skills, is posted on the Branch notice board in church for all to read.

With such much turmoil and unrest locally, nationally and internationally, I'm sure you will agree with me, it is reassuring and a comfort that in MU we can feel safe and assured of our purpose and place in God's love .

Every blessing, Anne x



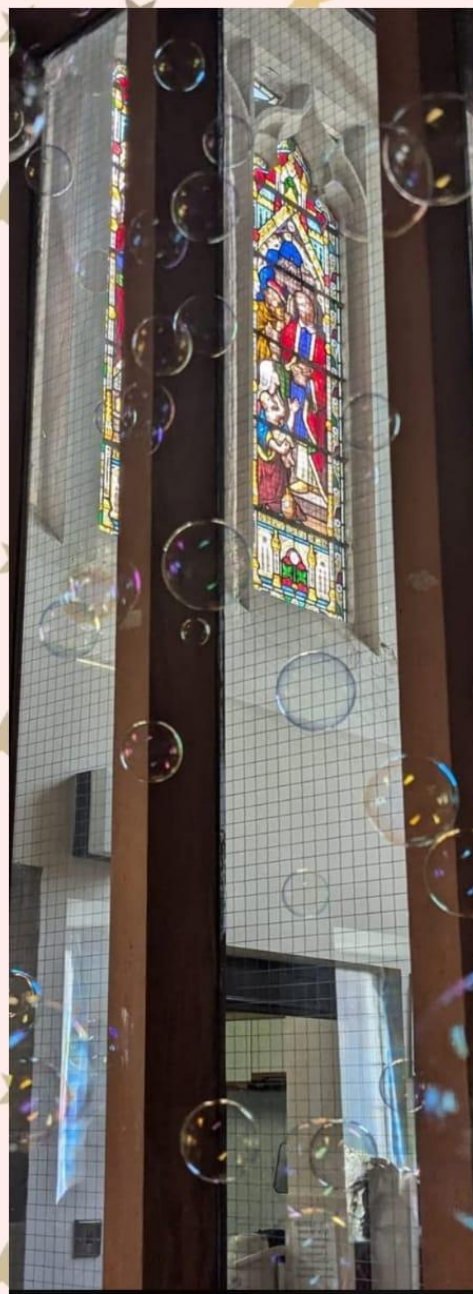
You're invited...

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.





Marion Birtwistle



In the

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born on the 8th of February 1954 in the back bedroom in Bilsdale Avenue in Dormanstown. I grew up in Redcar.

Where did you go to school?

I started school at Newcomen Infant School but changed school to West Dyke Infants due to a house move. I then changed school again when Lakes Primary School opened, as this was the catchment area we lived in. My Secondary Education was at James McKinley, first at Aske Road, then Redcar Lane to a new build

What was your first proper job?

My first proper job was washing pots in a cafe/restaurant

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

I went to college for 3 years in Darlington

When and where did you meet your wife / husband?

I met my husband in the café I worked in

What was or is your occupation?

I trained as a hairdresser

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

I wasn't a regular attendee, but when I did go to church St Hilda's was my church. I have been coming to St Peter's for 15+ years

Do you have a favourite hymn?

That's a difficult one, but if I have to choose, then The Servant King would be my choice

What sort of music do you like to listen to?

I have, I think, a broad spectrum of music choice - nothing heavy, very contemporary. I do have a soft spot for country music

Can you play a musical instrument?

I can play Three Blind Mice badly on the recorder! My claim to fame at school - I was chosen to play the triangle for All Through The Night

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

The Yorkshire Dales hold a special place in my heart

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

I would love to visit Times Square in New York at Christmas to see their wonderful tree

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

I haven't read a book for a while, but the last book I read was "I Let Him Go" by Denise Fergus, about James Bulger's abduction

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

I don't have a favourite book, but my favourite author is Catherine Cookson. I like to kick my shoes off, have a nice cup of tea and just sit in silence, that's my relaxation. I sing with two choirs, three if you count the church choir, that is my hobby

What would be your favourite 3 course meal?

My choice of meal would be Soup, Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, and Sticky Toffee pudding with fresh cream

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

I would take my pillow on a desert island

Which word best describes your life right now?

I think at this present moment in time my life would be described as HECTIC!

ST PETER'S 100 CLUB



RESULT OF THE JULY 2026 DRAW

1st Prize No. 31 Tony Palmer

2nd Prize No. 20 Christine Cartwright





We continue with our green Tuesday working in the cemetery between 10.00am and 12noon. Now the intense heat has passed we are managing to tidy up and carry out some summer pruning. We have been collecting flower seeds for scattering and sowing this year.



The work continues with the leaf keep path helped by the Pay Back Scheme. The materials have been paid by the Teesside Charity. Thank you to them and all who have been involved so far with this initiative. With the involvement of the Pay Back Scheme this allows these men to learn new skills and enables them to pay back their debt to society.

FORCEM has stalls planned at various events and venues: September 5th at Kirkleatham Walled Garden Produce Event, September 23rd at Kirkleatham Walled Garden, and October 3rd at Redcar Racecourse. We should do well if the weather is good as this meeting is very popular.



The cemetery gates remain locked after dark to prevent young people trashing the graves. We have had no other issues.



Thank you for your continuing support it does make a difference.
We look forward to having our stall at the Church coffee event October 17th.
Thank you so much for the invitation.

For further details contact Dot Ahmed, email: dotahmed@btinternet.com

GOING HOME

She's going home to silence
and the photographs that crowd
her rooms of many shadows
where no creatures are allowed,
but she can still remember
summer skies devoid of cloud.

The doctors and the nurses
at the hospital were kind
and even in her darkness
there are lights within her mind,
but soon the liberation
that she feels will be confined.

Her all too fleeting marriage
left her harbouring regrets
that lasted through a lifetime
of self-terminating threats,
but now her spirit's healing
as her broken femur sets.

She's going home to listen
to the emptiness inside
her four walls of seclusion
where past images collide,
but she'll continue dreaming
by her lonely fireside.

Iaian W. Wade





Creation

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that humans had come a long way and no longer needed God. So, they picked one scientist to go and tell Him so.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're up to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things by ourselves."

God listened very patiently and then replied: "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest. We're going to do this just like I did, back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"

Wedding guest

A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine.

"And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterward.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."

Retreat

A man with a nagging secret couldn't keep it any longer. In the confessional he admitted that for years he had been stealing building supplies from the timberyard where he worked. "What did you take?" his priest asked.

"Enough to build my own house and enough for my son's house. And houses for our two daughters and our cottage at the lake."

"This is very serious," the priest said. "I shall have to think of a far-reaching penance. Have you ever done a retreat?"

"No, Father, I haven't," the man replied. "But if you can get the plans, I can get the timber."

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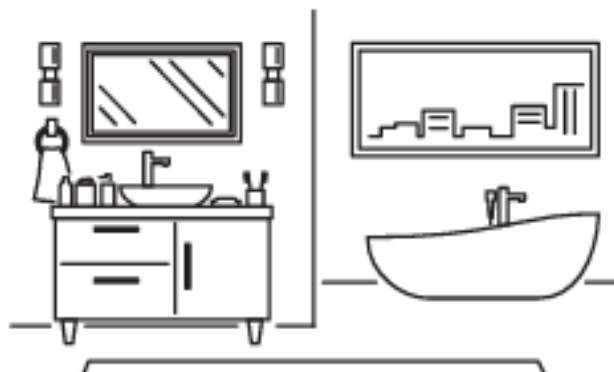
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