

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



May 2021

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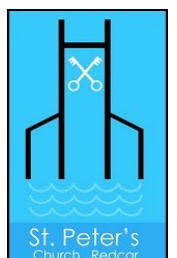
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From the Churchwardens



Spring is here and how wonderful it is to see lambs in the fields, daffodils in the hedgerows and cherry blossoms filling the trees. God's creation is truly wonderful and with each season our world changes and transforms in such a wondrous way. It is amazing!

As our Parish life progresses to open and we work through the 'Road Map' out of Covid it gives us a chance to reunite with friends, to share fellowship and to come together in worship. Many people are working so hard to bring us out of lockdown and back into church. Anne and I thank you all for the commitment, dedication and hard work, without you this would not be possible.

It is lovely to welcome our visiting clergy who preside at our communion services, and it is wonderful to share worship with you all. We are grateful that through this support we can hold communion services on Sundays and Wednesdays, take funerals and we are working on plans to re-commence baptisms.

Our group leaders are meeting and discussing how we might safely restart groups and as these become possible we will keep everyone informed.

We have worked through a selection process to seek our new Priest in Charge; however, we were unsuccessful in making an appointment during this first round. We are seeking to cast the net beyond our own dioceses and are discussing how we may achieve this, in the sure knowledge that God is with us as we come together in his work.

Our work on the church building continues, as you will know the roof replacements are now complete. Our next phase is to undertake repairs to our windows and stone work prioritising the east and north aspects. We are also working on lowering the raised flooring in front of the altar rail to give single level accessibility throughout the main body of the church.

Please make a note in your diaries of the APCM on the evening of Wednesday, 19th May. The PCC has agreed that in compliance with Government rules and church guidance we will hold this meeting in church so please come to join us. We must enjoy each day and despite challenges, worries and concerns we know that God is with us, each and every minute of each and every day, walking our journey, fulfilling his will. I hold dear guidance I received that reminds me that 'what has been' cannot be changed; it is held in the past, and 'what will be' is for the future, but right now at this very minute, at this very moment, the time is 'now' and that is a gift from God.

You are all held in our prayers

Michael and Anne,

Churchwardens





Reader's Ramblings—A Reflection for May

I've spent a bit of time over the last few weeks wondering where on earth the time has gone. It only seems like last week that I started training to be a Reader and joined the congregation of St Peter's in my own right (unlike when I'd been around in 2013 as a novice sister on her branch house experience). And it surely can't be nearly three years ago that I started the teaching degree at Sunderland, can it?

And yet, this time has indeed passed. My time in the Order of the Holy Paraclete is coming to an end, which means my time as a Parish Sister is also ending. Yes, I am going to be moving away, but I hope and pray that this will only be temporary, and not permanent. I would dearly love to be able to return to St Peter's. I wish I didn't feel that I have to go away, but I came as a Sister OHP and feel that it is only appropriate that I take a bit of time away: out of respect for OHP and all the support they have given me, but also to allow myself a chance to adjust to "normal" life (if such a thing exists)!

This thinking about time has had me reflecting on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (NRSV)

There is a time for everything, and a time for everything to take place in. We will have all, no matter how old or young we are, have discovered in life that there are some things which are only meant to last for a set time. Schooling has its pattern. Work has a pattern. Parenting has a pattern. Being a carer for a relative has a pattern. Everything happens to some great unseen schedule. We laugh and we cry, mourn and dance, we plant and we dig up plants. For now, we are in a time where we must refrain from embracing. And how difficult it is!

And yet this too is for a set time. Yes, our Prime Minister and government have set out the road map for coming out of lockdown, with the big caveat that it can only happen providing everyone is following the guidelines and fewer people are getting poorly. But it's not actually their schedule.

