

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



**Reverend Claire Soderman with the Most
Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York,
after her Ordination as Deacon in York Minster**

July 2021

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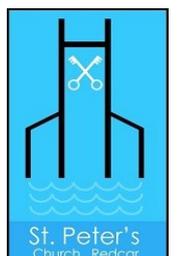
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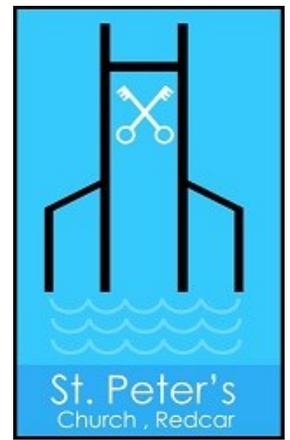
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From the Churchwardens

Hello Everyone,

'HAPPY ANNIVERSARY'

Yes, it is now ONE WHOLE YEAR since Daphne and the Editorial team produced our first online edition of the PARISH MAGAZINE. Isn't that absolutely amazing!!

We were all very surprised ourselves; we wondered if it would work; could we manage it: get the contributors to send in 'copy' by the due date?

(APOLOGY TO EDITOR: Hope I wasn't too late again this month)

Strictly speaking it's thirteen months as June 2020 saw us send out a sparkly, upbeat publication (in my humble opinion) with lots of pictures and full of 'catch-up' news of what our family and friends of St. Peter's had been up to during those initial lock-down months.

What's that I hear you say?? Can't remember!?

Visit the church website at <https://www.stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk>
Just scroll down to the copy of the last magazine that was emailed out and double click on the box PREVIOUS COPIES and hey presto they are all there.

Many HAPPY MEMORIES! This month is another opportunity to celebrate with a couple who were married in St. Peter's 50 years ago. Deciding where they would like to be, as they recalled their wedding day, they could think of no better place than where it all officially began. It was a happy family 'bubble' that included some grandchildren this time. Take a look at the photos on page 12.

And then there was the last weekend of June and ordinations of deacons in the minster - what a different, yet wonderful, moving experience.

But what of the future? There is still so much to look forward to; things to plan for, new places to visit and people to meet and befriend. Groups are exploring how and when they can start meeting up again. Yes, perhaps we are still yearning to sing IN church but until then we are praying for a dry, mild afternoon on sun 4th July, and we've all missed our social gatherings - but look out for the flyer about the 17th July.

As the schools and colleges get ready to close for the summer break St, Peter's hopes to continue RE-EMERGING from the Pandemic and invites you all to come and join us to MAKE NEW FRIENDS or to meet with old friends; to COME AND SEE what is happening in your parish church of Redcar and better still join with us in the MAKING of it!

Every blessing

Anne



Claire's Ordination

Janet Fox writes....

“It was a joy and a privilege for Anne, Sandra and me to be part of this special day. To be in the Minster and take part in this wonderful service and see the joy on Claire's face when she became The Reverend Claire Soderman. Being on the front row , meeting the Archbishop and sharing in the joy of the day. A wonderful picnic in the Memorial Gardens followed, organised by Claire's school friends. It was wonderful that Rachel and Bruce could be there. I was buzzing afterwards.

Janet x

Sandra Veitch writes...

Can I just affirm Janet's comments and say what a magical day it was. Claire and I became really close friends after our pilgrimage to Israel many years ago and I have watched her grow spiritually over the years. Her smile said it all, she really has found her true vocation. God bless you Claire.

Sandra x







Reader's Ramblings

Stepping Up—Mustard Seed

Hi everyone, I trust this rambling of mine comes to you on a sunny summer's day. Remembering Reverend Bruce's sermon the other day on Jesus and the parable of the mustard seed, I thought I

would let you know about a new initiative, which is happening now, and is supported by the York diocese. It is called the Mustard Seed programme and I am taking part on behalf of our parish.

If we remember the parable from Mark 4:31-32, Jesus said.

“What is the kingdom of God like? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

The main aim of the “Stepping Up” programme is to grow disciples in places where life is tough, and I challenge you to find a place where life NOT tough at the moment. It provides an opportunity for lay people to come together once a week with people from other parishes in their deanery to grow together as disciples of Jesus. The group is only a small one; we have two members from St Hilda's, one from Christchurch Coatham, myself and our course leader Jonny Hedges.

We meet once a week during term time, on a Thursday afternoon. We have lunch, then we pray; the discussions following are very informal and laid back, but at the same time challenging and interesting. The learning is very much based around our own experiences, reflecting on our various situations, and discussing the outcomes and what the other members of the group may have done if they had been faced with that particular situation.

