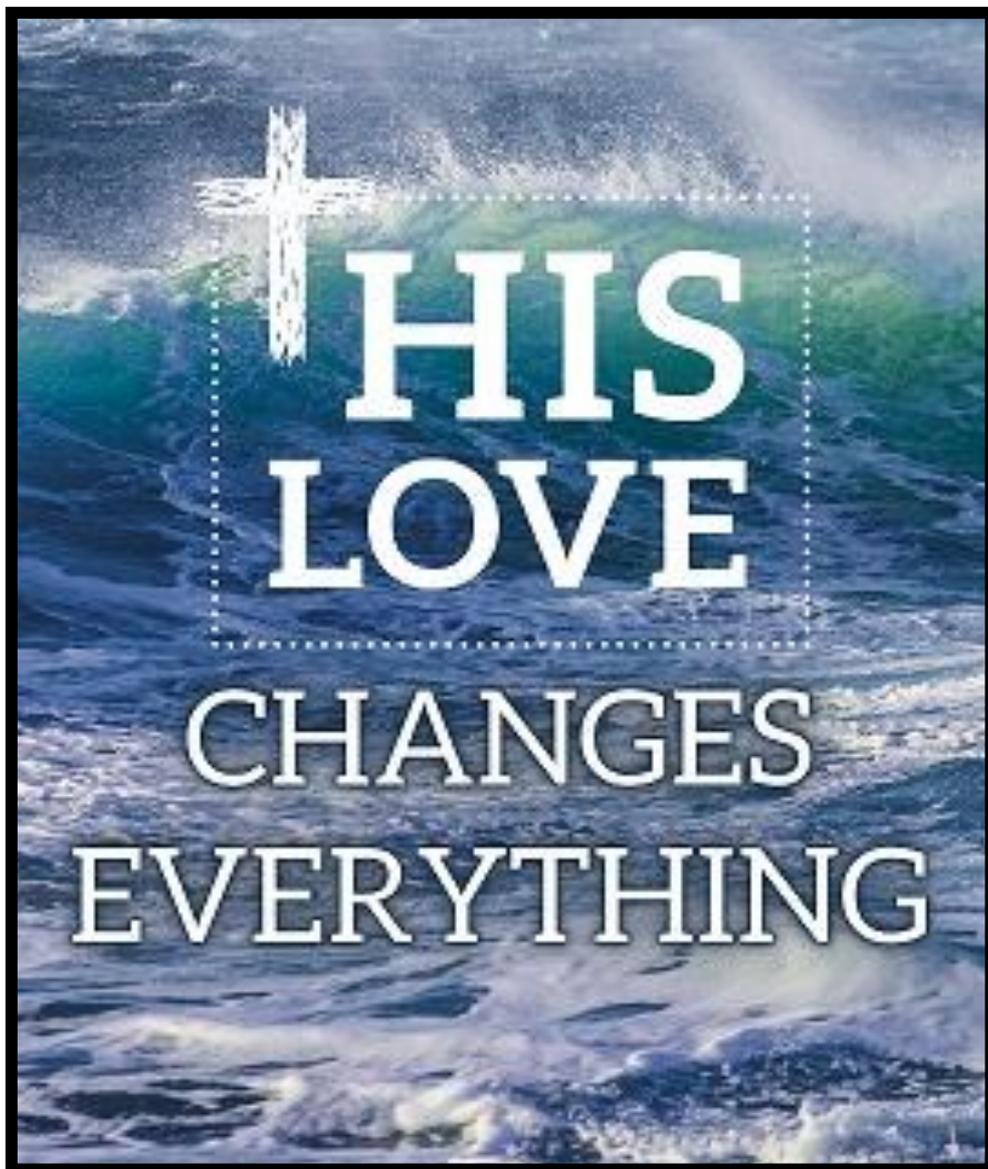


News and Views from
St Peter's Church
and
The Parish of Redcar



June 2020

Vicar's Letter



Ascension Day and Pentecost have come and gone and there are no great church festivals in the near future on which to focus. Due to lockdown, it is difficult to find anything to focus on or look forward to which is what we would normally be doing to give our lives a structure. Within church, we would

be planning social and fund-raising events, looking forward to the Teddy Bear's Picnic and Messy Church. At home we'd be planning family visits, possibly anticipating a holiday, planning a special birthday celebration, but we can't do any of these because we don't know when we'll be free to participate in them. It's only in these strange times that we perhaps realise how much of our time is usually spent in looking forward and planning for the future. And so we have to engage with the here and now and appreciate what is right in front of us. As we read in Matthew chapter 6, 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." Yes, today is all we need to concentrate on, even though that might be easier said than done.

