St Peter-on-the-Wall Holy Communion celebrating 100 years since it was rededicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford on 22nd 1920





St Peters Chapel as a barn painted in 1897

Welcome to this 100-year celebration of St Peter-on-the-Wall Bradwell-on-Sea

Instructions: Click on the links in blue to activate hymns and films as you read through the service. Alternatively, you can view the full playlist by activating the link at the end of the service sheet.

Psalm 84 How lovely is thy dwelling place https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-w60WIBLbFc

Report from the Essex Weekly News on the opening of the Chapel in 1920 read by members of St Thomas'.

Click on this Link https://youtu.be/cLTRtOdAkSq

CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY IN ESSEX

St CEDD'S CHURCH RESTORED AT BRADWELL

A ceremony of historic interest to the Anglican Church took place at Bradwell on Sea on Tuesday, when the ancient chapel of St. Peter-ad-Murum, associated with St.Cedd, was re-dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

As the name indicates, the chapel was actually built across the walls of the old Roman fort of Othona remains of which are still to be seen, and roman material was largely used in its construction. Only the nave at present remains, this being 55 feet long by 26 feet wide. But excavations made during the restoration revealed the foundations of the chancel, which had an apsidal end and the plan of the chancel has been marked out on the ground at the east end of the nave by means of double lines of stones. In the present wall forming the east end of the building, which was originally the site of the chancel arch, there are remains of the very early Christian practice of building a screen of masonry between the chancel and the nave in arches.

USED AS A BARN The ancient chapel had been used for many years as a store house or barn of the farm on which it stands. Happily, soon after the creation of the See of Chelmsford, through the generosity of the family of Mr. Chris Parker, J.P., the owner of the site, the little chapel with some land around it was transferred to a body of trustees. These comprise the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rector of Bradwell, Mr. Chris. W. Parker and Mr. J. Oxley Parker; and care has been taken to ensure that St. Peter's will be preserved for sacred use for all time. The work of restoration has been carefully carried out. Mr Piers of H.M. office of works (Ancient Monuments Department), was consulted, and presented an exhaustive report. The walls have been repaired. An entrance made in the south wall for the use of wagons when the place was used as a barn, has been filled in, and the original entrance at the west end - where there was formerly a porchagain brought into use. A door of plain oak, in conformity with the character of the building, gives access to the chapel, and windows in plain oak frames with lead lights have been provided. The roof, which originally consisted very probably of rushes or thatch, is tiled and the interior timbers remain exposed. The floor is hard earth, with the exception that a tiny sanctuary at the east end has been constructed of thin Essex bricks. Mr Wykeham Chancellor, who has taken great interest in the work of the restoration, designed the little altar, made quite plainly of oak which came from Chelmsford Cathedral, this and the altar cross being the gift of Canon Lake. Canon Sanders gave a chalice, flagon and paten for use at the Communion Office.

RE-DEDICATED

The re-dedication was performed by the Bishop of Chelmsford at a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.15 on Tuesday morning at which there were 28 communicants. In the afternoon a thanksgiving service took place in the chapel, about 200 people being present, representative of all the parts of the Diocese. The attendance included:-

The Bishop of Chelmsford, accompanied by his domestic chaplain, Rev Redwood, who carried the pastoral staff; Bishop Forest Browne, formerly Bishop of Bristol, who gave the address; the Rector of Chelmsford, Canon Lake; the Rector of Bradwell, Rev. Owen; the Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral, Rev. Thomas; and Rev. Carroll, vicar of Roxwell, who carried the cross. There were also present Mrs. Watts-Ditchfield, Bishop Stevens, Preb. Dormer Pierce, Canons Tancock, Bayne,Sacre, Tollington, and Reeve, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parker. The service, shortened evensong, was taken by Canon Lake, and Mr Owen read the Lesson. The singing of the Psalms, Magnificat and Hymns, unaccompanied, was led by the Precentor.