Out of the sessions come practical applications that we can apply in our parishes. The Mustard Seed vision is that for many people life is tough, we are all trying to do the best for our families and ourselves, whilst in many cases struggling to make ends meet. We can definitely agree with that statement whilst still being embroiled in this awful pandemic; people have, if they are lucky, been furloughed, and if not, have lost their livelihoods. This results in hardship, loss of confidence and loss of self-esteem. Not a good place to be in, and so Stepping Up aims to provide the tools to help our community.

In our Diocese there are many areas with multiple deprivations including Hull, Middlesbrough and our coastal communities, of which Redcar is one. In these communities people face many varied challenges, and that is why we want churches to be present, walking alongside people in the ups and downs of life. Providing places of welcome and support, reaching people with God's love, creating opportunities to discover faith and growing disciples of Jesus.

As Christians, we all disciples of Jesus and we go about our daily lives thinking of others and looking out for those in our community who are lost or have not found the love of Jesus; Stepping Up assists and also enhances our discipleship.

There is a new group starting in the new year and I would be more than pleased to discuss what this entails with anyone who is interested in examining their depth of faith, or have a desire to grow in their discipleship and share God's love in our community.

So please remember, we may plant a seed and never see the product of that growth; but to me, anyway, it just leaves me with a warm feeling that I am trying to spread the good news about God's unending love for all. So next time you think you have an opportunity to plant a seed, remember Reverend Bruce waving that packet of seeds at his sermon.

God Bless

Steve

LECTIONARY FOR JULY

Sunday 4th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Mark 6.1-13

Sunday 11th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 6.1-5,12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1.3-14

Mark 6.14-29

Sunday 18th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 7.1-14a

Psalm 89.20-37

Ephesians 2.11-22

Mark 6.30-34,53-56

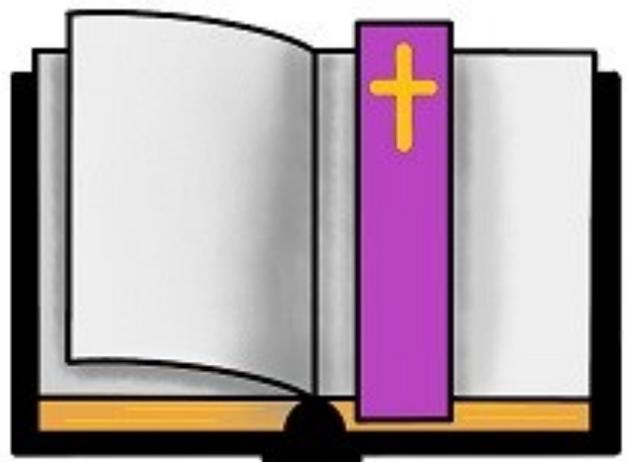
Sunday 25th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 11.1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3.14-21

John 6.1-21



Baptisms

20th June Miles David Wooley

*We welcome baby Miles and
his parents Amy and Maxwell
into the church*



In Loving Memory

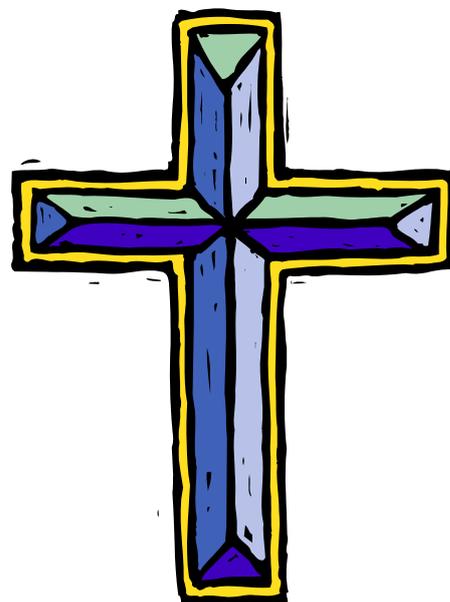
Funeral services held during June were for :

Jean White

Barry Colvin

Graham Holroyd

We pray for their family and friends





The best man, chief bridesmaid and matron of honour all re-lived wedding day memories with Kevin and Susan Scorer (nee Goodall) along with family members.



Sue wrote "The day exceeded our expectations, it was wonderful".



Unfortunately our June branch meeting had to be cancelled at short notice but please do join us for our next one:

BRANCH MEETING **TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2.00pm**

Join us in church for a short service.

Don't forget your facemask and if you could bring a travel mug that would be very helpful. We will retire to the garden on the school side for refreshment and fellowship. It may be draughty but should be sunny!

Across the country Mother' Union members are starting to gather and consider how they can once more support the wonderful work done in the UK and worldwide. You should have by now received information from Mary Sumner House about MU's latest project **SUMMER OF HOPE**. So please come along to our July Branch Meeting and have your say on what we should do this Summer and beyond!