Even the Gospels and Jesus becoming the incarnate word made flesh, living among us, was on a schedule that was completely divine. Studying John's Gospel for the current module of Reader Training we were asked the question about the timing – did God choose the time because the Roman Empire was there and creating the infrastructure that would allow the Gospel Message to be spread via their armies and trade routes? Or did God somehow ordain the Roman Empire so that there would be that infrastructure in place for the Apostles and the Early Church? I thank God that this is a Holy Mystery sort of thing, that us mere humans will never be able to work out the answer to – because again there is a time for having and knowing answers, and a time for only having questions. Ultimately, whatever happens, the timing is only partly because of the circumstances around us. God is at work, unseen but very definitely there, with the Spirit guiding our daily steps as we seek to follow Jesus.

Like everyone else, I'm following Jesus. I've set my hand to the plough, and I'm trying to not look back, to look forward and to trust. My "last" Sunday at St Peter's will be Trinity Sunday, 30th May, and I could not think of a better festival to send us all on our way to the next steps that God has in mind for us.

I thank each and every member of the St Peter's family for being there during this part of my journey, and for the honour of being allowed to walk alongside you in your journeys. May God continue to bless you all richly!

Louisa x

CONGRATULATIONS and HAPPY DIAMOND WEDDING



David and Doreen Price, (now from Pateley Bridge, Harrogate) were married here in St. Peter's Church on Easter Monday, 3rd April 1961.

Doreen had been a Sunday school teacher and she also had been a Brownie leader with Mary Weatherill at 1st Redcar Brownies. When asked by her husband where she would like to go to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary – it was back to St Peter's where their married

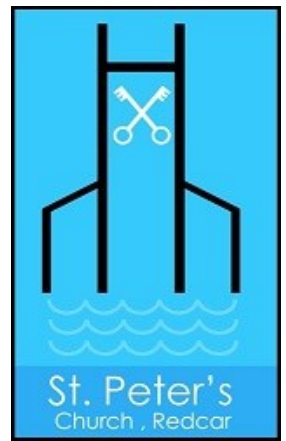
life together had begun 60 years ago! It was lovely to welcome them back on the 3rd April to have some quiet time, say a prayer and to share some memories. I gave Doreen a small posy of cream roses (which she absolutely loved #Yvonne Nolan). They also sent their best wishes to any old friends still around (#Dave Hogg).

A.H

WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

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Wednesdays 9.30am—Holy Communion



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Prayers and links to online services are posted on St Peter's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterschurchredcar>



WANTED

Material suitable for bunting, preferably bright colours.

If you have pinking shears you may want to help and cut out.

I can supply a template.

Thank you Sue Steele



LECTIONARY FOR MAY

Sunday 2nd May

Acts 8.26-40

Psalm 22.25-31

1 John 4.7-21

John 15.1-8

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9th May

Acts 10.44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

6th Sunday of Easter

Thursday 13th 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 16th May

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.6-19

Sunday After Ascension Day

Sunday 23rd May

Acts 2.1-21 or

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm 104.26-36,37b*

Romans 8.22-27 or

Acts 2.1-21

John 15.26-27;16.4b-15

Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Sunday 30th May

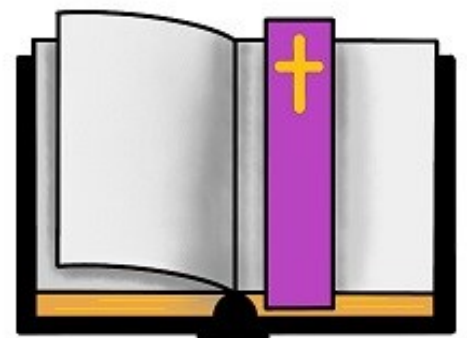
Isaiah 6.1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8.12-17

John 3.1-17

Trinity Sunday



In Loving Memory

Funeral services held during April at St Peter's and also at Kirkleatham Crematorium were for :

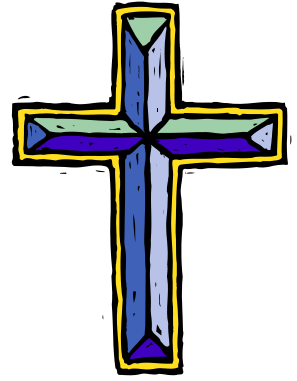
Nancy Holt

June Keyworth

John Donichey

Barbara Atkinson

Pat Burnip



We pray for their family and friends

Prayer for Pentecost

Loving Father God,

Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit;

Your Spirit who knows no restrictions or barriers;

Your Spirit who can reach us and be with us and in us, wherever we are, whatever our circumstances;

Your Spirit who comforts and heals and empowers us to live with confidence that, ultimately, all shall be well;

Your Spirit who connects us, through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Because of Jesus' victory over death we have hope and life forever.