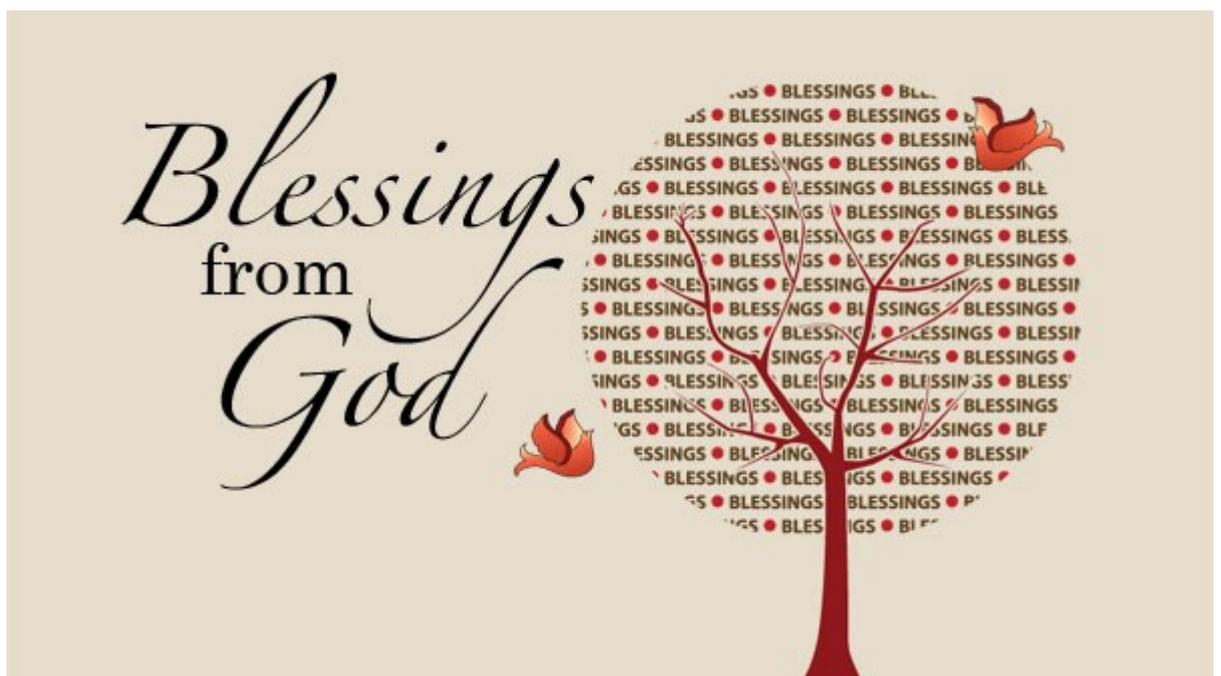
I have been trying to hold on to these words for myself because this is a doubly strange time for me, as I am now in my last month before retirement. Plans for moving and what next have all been put on hold due to the turmoil coronavirus has thrown us into. 'We'll have to wait and see', is heard time and again in the vicarage as plans are made and then discarded. Cupboards are sorted, papers shredded, but waiting to see is still where we're at. There are only two definites at the moment. One is that I will retire on 30th June; however, I will not have said goodbye and will still be in the house until – well, who knows, we'll have to wait and see!

The second definite is that I am not in this alone, that my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is accompanying me. I left school as a sixteen year old, trusting in Jesus and I am just as sure of his presence now, even though I am less sure of what will be happening in the immediate future. Jesus promised the gift of the Comforter to his disciples long ago, and they experienced that gift as reality at Pentecost. The reality of Pentecost is the same for us because Jesus promises to bring his comfort and peace to us too, and resting in that peace is reassuring. Reassuring because tomorrow may be unknown but today is to be appreciated for itself.

I have decided that instead of concerning myself about what's happening, or not happening, I am going to identify a new blessing for each day of my countdown to retirement. Thirty things for which I am particularly grateful, and then we'll have to wait and see what next.

Your friend and vicar

Rachel



WORSHIP

In accordance with national guidelines, all regular public worship is suspended until further notice. Should you be in a position of particular need please contact the clergy either by phone or email. To discuss baptisms or weddings please call 01642471825 between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on a Thursday evening.

