



St Peter's Parish

Newsletter

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Letter from the Vicar

“How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?” *Ps 137.4*

The lament of a broken, defeated people who had believed themselves invincible, protected by the right hand of God. Defeated and in exile their question asks their worthiness to give praise to God. To sing God's praise was the ultimate prayer, an offering in melody that came from the harmony of heart and mind.

Song has been an integral part of worship for as long as we have had voices. Every faith has some form of song, melody or chant with which to worship the divine. Remove that and it feels as if our worship has lost its heart and soul. For this reason, communities like ours from all faiths wait eagerly for permission to sing again in public worship.

We are now a step closer as small singing groups, socially distanced and appropriately prepared can now sing as part of worship. The congregation still cannot.

The lack of singing in worship has encouraged me to think more about how we worship. It was such a joy last Sunday to lead worship again after my holiday break. It made me even more aware of the importance of word, posture and poise.

Using our bodies and voice in worship, engaging with the words and actions of liturgy, whilst lacking singing, has re-established their importance. Gestures with hands, kneeling for prayer, standing in praise and waiting to receive. The silences as well as the poetry within liturgy become that much more significant as we gather in praise of God our Saviour.

Making the sign of the cross, bowing at certain phrases or actions, kneeling in prayer, standing as we address God in God's presence helps us to go deeper into our understanding and joy in our relationship with God.

As we gather in worship we should take this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God as we are confronted afresh, through the unusualness of our present times, with the words we have used every Mass we attend; then we “sing the Lord's song” in what is at present a foreign land.

Love and prayers,
Fr David

Listed Buildings of Ealing – A Lockdown Project! By Alexandra Yates (Pridgeon)

During lockdown I saw on the Ealing History Facebook group that someone had shared some wonderful photos of many of the listed buildings of Ealing, and I started to visit and photograph the listed buildings near to me. These short walks grew into quite a sizeable project, and I made it my mission to visit all the listed buildings and scheduled monuments in the borough by foot from where we live in West Ealing (I think I requested one lift back when I got stuck in a storm!). I finished the project at the beginning of July. There were one or two listings that I couldn't find, or that were behind scaffolding – a few listings on the

Historic England website are out of date (I need to find time to 'Enrich the List' on that website), and as I did most of this in the height of lockdown I couldn't go inside any of the buildings. But if anyone has details of how I can access Robert Adam's 'Roman Bridge' in Osterley Park, please let me know – I was wandering around with Beatrice on her bike having been right along the canal to 'do' Norwood Green on that trip and couldn't look any further in the heat!

Since finishing the project and walking pretty much the length and breadth the borough I have realised that it is a truly fascinating place, full of such interesting and diverse architecture. I have found out that there are over 300 listings in Ealing on the Historic England website including 6 Grade I listed buildings and 18 Grade II* listed buildings (of which St Peter's is one). 10 of our lampposts are listed, as are 9 of our stations and 9 of our public houses. I have counted 8 listed churches dedicated to St Mary, and there are 2 Grade II* listed cinemas, 2 listed parks and 2 listed cemeteries. There's also a listed bingo hall, viaduct, water pump, icehouse, water tower, signal box, pillar box, bench, swimming pool, former distribution centre, community centre, thatched cottage, lych-gate, Sarsen Stone (from 74-76 AD) and a pair of telephone boxes. There are also listed bridges, war memorials, monuments, former factories, stable blocks, houses (there are more Georgian buildings in the borough than I would have guessed), buildings that are/were part of a school or a former school, chapels, walls, gates, railings, mileposts, libraries, shops, town halls, archways, clubhouses and stages at the Ealing Studios! Then there are scheduled monuments including the Hanwell Flight of Locks, 3 medieval moated sites, and an Iron Age settlement site. Basically, there is so much to see and do on our doorstep I had no idea. I'm very grateful to Cate Evans, who's been a regular on the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter rota at St Peter's, as she was the person who gave me the idea for the project by sharing some of her fantastic pictures of listed buildings of Ealing on the Ealing History Facebook group. The project kept me sane and gave me some space, fresh air and exercise during the lockdown months!

Here are a few pictures of things that are listed, but that you might not be so familiar with in the borough. They are in no particular order.



Twyford Abbey, a Gothic country house. The original structure is from the early C19 and it was enlarged at the beginning of the C20.



An early C19 Icehouse which is situated in Woodland Park, Acton.



A house from 1924 constructed on the Duplex Sheath Construction System by the Duplex Sheath Construction Company of Moorgate.