BISHOP BROWNE'S ADDRESS

As there was not sufficient seating accommodation in the chapel for all the congregation, Bishop Browne's address was given out of doors at the east end, on the site of the original chancel. Here, with the congregation grouped around him, some standing and some sitting, with fields of waving corn on either side, and facing the North Sea across St. Peter's sands, the distinguished prelate, who is the foremost authority on Christianity under the Saxons, told again the story of that historic spot and all that it means in relation to the coming of Christianity into Essex. Concluding, the Bishop said:- We are

met together this day in an ancient building, whose stones witnessed the life and labour of Cedd here - witnessed no doubt many meetings in his time, at this very place, of the authorities of Church and State, gathering for the discussion of affairs of the highest import to Church and State alike. We have seen how the first English Bishop of the East Saxons comported himself in the seventh century in his work - with what energy, with what success. The East Saxons are now, after all these centuries, once more a Diocese of themselves with a Bishop of their own. I am sure your prayer is that future generations will have cause to record thankfully when they tell of our historic meeting here today, how this Twentieth century mission was conducted with like energy, with like success.

Subsequently the Te Deum was sung, with the Bishops and clergy grouped in front of the altar, as an act of praise; and the Bishop of Chelmsford gave the Blessing. A collection for the restoration fund amounted to £ 11 9s.

AT BRADWELL RECTORY

Later in the afternoon tea was served in the grounds of Bradwell Rectory and the Bishop of Chelmsford expressed thanks to Bishop Browne for his address, and to the members of the Parker



family and Mr. Chris Parker for making it possible for the dear old Church of St. Peter once more to come into Church hands. He thought it would be well to have a celebration and service there on June 22nd in each year, also on St. Cedd's day, and possibly also, if parties came from different parts of the

Diocese. His Lordship thanked all who had given gifts to the Church and the Rector of Bradwell and the churchwardens, Messrs Brown and J. Chillingworth, for their help in the arrangements. They were largely indebted to the tenacity and perseverance of Canon Lake for what they had achieved. (Applause)

Mr. Christopher Parker expressed his pleasure that this grand old building was now in very good hands. The building had never been, he claimed, in what was called a deplorable condition. By great good fortune it had been retained for useful purposes on the farm, and that meant the roof had always been on and it had always been to a fair extent looked after, and the main walls had not perished by decay. Many friends had been extraordinarily helpful particularly Canon Lake and Mr. Ormond Blyth.

They had collected £380, but there were still other smaller expenses in connection with the reparation of the building. He hoped people would come to look at the Church and be deeply interested in it. Many residents of Bradwell had been very helpful, including his tenant Mr. James Brown, and he was deeply sorry that Mr. Clement Parker to whom the chairs and other things were due, was unable to be present.

Other speakers were Rev. Owen who spoke of the honour conferred on the Parish of Bradwell by receiving so many distinguished visitors; Canon Lake described the work they had completed that day as a venture of faith and Bishop Stevens said it gave him great pleasure to be present both from the Church and an archaeological point of view. He hoped the Essex Archaeological Society might extend their researches in this direction.

Thanks to Ella, Theresa, Brian, Graeme and Jayne from St Thomas'.

Hymn As we come in celebration (tune Hyfrydol) https://youtu.be/RYoHQIHdHAE

As we come in celebration,
We now contemplate our past
We delight in former friendships
And the love that holds us fast;
All our past is now accepted;
Through its troubles we have grown;
Now the future beckons to us,
Knowing we are not alone.

We give honour to past visions
Fostering community;
For all feelings of belonging
Energizing harmony;
We acknowledge past commitments,
Past successes, past mistakes;
Jesus never promised to us
Life without its pains and aches.

As this annivers'ry passes
We commit to ministry;
Look to Jesus for direction;
Forge a thrilling destiny;
We have journeyed on together
With abundant, godly care;
We now look toward the future
Knowing God will meet us there.

Welcome Introduction to this historic event and celebration

Revd Steven Poss Chaplain of St Peter's Chapel Revd Steven link 1 https://youtu.be/sLYd81c9Xoc

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Revd Steven link ends

Gloria in Excelsis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7C4DvKOgfE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Revd Steven link 2 https://youtu.be/0-5iyR1SWpA

The Collect

Collect for St Cedd.