ONLINE SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S

Via St Peter's Facebook page



Sundays 10.00am #10@10

Wednesdays 9.30am Wednesday Devotions

Via Zoom (email Revd. Rachel for invitation/password)



Sundays 8.00pm Evening Prayer

The Church of England has a range of worship resources:

- Prayers for those affected by Covid-19
- Daily prayers and services
- Services being streamed live and
- Details of the Daily Hope phone line for those without access to the internet



Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

If you are reading this online, please share this number with those you know do not have access to the internet:

The Daily Hope free phone number 0800 804 8044

PARISH CONTACTS

THE VICAR (until 30th June)	Reverend Canon Rachel Harrison 66 Aske Road Email: rachelhere@hotmail.com	01642490700
ASSISTANT CURATE (from 1st July)	Reverend Tina Burgess Email: revtinaburgess@gmail.com	07909107404
CHURCHWARDENS	Mrs Anne Hagen 20 Cartmel Road	01642479755
	Mr Michael Williams 24 Windsor Road	07813016630

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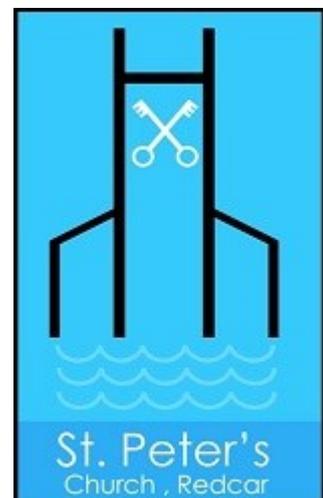
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our Website

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ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

RE-STARTS in JULY!

This is a valuable source of income, raising roughly the equivalent to the amount spent on our annual heating bills. Only £12.00 for the year per number and you can have more than one number! How to join? Or continue as a member?

Contact Betty Parramore on 01642 484220 or Churchwardens on how to pay.

Clearly marked envelopes with YOUR NAME & CONTACT DETAILS may be put

through the door at - Betty Parramore 32 Ludlow Crescent

Michael Williams 24 Windsor Road

or Anne Hagen 20 Cartmel Road

Or arrange for your envelopes to be collected in a safe way by contacting them by phone

COVID-19 - Individual Prayer by Members of the Public in Church Buildings

The Government has announced that church buildings can open up for supervised individual prayer from June 15th.

At the time of writing, St Peter's ministry team is awaiting guidance from the Bishop of Whitby's office on how churches may be re-opened safely.

Details of St Peter's re-opening will be announced as soon as possible—please keep checking the church website and Facebook page.



To YOU the Congregation - A FINANCIAL MESSAGE

As I'm sure you would expect, Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the parish finances. This is mainly due to cancelled public worship services – and therefore no collections of envelopes or cash and cancelled fundraising and social events.

Even if envelopes can be dropped off or collected soon, if no further fundraising is possible this year, it is predicted we will have a £10,000 deficit by the end of the year. However you give, we are asking everyone to think and pray whether you are in a position to financially contribute additional funds to the parish during the Covid-19 restrictions.

If you give by envelope, please consider:

- Dropping your envelopes through Michael William's door at 24 Windsor Road or Anne Hagen's door at 20 Cartmel Road
- Arranging for your envelopes to be collected in a safe way by contacting Michael Williams on 01642 758044 or Anne Hagen on 01642 479755

If you give by standing order, please consider:

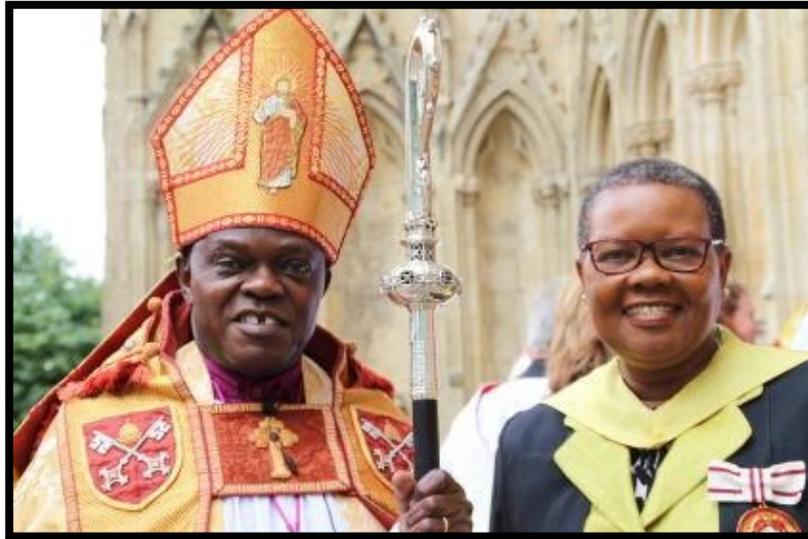
- Increasing your regular giving permanently or during the next few months through online banking, by telephone banking or, if safe to do so, in branch
- Make a one-off payment to help us make back the money we have lost with no fundraisers and social events