Church of St Mary, Northolt. Parts date back to circa 1300.



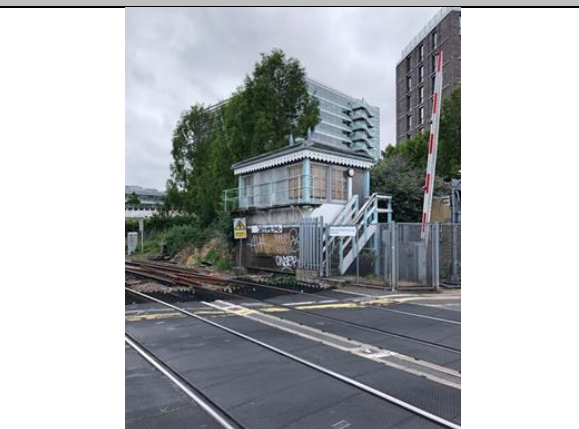
Southall Manor House. The original house is from the late C16, but it has been hugely altered and extended.




The Sudbury Stone is a Sarsen Stone and is reputed to have been used as boundary marker by Julius Frontinus' survey of 74-76 AD.



Former Norwood Free School. Built in the late C18



Bollo Lane Signal Box, W4. It was probably built in 1878.

	<p>Windmill Bridge aka the Three Bridges – road over canal over railway. It is a rare surviving example of a bridge design by Isambard Kingdom Brunel.</p>
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Stewardship at St Peter's

We want to begin by thank you for your generosity in this difficult season. Because of your generosity we have been able to keep our heads above water and pay our bills. Finances are still tight, but you have helped so much. Now we are open for worship and because anything touched is a source of possible infection, we are discouraging cash collections. The danger of doing this is loss of income. We are then encouraging the following methods of payment for your stewardship in our parish:

- BAC transfer
- Standing Order.
- Contactless payments using a card reader we have now purchased.

To make BAC and Standing Order payments please use these bank details:

Bank: HSBC

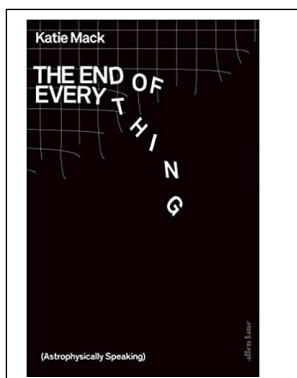
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Please do not leave this until tomorrow, tomorrow has a strange habit of never coming.

Book Review

The End of Everything by Katie Mack published by Allen Lane 2020



Katie Mack is a brilliant cosmologist who can clearly and eruditely talk about her field of expertise. If you want to explore how the universe might end this is a good place to start.

Katie takes the reader carefully and clearly and sometimes humorously) through four possible scenarios of the universal end game. You do have to get your mind around some pretty mind-boggling numbers, and it does rather put humanity into its cosmologically speaking right place. By the end you realise there's

no point running for the air-raid shelter (after all the universe does have a few more billion years to run yet) but this book does give you some incredible food for thought.

The world will come to an end either by ripping apart, drifting into the far distance, imploding, whatever. By then our sun will have burnt out and planet earth will be, but space dust and we will know nothing about it. What I found this book doing for me was making

me look to the bigger picture of nature. How precious this small blue globe is and how mind boggling (there is that phrase again) stupid we are when all we can worry about is a few extra pennies in our pocket rather than the health and wellbeing of our planet.

This book is well worth a read. Maybe not cover to cover, maybe a chapter at a time, so you can munch on what Katie is sharing with you. My only sadness is Katie feels sufficiently superior (if that is the right word) that she trashes theological reflection on the subject without clearly understanding what the faith thinkers have to say on the subject. Theology is dispelled as mumbo jumbo when all her thoughts are in many was paradigms and not proofs. I wish she had just not commented, but there you go.

Fr David

Contemplative Prayer Gathering.

On becoming a Christian the one thing that daunted me was prayer. How was it done, what should be said, what was needed to make my prayer life effective? Was prayer about petitioning God? If so what should be asked. Trying to read books on prayer was on the whole quite boring and stuffy. The trials of prayer got too much and eventually heart was lost.

Then silence was discovered. We are so used to communicating with words and noise that we forget the need for silence; the need to be still and attentive in a relationship; not always chattering and jaw slapping. It is in the silence we can truly engage and be part of a relationship. That after all is all God wants if us.