O god who through the preaching of thy holy bishop Cedd, dis'st call the light of the gospel to shine in our land. Grant that we, following his Holy example, may ever show forth that light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Revd Steven link ends

Readings by the Othona community

Introduction of Othona members on site: https://youtu.be/z8nKH5ioAeA

Reading 1 by Richard https://youtu.be/Zu3ITWIzGkA

The Glory of the Lord Fills the Temple Ezekiel 43: 1-2, 3-7;

The Divine Glory Returns to the Temple

43 Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. ² And there, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters; and the earth shone with his glory.

³ The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. ⁴ As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵ the spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

⁶ While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. ⁷ He said to me: Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel for ever. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their whoring, and by the corpses of their kings at their death.

Hymn. The Lord's My Shepherd

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0

Reading 2 by Tim https://youtu.be/1zxly2uybAU

Ephesians 2:19-22;

Jesus as the Cornerstone

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Hymn In Christ Alone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWuckLEu_hg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kvFtXphmMU

Reading 3 by Debbie https://youtu.be/c6-ZI5Pba8Q

Gospel Reading
Matthew 16:13-19

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, ^[a] the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, ^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Hymn Be Thou My Vision

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm7IF16s

Sermon

By Nicholas Henshall Dean of Chelmsford

https://youtu.be/j-oiUZpMn2Y

Preached from the Cathedral for the Benefice Service at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell on Sunday, 21 June 2020 by Nicholas Henshall, marking the centenary of the Chapel's contemporary ministry.



"Formed in order to be sent". A quote from Brigid Main, former chaplain of the Chapel. We'll return to that a little later!

Two texts from the letter of James: "we all make many mistakes" (3.2) and "mercy triumphs over judgement" 2.13). neither of these crop up in today's readings and on the surface they have nothing to do with this celebration of Peter and of the chapel – where today we are marking the centenary of the its contemporary history as a place of prayer and praise, and its ministry today.

But the two quotes have everything to do with the character of Peter - patron saint of the Chapel and joint patron of the Cathedral. And therefore I'd suggest everything to do with who we are called to me as we honour the Chapel's purpose and seek to follow the Lord today through challenging and rapidly changing times — on the Dengie just as much as everywhere else.

That first quote - "We all make many mistakes" - could be the first line of Peter's biography. Indeed it is at the heart of Peter's story. He constantly gets things wrong. But - and this is the point of the second quote - every time he gets it wrong, he is confronted and indeed confounded by the loving mercy of the Lord - for "mercy triumphs over judgement".

Peter is completely realistic about himself. He knows his own character. In Luke 5, Jesus gets on Peter's boat to teach the crowds and then tells Peter to go fishing. In response to the huge catch of fish that then follows, Peter falls at Jesus' feet and says "get away from me, Lord, because I am a sinful man". He knows - and Jesus knows - that Peter is going to let him down again and again and again. In Matthew 14 Peter tries to walk on water, but instead he sinks and cries out, "Lord, save me!" At the last supper, Peter's arrogance is such that he even tries to stop Jesus washing his feet.

And above all, when the chips are down, as Jesus is on trial, Peter denies three times that he ever knew Jesus. The biggest betrayal of all – a betrayal as bitter as the action of Judas.

I find one of the most shocking lines in the Gospels is Luke 22.61-62 just after Peter's third denial and the cock crows: "and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter". Peter goes out and weeps bitterly. Peter has made the worst mistake of his life, but the tears are the beginning of a new journey - the good news that the mercy of Jesus triumphs over judgement. That's why many churches have a weather vane in the shape of a cock — not as a rural decoration but as a reminder of Peter's denial and our need to do the same, to accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord.

And then, in the final scene of John's Gospel, Peter and the risen Jesus meet again on the beach. This is the last time they will meet face to face. What is Peter expecting? Rebuke, probably; anger? But Jesus refuses to judge Peter and simply asks him three times "do you love me?" Healing, forgiveness and the promise of a future. In the great words of one of the greatest hymns: "Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven". That's God's promise to Peter. That's God's promise to us.