Also in July:

EMUs **Wednesday 21st July 7.30pm**

CORPORATE COMMUNION **Wednesday 28th July 9.30am**



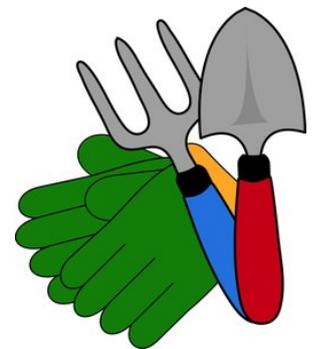
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

Our **CHURCH GARDEN** needs some sorting! We have three weddings taking place during July and August and the gardens need your help, anyone's help! The car-park area, the boundary areas of the churchyard, litter, the path on the South **SUNNYSIDE** of the church where everything seems to grow!

SATURDAY MORNINGS from 9.00am

**3rd, 10th, and 24th JULY and
8th, 15th and 22nd AUGUST**

Strictly speaking, anyone can pop down at any time, but I'm hoping to be there on the Saturdays. Bring protective gloves and tools if you have them. We do have a few to borrow.



Love to see you! Anne H



ST PETER'S 100 CLUB DRAW FOR JUNE 2021

No. 101	Clare Todd	£ 40
No. 78	Diane Wardman	£10

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FOODBANK RESTARTS

Thanks to Sandra and all the Foodbank team who, after much thought and careful planning, have been able to re-start safe, weekly Food Bank sessions at church on Thursday mornings between 11.00am and 1.00pm.





Sandra and Janet outside York Minster after Claire's Ordination service—and no, Janet hasn't been doing her shopping, she's looking after Claire's 'keep-everything-in-a-safe-place' bag!

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDCAR CEMETERY



A small group of us met visitors at the cemetery on Father's Day. Many people have passed this year so it was a particularly poignant day. The Craft Group had made flowers on spikes to put at the graveside. They had also made message tags which were completed by visitors to put on our special tree in the middle section of the cemetery. This was a really positive event as we were asking for comments about the cemetery. We heard lots of positive feedback and identified some issues that need working on.

Members of the gardening group have been growing sunflower seeds at home to be planted at the arch in the children's garden. We planned to put them in all together but they grew at different rates as some of the volunteers grew them in the greenhouse, some in cold frames and some on window sills, so we are planting them on different weeks.

They were all grown with love for the children buried in this special place. We have had a few dug up and taken away which is very sad. If people had said they wanted some we would have given them, there was no need to take them from this special area.

We are having a stall on Sunday, 11th July between 10.30am and 5.00pm at Ormesby Hall; this will be part of their 'Love Local' event, where they are celebrating everything local, including food and crafts. We will be selling jewellery and bric a brac. The entrance is free; there are various stalls with many items for sale.

We are also at St Hilda's Church at their table top sale on Saturday , 24th July. We are looking forward to being there; please support us if you can.

Dot Ahmed



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Bowls

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally his mother asked him where he had got all that money. "At church," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it there."

Obvious

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

Church notices that didn't quite come out right....

- The minister is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all missionary boxes be handed into the vicarage by Friday evening, at the latest...
- Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink...
- There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning...
- The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch...

The sacristan was in a hurry to inform the congregation that their minister had recovered from an illness, so he put the following notice outside the church: God is good. The vicar is better.

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, the Pope replied, 'Oh, about half.'

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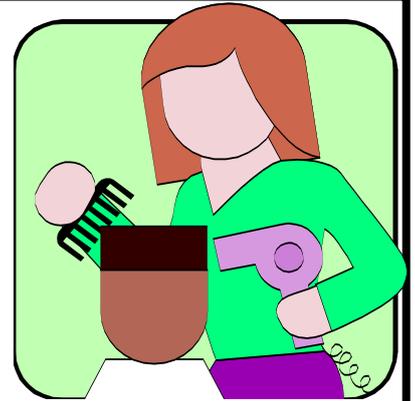
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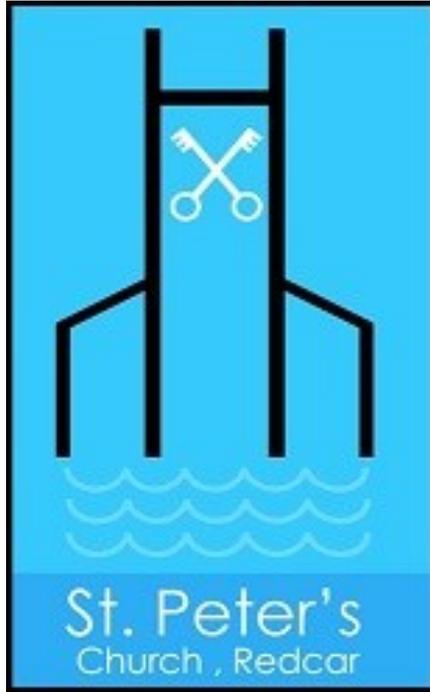
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