

NOTICES 13.6.21

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians

Like our physical bodies our spiritual lives require a health check from time to time. We think about our diet, what we eat and what we drink, do we get enough exercise. Mindfulness has been talked about in recent times along with mental health hitting the headlines. As routines have changed so our focus has too. This can be both good and bad or at least not so good. Such a change in focus can encourage us to give up habits only to form new ones and not always for the best.

As Christians, our spiritual life too should get regular attention. As in our physical life so our spiritual lives. Our spiritual lives can be overlooked, taken for granted, even just ignored. We can become spiritually 'podgy', becoming fat and flabby in our prayer life, putting off prayer time or just falling into the 'I'll get around to it later' trap; becoming lazy in our approach to prayer and our relationship with God.

At present, after many years, I am re-reading 'The Healthy Churches' Handbook' by Robert Warren. In it Fr Robert writes of 'Growing Healthy Churches' in which being 'healthy' is the focus and 'growing' can be numerically for the church or but is more helpfully spiritually for the individuals and community of that church. He writes of the seven marks of a healthy church: energised by faith; outward looking focus; seek to find what God wants; facing the cost of change and growth; operating as a community; making room for all; and does a few things and does them well.

Whilst reading this book I have come to wonder how we might think of these marks of a healthy church in relation to being healthy Christians. As we come into a new-normal (not my favourite phrase) I am wondering how we might reset our own journey of prayer and faith, how we might use these seven marks to examine our own relationship with God and our brothers and sisters in Christ, looking for ways to improve and grow in our faith. Over the next few weeks, I'll take some lines on this page to begin an exploration with these marks and hope you will journey with me too in reflecting on your spiritual health and how you might make it healthier.

Love and prayers,

Fr D

TODAY: BEST FEET FORWARD - Sunday 13 June - Five Spiritual Journeys via Ealing, 2 to 2 ½ hours approx. Meet 2.30 p.m. in St Peter's Church Carpark. Leader: Mike Tiley.

Contact No. on the day: Rosanna's mobile 07599 789866

Join us for an informative walk around Ealing. There are five well-known spiritual teachers/writers who have spent some important part of their lives in Ealing and gone on to inspire many in their own spiritual journeys. Saint John Henry Newman, Dorothy Kerin, Christmas Humphreys QC, Thomas Merton and John Main.

Mike Tiley is going to lead us round the various places they were in Ealing and inform us a little about their lives.

We are hoping to finish with tea and cake at the end of the walk.

Please let us know if you wish to partake as booking is going to be essential.

Contact Mike Tiley directly or email – rosanna32@btinternet.com.

PETERTIDE CELEBRATIONS.

Saturday 26th June, 11am-12 noon. Marking the beginning of our Petertide Celebrations we are holding an hour's prayer vigil for St Peter's, for the family of God who gather here, for our brothers and sisters in Christ who meet in other places of worship in our area, in thanksgiving for God's care of us during the past year or more, for the future of God's mission and ministry in this parish. Please come and share in this time of prayer for as long or as short a time as you can.

Sunday 27th June 2021 from 10am. St Peter's Day will soon be upon us. Due to the uncertainty of the times, we are planning a slightly lower key than normal celebration. We have not invited any civic dignitaries, no film stars coming to grace us with their presence (that we know of). We **DO** have our new Archdeacon, The Ven Catherine Pickford coming to preach. We **DO** have a drinks reception afterwards which we are hoping to hold in the car park (makes social distancing easier). We **WILL** have some nice nibbles. So please make sure this date is in your diary. And do not forget to wear a red rose if you can.

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

Worship this week	
Sunday 13th June 2021 Second Sunday after Trinity 09.00 Gemstones (Church/Zoom) 10.00 Parish Mass followed by the interment of ashes for Jenny Hall (Church/Zoom) 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)	Sunday 20th June 2021 Trinity 3 10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom) 17.30 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: Job 19; Romans 9.1-18. Tues: Job 21; Romans 9.19-end. Weds (Richard, bishop): Job 22; Romans 10.1-10. Thurs: Job 23; Romans 10.11-end. Fri: Job 24; Romans 11.1-12. Sat: Job 25 - 26; Romans 11.13-24.	
Church Notices & Diary Dates:	
June Notices: 21st: 7.30pm Standing Committee (Zoom) 27th: St Peter's Day Mass. Guest preacher: Archdeacon of Northolt, The Ven Catherine Pickford 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 17th: 12 noon Building & Grounds Team Meeting 18th: Baptism Harriet Kelsey and admission to communion 20th: 7.30pm Finance Team Meeting 28th: 7.30pm Eco-Church Group Meeting	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. Recently deceased: Qasim Salimi; Melanie Toogood (priest) Years Mind week 13th - 19th June: Christiana Gordon (1961)	

Prayer Requests (cont)

Parish family: Saira Salimi; Lety, Mike, Francesca & Anna Tiley; Elsa, Matthew & Lydie Vladimery; Peter Wilkinson; Kristina, Laura, Alice & Maggie Wilson-Brown; Frank Wood; Daniel, Marie-Anne, Oscar & Victor Yeadon.

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