As we celebrate this centenary; as we celebrate Peter the Apostle; as we celebrate the life of this benefice of communities and churches; and as we celebrate this place as the fountain

head of the good news of Jesus Christ in Essex - and as we do all of that in the extraordinary context of this global pandemic this is the God we need to know.

A God who doesn't judge us but loves us; a God who knows that we all make many mistakes and who loves us not in spite of our frailties but because of them. For mercy triumphs over judgement.

And this is the God who sends us out - as he sent Peter out - to a new and unknown future. We don't really know what the church or the wider community is going to look like. That's deeply unnerving. But that's God's call to us. And that's where I want to go back to that line of Brigid Main's: "formed in order to be sent". Her point was that historically Bradwell Chapel had never been a place of pilgrimage. You need a shrine for that and there is no shrine because Cedd died and was buried at Lastingham in Yorkshire. No - Bradwell was a mission statement from which people were sent out as heralds of good tidings. And that's our job now.

I'll end with a story that may well be familiar. After the missionary journeys described in Acts, Peter almost certainly settled in the city of Rome, and there is ancient authority that he was the eye-witness source for Mark's Gospel, which was almost certainly written in the city.

It is said that as an old man, with the Christian community under threat, Peter decided to leave the city. Another of his many mistakes. But as he was walking away he met Jesus coming towards him. Peter asked "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied "to be crucified instead of you!" And Peter turned round and went on to face the future undefended, with faith and trust in the compassion and love of God.

Nicholas Henshall

Hymn Will you come and follow me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU

Revd Steven and Brigid link 3 https://youtu.be/q1lhPWZ3qal

Profession of faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen



Prayers of Intercession

Brigid

A prayer for the chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall

Lord as we pray in this place, in this chapel which has been a place of prayer for centuries. A place where you can be praised and glorified.

We remember Cedd and all that he undertook to build his community of faith.

We give thanks for Cedd and for all those who have cared for this place. Especially those who enabled the restoration 100 years ago and those who care for it today.

So in this place Lord where the stones are imprinted with the prayers of many we offer our prayers today.

Father in this special place, where the stones speak out your name;

Stones that have listened to so many prayers, we pray for ourselves – your living stones.

Bless those who will visit this chapel, that as they step over the threshold, they may experience something of your love.

As stones have been built into these walls so may we the living stones be built into your kingdom.

And so as we pray on this day when we give thanks for this place of prayer let us focus all our prayers on the light of the world.

Fear, poverty, redundancy

Homelessness, Ioneliness.

All these appear each day on our television screen.

As we pray together we focus on the flame; the flame of God's love.

God our Father, you know what we need without our words.

Hear our prayer and also our silence.

Let the flame of your love burn up the injustice, fear, poverty, homelessness, loneliness which we see in the lives of people around us.

Anger, hurt, weakness, illness.

As we pray together we focus on the flame;

the flame of Jesus' healing.

Jesus our friend and brother may the warmth of your healing power spread over those who need your healing......

Over those who feel angry, hurt, depressed or useless.

Let the flame of your healing love warm them.

Wisdom, discernment, leadership

As we pray together we focus on the flame;

the flame of the power of the Holy Spirit.

We ask for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide those who lead our countries and our churches as we emerge from this pandemic.

Laughter, joy, peace, fun, pleasure.

As we pray together we focus on the flame; the flame of the Creator.

We thank you for all your gifts which we have received and ask that we may discover new gifts in each other

Wherever we are we pray for our neighbours

May the white flame of God's love the orange flame of Christ's healing

the blue flame of the spirit's power

rest on each one of us today and guide our thoughts and actions today and through the coming months.

Revd Steven and Brigid link ends

Hymn May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxUAeTDW3c0

Joint Benefice Intercessions:

Those who suffer

Let us pray for all those who are suffering or struggling with life. May the love of our risen Christ comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; May that love be with all who are left on their own and feel lonely and unable to cope, or are unwell. We also think of...

