

NOTICES – 25 April 2021 - Easter 4

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Letter from the Vicar

No doubt you will have noticed we have not had a newsletter for a couple of months. It has proved to be a job too far for me to complete. I am sorry for that as the newsletter is a good way for the Vicar to communicate with the congregation.

So I am trying an experiment. Can we combine the newsletter with the weekly service sheet? So here we are, a first attempt and I wonder what your thoughts might be. I would value suggestions of what could be included, even more valued would be articles and pieces to include.

Forgiveness: Its funny how, like buses, questions can come in threes...well in groups anyway. Since Easter Sunday I have been asked a couple of times what my thoughts are on forgiveness. When asked I am taken back to a conversation I had in my first parish when, having preached what I thought was a stonkingly good sermon on forgiveness one of our older and wiser members came up to me at coffee and told me she could not forgive. Something had been done to her or had happened to her she could never forgive. She said so with sadness but determination.

As I've grown older I've been able to explore within my own experience and reading what she meant and how difficult forgiveness can be. We are told in the life of faith we must forgive. In the reality of our human condition forgiving is tough. Forgiveness is not a momentary event. It is not something you can identify at a given point or moment. It is more of an intention. Something we should work at over time. We start by putting our heart in the right place, away from the darkness of bitterness and anger, into the light of love. For us that would be the light of the love of God where for us all things begin. We recognise this is a journey, forgiveness begins but it does not just happen. We want to forgive and we know we should forgive, yet forgiveness is an aspiration we work towards. And in our tradition we can only work towards forgiveness if we travel with Jesus Christ. In him we see the example of forgiveness, for in him we are forgiven. That is the Easter promise.

A note from the Director of Music

Organ - On Tuesday 16th February restoration work started on the organ. Our Director of Music Mark James has produced a short documentary about the work to date. Please click the link to be taken to the YouTube Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWEPOAWyIEg>

If you would like to contribute to the organ restoration work, by way of donation, please contact the office admin@stpeterealing.org.uk.

If you have any questions or comments, Mark would be delighted to hear from you. directorofmusic@stpeterealing.org.uk

Should you wish to hear the organ voluntaries, with high quality sound and video at your leisure, they may now be found on Mark's YouTube channel. The channel will be regularly updated with the voluntaries and other music. Please subscribe and click the bell  icon to be notified of new uploads which will feature our organ in time. To watch, please follow this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ympsvPT1Dc>

STEWARDSHIP 2021. With successive lockdowns and restrictions on hall lettings church finances continue to be tight. As part of your Lenten reflections would you consider reviewing your regular giving to St Peter's to help continue the work of God in the parish. Every little increase really does help. If you can help through your stewardship, we would be grateful.

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Worship this week	
Sunday 25th April 2021 Easter 4 09.00 Gemstones (Church/Zoom) 10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom) 17.30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)	Sunday 2nd May 2021 Easter 5 10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom) 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Daily Prayer:	
Monday – Friday 9.00 Morning Prayer (Church) Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 17.00 Evening Prayer (Church) Wednesday 17.00 Contemplative Prayer Gathering (Zoom) Tuesday & Thursday 21.30 Compline (Zoom)	<i>The Church building is open, Mon-Fri, 9am – 12 noon for private prayer.</i>
This Week's Reading Programme:	
Mon (Mark the Evangelist): Isaiah 62.6-10; Acts 12.25—13.13. Tues: Deuteronomy 9.23—10.5; Ephesians 4.17-end. Weds: Deuteronomy 10.12-end; Ephesians 5.1-14. Thurs (Catherine of Siena): Deuteronomy 11.8-end; Ephesians 5.15-end. Fri: Deuteronomy 12.1-14; Ephesians 6.1-9 Sat (Philip & James, Apostles): Proverbs 4.10-18; James 1.1-12.	
Church Notices & Diary Dates:	
April Notices: 26th 7.30pm Finance Team Meeting (Zoom) May Notices: 5th: 7.30pm Safeguarding Team Meeting (Zoom) 8th: 10am Best Feet Forward walking group (Isabella Plantation, Richmond) 9th: 12noon Mission Team Meeting 11th: 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Zoom) 12th: 6pm Amnesty Letter Writing Group (Zoom)	16th: 12noon Buildings and Grounds Meeting (Zoom) 19th: 7pm Christians Together in Central Ealing 23rd: 12 noon Events Team Meeting (Zoom) 31st: Bank Holiday and beginning school half term June Notices: 9th: 6pm Amnesty Letter Writing Group (Zoom); 7.30pm Ealing Deanery Archdeacon's Visitation (Church/Zoom) 21st: 7.30pm Standing Committee (Zoom) 27th: St Peter's Day Mass. Guest preacher: Archdeacon of Northolt.
Prayer Requests:	
Please pray for: Cicely Pratt; Elaine Dunkley; John Pullin; Stephen Lynch; Dominic; Maria Gee; Fr Robert Chapman; Karen Dotrice; Yvette Lumley. Recently deceased: Kimberly Gee. Years Mind week 25th – 1st May: Frank Gordon; Sally Husbands; Kathleen Beaty; Graham Allen; Muriel Brooke. Parish family: Sophie Foxall & Kieran Santry; Jenny & Huw Foxall; Rosanna & Richard Fullerton; Stan, Jane & Tyler Gee.; Alison Germany; Michael Grant; Fenny Green. (To add names to this list please contact Fr David or the Parish Office)	