Thank you, loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Thy Kingdom Come 13th—23rd May 2021



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations have taken part.

Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension and Pentecost, and in 2021 will take place from 13th-23rd May.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow, especially in its ecumenical reach of different churches and denominations involved.

A wide range of resources are available on the Thy Kingdom Come website: www.thykingdomcome.global/



Thy Kingdom Come MU Service 2021

Friday 14th May 2pm on
Facebook and YouTube

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Hi everyone,

It is so annoying isn't it! Still not quite able to meet back together again fully BUT there are now more opportunities to see each other!

Firstly on **Tuesday, 4th MAY at 2.00pm** via ZOOM - if you think you'd like to have a go again but not sure give one of the committee a ring and they will talk you through it. If you have the little Zoom icon still on your phone/tablet or laptop it is easy to join the meeting:

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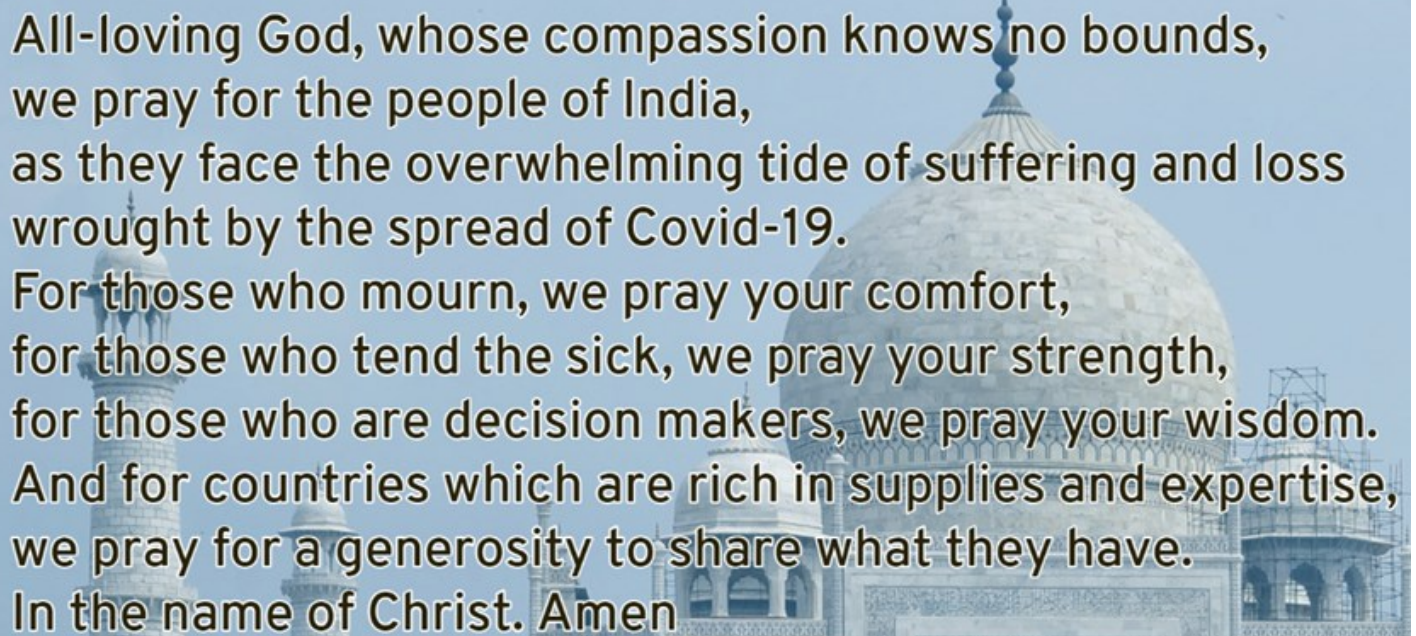
Please (if you can safely) bring a candle to light as we remember our sister branches across the world in our Wave of Prayer at the start of our meeting.