Mick Garwood

Robert Peter Fredsted,18 months old suffering from appendicitis, a poorly little boy in Copenhagen Hospital.

Ray Luck

Ann Cowell

Sue Wilson

Beryl Dixon

And all the residents at **Down Hall, the Swan and all other care homes** and in a moment of quiet all those others known to us, and for those you care for them and share their suffering

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

The communion of saints

At this time, hear us as we remember those who died in the faith of Christ; we pray especially for all who mourn and all those loved by us yet seen no more.

We include in our prayers...

Steve Cruise, we remember Sylvia and all Steve's family. **Derek Mathers** who died this week, we pray for his wife Isabel Mathers, and Andy & Georgina Mathers and the family. **Kevin Gowens** – we pray for his wife Roz and his sons **Anne Howard** whose funeral is on 30 June we pray for Janice and family.

And all others known to us:

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hymn Amazing Grace

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3yLV2M0rlc

Revd Steven link 4 https://youtu.be/yLoY8sHRysU

The Peace

May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you, wherever He may take you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing in the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

The Peace of our Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Revd Steven link ends

Hymn The church's one foundation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rlS166ppoE

Revd Steven link 5 https://youtu.be/h5F8tX-5MdA

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

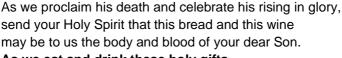
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his blood is shed for all.



As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.



Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after communion

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go, giving thanks to God

Revd Steven link ends

Final Hymn

Go forth and tell

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNyDd9qtuk0

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Music

Libera - In Paradisum https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmO2KIRim6c St Peters Chapel - Bradwell On Sea YouTube videos.

Children's choir from St Mark with St Margaret Plumstead practice at the Chapel of St Peter-on-the-wall, Bradwell-on-Sea,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUpw-Y1N2IM

An aerial trip around St Peters Chapel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CLcN0kvQFwY

Notices

Vera Lynn

All were sad to hear the loss of Vera Lyn this week, especially at the moment with the covid-19 situation and her 'We'll meet again' song so relevant at this time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsM VmN6ytk

Windrush Day

Dear All

Monday is **Windrush Day** and marks the 72nd anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush at the Tilbury Docks. The former troop carrier was carrying Jamaican and other British Commonwealth citizens from the West Indies to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War.

I want to draw your attention to two events happening over the next few days and encourage you to make them known in your own parishes:

Church of England Online Service, Sunday 9 am

The Church of England's online weekly service will hear a call for action to build a fairer world ahead of a minute's silence to lament the racism experienced by the Windrush generation and other black and minority ethnic people.

Father Andrew Moughtin-Mumby, Rector of St Peter's Church in Walworth, south east London will lead the service in which the sermon will describe racism as one of the three pandemics faced by the world, alongside the climate crisis and Covid-19.

The service will be broadcast on the Church of England Facebook Page, The Church of England Website and YouTube channel.

As well as promoting the service in your communications, I would also encourage you to incorporate prayers and a silence into your own online worship.

Two minutes silence to mark Windrush Day, Monday 11 am

On Monday 22 June at 11 am, bishops, clergy, cathedrals and parishes across the Church of England are encouraged to keep two minutes silence to lament the suffering of the Windrush Generation and wider issues of racism in society. Please do make this known in your own parishes and encourage people to participate.

I hope these events and others taking place to mark Windrush Day will help us to reflect upon and lament the evil of racism in our past and the racism that persists in our society today. We pray for all those who suffer from racism and ask for God's grace and courage as we seek forgiveness, reconciliation and healing. We commit ourselves to working better together for justice, equality and freedom from oppression for all.

Yours in Christ

Bishop +Peter

Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Chapel Rededication

The planned celebrations on 22nd June at the Chapel are unable to take place due to the lockdown. It is planned to be rescheduled to around St Cedd's Day (26th October) The Bishops of Lichfield and Bradwell will be attending.