

Notices 27 June 2021

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians Second mark: Outward-looking focus

In our parish letter this week we continue 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 church and we are going to see if these can help us in our journey of faith. The second mark is "Having an outward-looking focus".

Having made a start on our journey by looking at what it means to be energised by faith. A healthy approach to faith, opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit and seeking more proactively a living relationship with God we are encouraged to take a look outside ourselves. To see faith engaging in the world in which we live and breathe. By doing so we share in God's love for all creation and all that motivates us. We cease to look in upon ourselves and look out into the world where God is real and engaged, the creator and preserver of all things.

In this way our faith engages in the world bringing about the change God wants. It's not such a grand thing really. Every small thing we do helps usher in the Kingdom. A smile where a frown would be expected; a voice where there may have been silence; action where inaction may have been expected; shopping for a neighbour, unexpectedly calling in on the housebound, supporting a local initiative for the care of the vulnerable. In allowing God to change our lives and to fill us with his love as we gather for worship, we take that same love into our place of work or play or rest. To passionately take our faith out, not keeping it to ourselves.

How often have you used the word 'God' in your conversations in this past week, and not as an expletive? How often this week have you mentioned Jesus as part of your life or been happy to share that you are a Christian? How often have people known because of your actions that you follow a different path from that of accepted social norms of the day?

Fr Robert says we should be passionate and prophetic about social justice and peace; we should make connections between our faith and our daily life and we should respond to human need by loving service. We are not called to change the world on our own, that's God's job. But we are called to play our part in telling everyone about God and what he has done for us.

Love and prayers,

Fr David

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.

BEST FEET FORWARD: Saturday 10th July - HAMPSTEAD HEATH,

3 hours approx. 4.5 miles. Meet 10 a.m. at Ealing Broadway station.

Leaders: Richard and Rosanna Fullerton Contact No. on the day: 07840 961722

We shall travel by Tube to Shepherd's Bush and then Overground to Hampstead Heath, one of London's great open spaces. The walk is mainly flat but there is some gentle up and downhill walking. Highlight is the Hill Garden on the West Heath. Refreshment break at Golders Hill café (opt-out point if required). Optional lunch in Hampstead at the end.

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

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Worship this week

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)

Sunday 4th July 2021

Trinity 5

10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom)
17.30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Daily Prayer:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9.00 Morning Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, Thursday & 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 (Irenaeus, bishop): Job 33; Romans 14.13-end.

Tues (Peter the Apostle): Isaiah 49.1-6; Acts 11.1-18

Weds: Job 39; Romans 15.14-21.

Thurs: Job 40; Romans 15.22-end

Fri: Job 41; Romans 16.1-16.

Sat (Thomas the Apostle): 2 Samuel 15.17-21; John 11.1-16.

Church Notices & Diary Dates:

July Notices:

5th: 7.30pm Finance and Stewardship Team Meeting (Zoom)

6th: 7.30pm Deanery Synod

7th: 7.30pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

10th: Best Feet Forward Walk – Hampstead Heath

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: Admission to Communion of our younger members

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; RB.

Recently deceased: Qasim Salimi; Melanie Toogood (priest)

Years Mind week 27th June – 3rd July:

Parish family: Saira Salimi; Bill & Lesley Brooks; Adam, Charlotte, Lydia & Joshua Brown; Mercia de Bruin; Jane & Stuart Campbell; Claire Cassar, Michael, Sophie & Olivia Poots.

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