

NOTICES 25 JULY 2021

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians

Sixth mark: makes room for all

The Early Church had plenty of discussions about who should be allowed in the church, who salvation was for, who could be saved; look at the First Council at Jerusalem (Acts 15). Thinking the salvation of God was for God's chosen people, how on earth could gentiles be saved? Then, if Gentiles were to be saved should not they fulfil the laws of Moses and be circumcised? As the church developed and grew so it began to understand that the salvation of God was no longer for a select group but for the whole of creation, that it was not written in flesh but in the Spirit, for all belong to God and any that would hear the word of God could turn to God.

There is a danger, as we settle in our faith journey, that we can become complacent. This is partly a natural reaction; but then the way of Jesus challenges what we might call 'the norm'. The Christian message calls us to be open and welcoming, to include new thoughts, members, ways of worship, understanding of our faith. As we have said previously part of the challenge of a living faith is to grow and in growing to embrace change. Newcomers and new experiences will challenge us and help us to grow in faith and love, if only by encouraging us to ask questions. This challenge, in the context of Fr Robert Warren's writing in 'The Healthy Churches Handbook.' is being prepared to accept newcomers, make space for children and young people, to encourage enquirers and to include diversities.

In the context of our personal faith and our journey with Jesus it is about not immediately saying 'no' but looking for the 'yes' in a situation. This is hard. Naturally we like to be comfortable, we know what we like and being challenged quite frankly is hard work. Our tradition, our translation of bible, our history, how we have understood God, how we pray, we have already worked at these why do we have to do more? Good question. The first question to that question is, is your faith still living and breathing or are you taking it for granted? We all take our faith for granted to varying degrees and from time to time. As we come out of lockdown are we not just feeling exhausted and need the comfort of familiarity? One thing the apostles and Jesus taught us was that faith costs and the faith journey never rests. It costs in time and effort. Some of that effort is keeping ourselves open to others, making room and receiving others and what they bring with joy.

Love and prayers,

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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, from 5.00pm (weather permitting). 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 25th July 2021 Feast Day of St James, Apostle 10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom) 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)	Sunday 1st August 2021 Trinity 9 (proper 13) 10.00 Parish Mass (Church/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)	<i>The Church building is open for private prayer through the week.</i>
This Week's Reading Programme:	
Mon: Ezekiel 28.1-19; James 2.1-13. Tues: Ezekiel 33.1-20; James 2.14-end. Weds: Ezekiel 33.21-end; James 3. Thurs: Ezekiel 34.1-16; James 4.1-12 Fri (William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano, Thomas Clarkson): Ezekiel 34.17-end; James 4.13—5.6. Sat: Ezekiel 36.16-36; James 5.7-end	
Church Notices & Diary Dates:	
July Notices: 28th: 7.30pm Eco-Church Group Meeting August Notices: 22nd: Baptism Harriet Kelsey We wish you a blessed and relaxing August.	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 21st – 31st July: Herbert Collinson, <i>Priest</i> ; Gordon Maufe; Amy Millicent Swaish; Annie Marsh; Christina Stringer. Parish family: Gaby, Chris, Francesca & Luke Harris; David & Christine Hodges; Mark James; Rev Margaret; Pam Jones; Germaine Kemplay- Amow; Jina Kiram, Joy, Harri and Daniel Choufar; Ann Lazarow. (To add names to this list please contact Fr David or the Parish Office)	