

NOTICES 18 JULY 2021

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians Fifth mark: operates as a community

Over the past few weeks we have been using Robert Warren's, 'The Healthy Churches Handbook' and the seven marks of a healthy church he explores in it to think about our own faith and how we might gauge our own spiritual health. This week we reflect on the fifth mark, 'Operates as a community.'

In Fr Robert's description this is about a church being open and welcoming rather than operating as a clique or club. This can be applied to us as Christian individuals too. In Fr Roberts description this concerns relationships, leadership and ministry.

In our Christian faith relationships are very important. Each Sunday we declare that we are the body of Christ. This description comes from the writings of St Paul who on more than one occasion described the Church as a body with different parts that were all interrelated and co-dependent. That means we are all interconnected and need each other in our life of faith. I have often been told, "Well, vicar, I don't need to go to church. I have my way with God and that's all that matters." True, we can and do have a personal relationship with God. But God calls all of us to be part of the church because God understands we each have different gifts that help to build each other up. A person may have a personal relationship with God but if that is all they have how are they going to grow. We grow through conversation, through learning from each other and praying for each other. We cannot do all this in isolation.

This is where Fr Roberts leadership criteria fits in. He is referring to the ordained and lay leadership working together. In the understanding of the priesthood of all believers we all work together for the betterment of the church and the proclamation of the good news, because we all must take part else the message is less than it could be. By sharing together and being part of the whole, we build up the body of Christ in our community.

The third area mentioned is lay ministry. Here is to realise that such working together and sharing is not for someone else in the church; it is for you. You have a part to play in the mission and ministry of the Christian community. God cannot afford passengers in the boat of faith; we all must pull on the oars and play our part in the proclamation of the good news so that the story of salvation can be heard by as many as possible.

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 - 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. 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. Mark James also has cartridges that he will exchange for a donation to the Lady Chapel fund.

PARISH BBQ: Saturday 4th September. 6-8pm. Come to the Vicarage Garden. Bring a plate of food, something to share. We’ll have the BBQ going and sausages and burgers on the go.

HEADS UP! Harvest Fayre, Saturday 2nd October. Tell the Events Team what you can offer to help.

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Worship this week

Sunday 18th July 2021

Dedication Sunday ~

Revd Dr Margaret Joachim's Silver Jubilee of Ordination and reception into communion of some of our young people.

10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 25th July 2021

St James, Apostle

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 (Gregory, bishop & his sister, Macrina deaconess): Ezekiel 14.12-end; 2 Corinthians 11.1-15.

Tues Ezekiel 18.1-20; 2 Corinthians 11.16-end.

Weds: Ezekiel 18.21-32; 2 Corinthians 12

Thurs (Mary Magdalene): 1 Samuel 6.14-end; Luke 8.1-3.

Fri: Ezekiel 20.21-38; James 1.1-11.

Sat: Ezekiel 24.15-end; James 1.12-end.

Church Notices & Diary Dates:

July Notices:

TODAY: 25th Anniversary of Ordination Mass for Revd Dr Margaret Joachim (postponed from last year) with Admission to communion for Ewa Dobrzynski & John Martin

20th: 7.30pm Finance Team Meeting

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; Simona de Serdici; RB.

Recently deceased: June Blake.

Years Mind week 9th – 17th July: David Sladen, Joan Jones.

Parish family: Alison Germany; Michael Grant; Fenny Green; Adam Lou, Billy, Eleanor & Harry Grimley; Marjorie Harding; Christine Harding; Cornelia Harding; Sarah Hare.

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