

Notices 4 July 2021

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS



Growing healthy Christians

Third mark: Seeks to find out what God wants

In this letter, beginning two weeks ago, we are thinking 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 seeing if these can help us in our journey of faith, and if his thoughts can be applied to being a healthy Christian.

What is a healthy Christian? If one thought of a healthy person they would consider someone who has a balanced diet, good exercise and a mindful lifestyle; a healthy person maintains their health with regular exercise, eating their five a day and not drinking too much whilst keeping well hydrated. The marks of a healthy Christian we are thinking about is exploring those aspects of the faith that help us maintain a good and healthy relationship with God, living the Christian life in a creative and engaging way. This week, the third mark is seeking what God wants of us.

The third mark encourages us to discern the leading of the Holy Spirit rather than trying to please everyone; what is it the Holy Spirit is leading you to in your life? What does God want of you? This mark can be unsettling. We might be fearful that what God wants of us and what we want are not the same things. We might not be clear on how we can discern God's will and desire for us.

Discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit is being prayerfully open to the will of God and allowing God to set the agenda of our lives rather than setting them for ourselves. In doing this we will find immense freedom. We are used in our present-day culture to being in control. We are encouraged in the ways of today to be self-assertive and to make choices upon our own desires and wants. God wants to free us of this and all the pressures that come with it and to ask the simple question, 'Lord, what do you want of me?'. Placing ourselves into the hands of God and asking what God wants for us. God wants us to know God's love for us. We can only really get a handle on that when we stop and ask what that might be. To do that we pray, put prayer at the centre of everything we do, to start our day with prayer, commit our decisions to God in prayer and through prayer discern what God might want in a given situation or life event. Prayer does not take for ever, especially when we let it become second nature. Prayer does not have to be complicated. We all know that Lord's Prayer; we can use the Jesus prayer, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me."

A healthy Christian practices putting God in everything through prayer.

Love and prayers,

Fr D

PETERTIDE CELEBRATIONS.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make our Petertide Celebrations go so well. We had great fun and fellowship, marking our Saint's Day with appropriate aplomb.

IVY CAFÉ requires help - During the time that Ivy Café has not been meeting in the Church Hall, Moira and Rosanna have remained in contact with those who were the most regular attendees.

This has become international, because Mercia, who also helped us behind the counter, went to visit relatives in South Africa, where she still is because of Covid-19 restrictions.

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.

As Moira is sadly having to withdraw from helping, I am asking if anyone can help me with this worthwhile activity. I love doing this but am not able to continue on my own. 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.

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 4th July 2021

Trinity 5

10.00 Parish Mass (Church/Zoom)

17.30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 11th July 2021

Trinity 6

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: Ezekiel 1.1-14; 2 Corinthians 1.1-14.

Tues: Ezekiel 1.15-22; 2 Corinthians 1.15—2.4

Weds: Ezekiel 2.3—3.11; 2 Corinthians 2.5-end.

Thurs: Ezekiel 3.12-end; 2 Corinthians 3.

Fri: Ezekiel 8; 2 Corinthians 4.

Sat: Ezekiel 9; 2 Corinthians 5

Church Notices & Diary Dates:

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

14th: 6 pm Amnesty Letter Writing

17th: 12 noon Building & Grounds Team Meeting

18th: 25th Anniversary of Ordination Mass for Revd Dr Margaret Joachim (postponed from last year) with Admission to communion.

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; RB.

Recently deceased: June Blake

Years Mind week 4th – 10th July: Ethel Kippen; David Sladen.

Parish family: Carol Cassar; Simon & Julie Chadwick; John & Daniel Cobb, Sara Salimi; Dale Conroy; Valerie Cross; Jehmel Cross; Michael, Tara, Saskia & Elliott Cross.

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