A few of our members also use these same Zoom details on **Sunday evenings at 8.00pm for NIGHT PRAYER .**

EMUs will be getting together on the **20th May** (where exactly hasn't been decided yet) but fingers crossed for further lifting of COVID restrictions on the 17th May.

Church services are now running and so although we can't hug each other and stand about chatting or mulling things over a nice cuppa yet, we can be **TOGETHER** once more for **CORPORATE COMMUNION** on the last Wednesday of the month; so here is the date of our next one—**WEDNESDAY 26 MAY at 9.30am** We will put the banner out and please do remember to wear your badge (please do feel free to remind me!)

With love and prayers Anne x



All-loving God, whose compassion knows no bounds,
we pray for the people of India,
as they face the overwhelming tide of suffering and loss
wrought by the spread of Covid-19.
For those who mourn, we pray your comfort,
for those who tend the sick, we pray your strength,
for those who are decision makers, we pray your wisdom.
And for countries which are rich in supplies and expertise,
we pray for a generosity to share what they have.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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Ascension

(Luke 24:44-53)

Scriptures fulfilled,
Minds opened,
We followed Him to Bethany.
And there was joy in the blessing
Of our risen Lord,
Jesus, God on earth.

And in the blessing
Was the leaving,
And in the leaving
Was the blessing –
His Spirit of life and power
To witness to the world
Of our ascended Lord,
Jesus, man in heaven.

By Daphne Kitching

Taken from The Parish Pump



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Guiding News



We are happy to get the word out that we are hoping to start meeting FACE TO FACE again this month. We are allowed to meet outdoors and as it's still a bit cold and the weather likely to be unsettled we are just meeting for an hour to begin with; then depending what our governing body says later in May will determine when and how we are allowed to meet indoors.

One thing we can do outdoors is



Anne H

HURRAH!



Christian Aid Week

10th—16th May 2021

St Peter's has generously supported Christian Aid week for many years. Sadly, the current COVID restrictions have severely limited fundraising activities for all the charities we support and there will not be a co-ordinated fundraising effort this year.

However, if you would like to contribute as an individual please go to the website www.christianaid.org.uk and follow the instructions.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY

We are continuing our work in the cemetery which has been helped by some good weather. We are so pleased that we are getting new members, this has been helped by the pandemic as more people are walking in the cemetery and realising the peace and comfort that this special place brings.

Redcar has much history and that can be found in the stories behind the headstones. One such story relates to Ernest Gordon Scott. He was born in 1881 and baptised in Stokesley where his father Henry Scott was a butcher in the west end of the village. He was one of 6 brothers and a sister.

He moved to Redcar and became a blacksmith and farrier and lived in Lord Street. He married Mary Caton in 1911, her father Thomas Ainsworth was a sea captain.

The inscription on the headstone reads 'In loving memory of our dear parents Mary Ann Scott died 15.9.1943 aged 61 years and Ernest Scott died 4.5.1960 aged 79 years. Also Mary Gordon Scott their beloved daughter died 9.5.1976 aged 62 years.' This headstone can be found in section N in the old cemetery. A large tree blew down in a gale a few years ago and the headstone spun out of the grave row. It has since been re set in its rightful place.





During the first World War Ernest, as a farrier, was not in a protected occupation but he was given extra time at home before joining up in May 1916 as his work was vital to help farmers and men who delivered food and fuel by ensuring the health of horses by attending to their feet. Growing food was a top priority in the first World War.

Local history books often feature the memorial town clock at Redcar but little about the weather vane. Ernest made this vane which was secured above the clock in the High Street. If you look closely at the image on the previous page you will see a silhouette which appears on the wall. This is the actual weather vane featuring a sailing ship that stands proudly on top of the clock tower. Ernest was working with his apprentice. The other image is of Ernest and his family with their little dog walking on the Espanade.

Thanks to Joyce, a lady we met at one of our fundraising days in Laburnum Road Library, who gave us the images and information.

