

NOTICES 20 June 2021

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians First mark: Being energised by faith

In last week's letter we began to think 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 and we are going see if these can help us in our journey of faith. The first of these is "Being energised by faith".

This mark is considered first because here starts our journey. If we are not energised by our faith we are rather like a stalled car, not going anywhere fast. Are you then energised by your faith? Four points of reference are pickup up by Fr Robert: worship and sacramental life; motivation; engagement with scripture and nurturing faith in Christ.

Worship and sacramental life: There is a subtle but profound difference between going to church and sharing in worship. The first is about duty the other is desiring to encounter God. How do you experience God? Is your engagement with worship positive and fulfilling? Is it a chore or a duty? Worship won't always be dazzling wonderful. It is often effected by our moods and where we are in our lives. But if we are open to God in worship, if we have prepared with prayer and personal reflection, if our attitude is one of reception and openness then our experience can be positive and fulfilling.

Motivation. Our energy in our journey of faith comes from a positive desire to serve God, to serve one another. If our motivation is not there the overall experience of faith is lack lustre and impoverished. Being creative and engaged in faith, wanting to know God and seeking ways to encounter God can be great stimulants to our motivation in faith.

Engagement with scripture. Our scriptures contain the story of salvation, of our salvation. It is here we find faith coming alive as we engage with God's actions in the world. Scripture can be a barrier if we are apprehensive or unsure of it. Scripture should be our friend. We don't have to be great quoters or have it 'chapter and verse'. It should be something we encounter daily and with which we are comfortable.

Nurturing in the faith. Like all living things we need feeding. The food of the spiritual life is prayer and reflection, space to think about and sharing in our beliefs. Gathering for worship is part of that. Sharing in study groups or reading Christian books also is part of this journey. Faith does need to be fed, through feeding it is encouraged and grows.

How does your spiritual journey stand up to the first mark of a healthy Christian? Just reflecting on that first question is an important stage on the journey.

Love and prayers,

Fr D

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.

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Worship this week

Sunday 20th June 2021

Trinity 3

10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom)

17.30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 27th June 2021

Feast Day of St Peter

10.00 Parish Mass guest preacher The Ven Catherine

Pickford, Archdeacon of Northolt (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: Job 27; Romans 11.25-end.

Tues (Alban): Job 28; Romans 12.1-8.

Weds (Etheldra, abbess) Ember Day: Job 29; Romans 12.9-end.

Thurs (Birth of John the Baptist): Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10; Luke 3.1-17.

Fri Ember Day: Job 31; Romans 13.8-end.

Sat Ember Day: Job 32 - 26; Romans 14.1-12.

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 20th - 26th June: Sydney Baker.

Parish family: Saira Salimi; Simon, Robina, Alice & Henry Baker; Christine & Trevor Bates; Claire Bates; Iryna, Andy, Simon & Abigail Bennett; June Blake; David Blumlein; Ian, Jane, James & Leah Bradshaw; Michael, Susan & Sebastian Brewin.

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