

Notices 11 July 2021

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians

Fourth mark: faces the cost of change and growth

In this letter, beginning four weeks ago, we are thinking about growing healthy Christians, based on a book by Robert Warren entitled 'The Healthy Churches Handbook'. In this book Fr Robert identifies seven marks of a healthy church and we are seeing if these can help us in our journey of faith, and if his thoughts can be applied to being a healthy Christian.

We asked last week what is a healthy Christian. It was suggested a healthy Christian is actively engaged in their own personal journey with God. This leads to our fourth mark: being willing and able to face change and growth.

Fr Robert suggests change is a sign of life and growth. Such change does not mean a radical overhaul or a organisational change. If nothing else, to do this regularly would prove to be too exhausting, spiritually as well as mentally. Change here is being able to embrace the past whilst being brave enough to look at new ways of doing things. In such an approach to change we must be prepared to take risks. It is easy to carry along the road we have always travelled but what do we learn? How do we grow? Taking risks, trying something new may just break new ground and open new vistas in our spiritual journey. In looking at new ways of doing things and in so doing being prepared to take risks we will on occasion experience crises. We can run away or ignore them but this would not encourage our growth. To face up to these challenges and working through them will strengthen our faith journey and encourage our spiritual development. This can then turn these experiences into positive experiences of change upon which we can be affirmed and can build.

What does this mean? I pray daily, I read my Bible, what more can I do? Are you open to different ways of praying? Have you used the modern form of the Lord's Prayer for example or explored prayer walking, tried a prayer labyrinth or listen to Gospel music? Have you joined a prayer group and branched out into different ways of praying? Have you set yourself daily prayer tasks or used the Jesus Prayer?

There are so many things we could be doing differently. We could be reading spiritual books, listening to prayer tracts, finding ways to engage in our faith life that is far more practical than we have done before – joining the PCC can be a spiritual journey...really! Think about your faith journey and rather than saying 'I do this because I always have' try 'what new thing can I do today'.

Love and prayers,

Fr D

FUNERAL OF JUNE BLAKE, RIP – June’s funeral will take place on Thursday 22nd July, 12 noon at St Peter’s. The service will be available on Zoom.

IVY CAFÉ requires help - During the time that Ivy Café has not been meeting in the Church Hall, Moira and Rosanna have remained in contact with those who were the most regular attendees.

This has become international, because Mercia, who also helped us behind the counter, went to visit relatives in South Africa, where she still is because of Covid-19 restrictions.

We are hoping to meet in the Church Hall again in September. Prior to the pandemic we averaged 10 to 12 participants on our weekly Wednesdays from 3.00 - 4.00 for tea, cake and a chat.

As Moira is sadly having to withdraw from helping, I am asking if anyone can help me with this worthwhile activity. I love doing this but am not able to continue on my own. Ideally, I need two helpers who can give time on Wednesday afternoons.

Please contact me on 020 8998 1006 or email rosanna32@btinternet.com

STUNNING OFFER! Does your printer use Epson Daisy ink? If so, Margaret has two packs of four XL ink cartridges (three colours and black) and a single XL cyan cartridge which she is prepared to let you have in exchange for a donation to the Lady Chapel fund. (There’s nothing wrong with it – her old printer died and the new one uses different cartridges.) This is Epson-compatible ink from Cartridgesave, a reliable supplier, and would cost approx. £8.50 per cartridge if you bought it online.

HEADS UP! Harvest Fayre, Saturday 3rd October. Tell the Events Team what you can offer to help.

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Worship this week

Sunday 4th July 2021

Trinity 5

10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom)

17.30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 11th July 2021

Trinity 6

10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Daily Prayer:

Monday – Friday

9.00 Morning Prayer (Church)

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday

17.00 Evening Prayer (Church)

Wednesday

17.00 Contemplative Prayer

Gathering (Zoom)

Tuesday & Thursday

21.30 Compline (Zoom)

***The Church building is open,
Mon-Fri, 9am – 12 noon
for private prayer.***

This Week's Reading Programme:

Mon: Ezekiel 1.1-14; 2 Corinthians 1.1-14.

Tues: Ezekiel 1.15-22; 2 Corinthians 1.15—2.4

Weds: Ezekiel 2.3—3.11; 2 Corinthians 2.5-end.

Thurs: Ezekiel 3.12-end; 2 Corinthians 3.

Fri: Ezekiel 8; 2 Corinthians 4.

Sat: Ezekiel 9; 2 Corinthians 5

Church Notices & Diary Dates:

July Notices:

6th: 7.30pm Deanery Synod

11th: 11am Gemstones end of term picnic in the park; 12 noon Events Team Meeting

13th: 7.30pm PCC Meeting

14th: 6 pm Amnesty Letter Writing

17th: 12 noon Building & Grounds Team Meeting

18th: 25th Anniversary of Ordination Mass for Revd Dr Margaret Joachim (postponed from last year) with Admission to communion.

20th: 7.30pm Finance Team Meeting

22nd: 12 noon, June Blake's funeral.

28th: 7.30pm Eco-Church Group Meeting

August Notices:

22nd: Baptism Harriet Kelsey

September Notices:

4th: 4pm Parish BBQ (Vicarage Garden)

5th: 12 noon Events Team Meeting (Vicarage)

8th: 6pm Amnesty Letter Writing (Vicarage)

12th: 12 noon Buildings & Grounds Team Meeting (Vicarage)

15th: 7.30pm Eco-Church Group Meeting

18th: PCC Away Day

25th: 7.30pm Willesden Area Farewell for Bishop Pete

26th: Ealing Half Marathon

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for: Cicely Pratt; Elaine Dunkley; John Pullin; Rodney Reid; Moira Babary; Stephen Lynch; Dominic; Fr Robert Chapman; Karen Dotrice; Yvette Lumley; Lucy Pringle; Francis Warner; Maria Gee; RB.

Recently deceased: June Blake

Years Mind week 4th – 10th July: Ethel Kippen; David Sladen.

Parish family: Carol Cassar; Simon & Julie Chadwick; John & Daniel Cobb, Sara Salimi; Dale Conroy; Valerie Cross; Jehmel Cross; Michael, Tara, Saskia & Elliott Cross.

(To add names to this list please contact Fr David or the Parish Office)