Please get in touch if you have any queries or ideas, or require the church banking details for online donations. Cheques should be made out to PCC of Redcar Parish Church.

Anne Hagen and Michael Williams, Churchwardens

This letter was published by York Diocese on 3rd June, before Archbishop Sentamu's retirement on 7th June.

Thanks to the Diocese of York on my Departure



As I watch the strangely quiet River Ouse from our apartment at Bishopthorpe Palace, my mind is taken back to a day in 2005 when the river was far from quiet! Many of you will remember my arrival by boat at York Minster on the day I began my ministry as Archbishop here, a day full of life, noise, celebration and excitement. A bitterly cold day, I decided not to release the seven doves of peace – they could not get to Wigan safely.

There is much talk of change at the moment. What has happened in the last few months is, as has been said so often, unprecedented, and what will happen over the coming months still uncertain. In the midst of these unwelcome and sudden changes, may I encourage you to reflect on a different kind of change – the gentle, constant and yet life-transforming change brought about by God's Spirit working through his church to bring love, joy, peace, power and salvation to us and to all who will receive God's generous gifts.

In nearly fifteen years as Archbishop of York, I am humbled and filled with thankfulness when I consider the changes God has brought about in me and in this Diocese. Through God's generosity and through yours, through God's limitless

hospitality and through ours, and most of all through God's strong and saving love poured into our hearts and shaping us together into the likeness of Christ, I have been blessed and privileged to see our generous churches making and nurturing disciples, our relationships, our prayer and our witness transformed, becoming more and more a reflection of our calling to be the embassy of heaven on earth.

There are too many highlights to mention them all here – outdoor baptisms outside York Minster, the change to Free Will Offers, my Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing, the Deanery Missions, Come and See... the list would never end! Friends, thank you for allowing me to become part of you – loving each other into holiness, bearing each other's burdens, and of course becoming Yorkshireman of the Year in 2007!

It is in many ways hard to leave now, when we are all in such need of leadership and of care. But I leave without fear, for the Lord our God is with us – God our loving Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ our eternal friend, and God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life. He is the same yesterday, today and for ever, and I am thankful to him for all that he has done in and through me during my time as Archbishop, for all that he is doing in these troubling times, and for all that is yet to be, for myself and for the Diocese of York. The Best is yet to be.

With love and prayers +Sentamu Ebor:

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu laid down his crozier of office on the high altar of York Minster on Sunday 7th June.



EASTER GARDENS 2020

While we could not have our Easter Garden in church this year, Rachel and Bruce and several members of our St Peter's Church family made their own at home and sent photos into the church Face Book page



PRAM SERVICE



Oliver's new baby sister born 9th April—
congratulations to Mum Fran and all the
family



Alex, Ivy and Faith's new baby brother
Sidney born 4th May—congratulations to
Mum Julie and all the family





Many Congratulations to Margery Walker who celebrated her 90th Birthday on 10th June—and this photo was only taken a couple of years ago!



EASTER AND LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

Our St Peter's children and families were busy during the Covid-19 Lockdown!



The Cottrell family, Vicky, Archie and Daisy, raised over £500 for Redcar Primary Care Trust with homemade cakes and a raffle.

Eliza and Nathaniel Fellows remember the Last Supper





*Happy
50th
Anniversary*

Congratulations to Janet and Peter Fox, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at home. Janet and Peter were married at St Peter's on June 6th 1970. Janet writes that they had a wonderful Golden Celebration day, including a service on 'Zoom' with all their family taking part.





Revd. Rachel sharing in a virtual service online at Inglewood Nursing Home, continuing this important ministry thanks to staff there.

A Prayer for All Those Affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Taken from the Church of England Website,

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>



Anne telling the Easter story to schoolchildren visiting St Peter's to 'Experience Easter' as part of our Come + See days in March

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to our St Peter's families who decorated their windows and sent us their photos