Please find further interesting stories behind the headstones on Friends of Redcar Cemetery facebook page.

Dot Ahmed



Ian Weber

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The Puppies

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realised it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So, the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too."

Gift?

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child. She said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

Chicken run

Idealistic politician: "I dream of a better tomorrow where chickens can cross the road and not have their motives questioned."

Fear

The only thing to fear is fear itself... and spiders.

Finding

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Taken from The Parish Pump

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God...

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give our Lord, the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you,

And accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.



From *Patient Trust*, Teilhard de Chardin

These words and the rest of this reading are on the wall in front of my desk at Cranmer, a minute's walk for Prebends Bridge, where I took this photo on my return to college last weekend for the final 6-week term. It's good being back and fully present at Cranmer, as we are again allowed blended teaching, some face to face and some online. There is a palpable sense of joy around the place as students and staff meet again in person, yet for those of us who are preparing for ordination this summer, there is a sense of rapid movement towards the end of our time here and the complex mix of feeling both daunted and excited about what is to come.

Cranmer has been a wonderful opportunity for me, blessed with wonderful teaching and learning from lecturers, placements, fellow students, and new friends but it has been hard especially as two thirds of it, from when I was just finding my feet, has been lived during the pandemic.

There has been much to reflect on, much to pray about and much to challenge my thinking but I have been strengthened and encouraged through it all by the church family at St Peter's. I know, from conversations with others, that I am deeply blessed by knowing the love and support that I have from what people refer to as their 'sending church.' I felt it when I have been back recently for services, giving me the boost, the confidence that I can push onwards so thank you. Thank you for making me feel so loved. To me, it is family.

In ordinary times, everyone would be invited to the Ordination of Deacons service which is being held on Saturday 26th June at 4.30pm in York Minster but sadly, we are not living in ordinary times. As yet, I do not know how many people we can have there but please do make a note of the date and time. Perhaps you will be able to come in person or maybe it will be streamed so you can watch online. You can simply hold me, and the others being ordained, in prayer.

You may know that I am going to be Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston, so not too far away. Please do pray that housing is sorted, pray that there are welcoming people and most of all pray for my continued trust in the slow work of God as I prepare for ordination and ministry proclaiming the Good News of the gospel and its message of the transforming love of Jesus.

With love, thanks and the assurance of my prayers, Claire x



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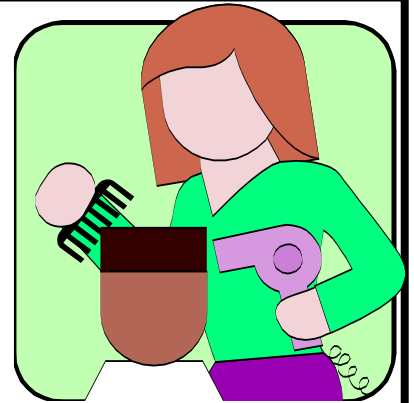
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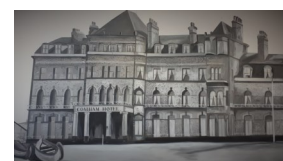
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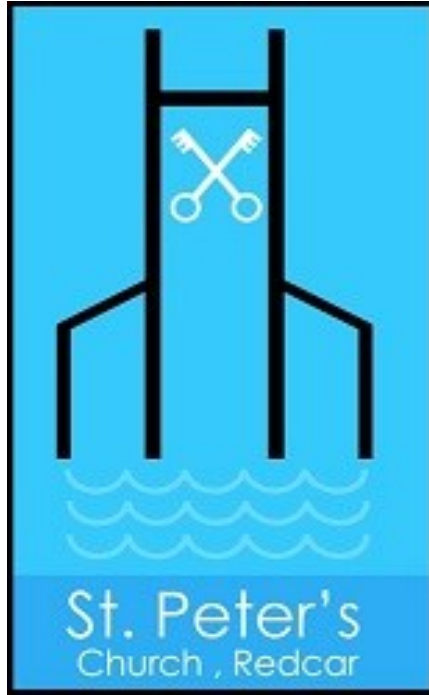
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