In the Christian tradition there are many ways to practice silent prayer, Contemplative Prayer being one. Here we seek to be consciously in God's presence without the need or hindrance of language or thought. To simply be and to know you are with God. in many ways it is that simple, in others it takes practice, encouragement and support. Which is why we gather on Wednesday evenings to share in a time of contemplative prayer which is followed by what is hoped to be an informative reading. Join us if you can.

Fr David



Thank you for choosing to support Ealing Foodbank. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of donations we have received during lockdown, but at present our stock levels are dwindling. There was a 4909kg gap between donations and food given out in August. We appreciate the kindness to

continue giving to the foodbank and would not be able to do this without you. Please find attached our September shopping list.

Biscuits - sweet and savoury; Long life fruit juice and squash; Tinned fruit & vegetables
Tinned soup; Vegetarian chilli, curry, pies (fray bentos); Ketchup & mayo; Tinned fish
Instant drinking chocolate; Shower gel/hair shampoo; Nappies - sizes 4, 5 & 6.

We have got plenty of pasta; meat; UHT milk

This foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by Ealing Foodbank.

Registered charity number 1156369 | Registered in England and Wales

APCM 2020 – Sunday 11th October @ 11am

In a usual year we would have held our Annual Parish Church Meeting in April. We would have gathered in the church hall after mass. Enjoyed a glass of something nice and refreshing, a plate of very enjoyable finger food and heard how the parish had fared both financially and in fellowship over the preceding year.

As with most things COVID19 put paid to that. Yet the business of the parish must continue if we are to continue in our baptismal promise of sharing the good news of Jesus. To that end the Diocesan authorities have asked that by 31st October we should have held our APCM, received the accounts and elected our officers.

So, we are holding our meeting on Sunday 11th October at 11am after the Parish Mass, both 'in person' and on zoom using an extension of the Parish Mass invitation that will be sent out on Saturday 10th October.

The APCM Reports and accounts will be sent out by Sunday 27th September and will be available from the parish office both digitally and in hard copy if you'd like to receive the reports that way.

We are looking for nomination for the PCC, Deanery Synod and Churchwardens. Nomination papers are available in hard copy from the parish office and digitally from the parish office or Fr David.

Dave Walker Cartoon

THE FOODBANK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN 2020



Worship @ St Peter's:

Sunday

09.00 Gemstones for 0-11yrs (2nd & 4th Sunday)

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass (Church & Zoom)

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Monday – Friday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer (Church)

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday – Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer (Church)

Wednesday

5 p.m. Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday & Thursday

9.30 p.m. Compline (via Zoom)

Zoom credentials for Sunday Mass are emailed each Saturday. If you would like to be added to the email list, please let Fr David know.

You can download Zoom onto your device, or you can call in by phone, dialling the number given in the email.



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Contributions.

A big thank you to those who have already contributed pieces to this newsletter. It is so great (and makes my life easier) to have contributions from our readers. It would be great to have more. Material to me at the email below by Wednesday would be great.

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Parish Calendar

October 2020		
Saturday 3 rd	11-2pm Harvest Fayre	Church Car park
Sunday 4th	10am Harvest Mass	Church
Sunday 11th	9am Gemstones 10am Parish Mass 11am APCM 2pm Baptism of Estelle Walker	Church
Monday 12 th	7pm onwards Archdeacon's Triennial Visitation	Church
Tuesday 13 th	10.30am Opening Service at Ada Lovelace Secondary School with Bishop Sarah 6pm Ada Lovelace Local Governing Body Meeting	
Wednesday 14 th	6pm Amnesty Letter Writing Group	Via Zoom
Sunday 18th	10am Parish Mass	Church / Zoom
Monday 19 th	7pm Standing Committee Meeting	Via Zoom
Wednesday 21 st	Ealing Deanery Synod	Via Zoom
Sunday 25th	9am Gemstones 10am Parish Mass	Church / Zoom
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	Ealing Schools half term	

November 2020		
Sunday 1st: All Saints Day	10am Parish Mass	Church/ Zoom
Sunday 8th: Remembrance Sunday	9am Gemstones 10am Parish Mass with Act of Remembrance	Church / Zoom
Tuesday 10 th	8pm Safeguarding Team Meeting	Via Zoom
Wednesday 11 th Armistice Day	10.50am Armistice Day Prayers 6pm Amnesty Letter Writing Group	Church/Zoom Zoom
Sunday 15th Second Sunday before Advent	10am Parish Mass	Church / Zoom
Sunday 22nd Sunday next before Advent	9am Gemstones 10am Parish Mass	Church / Zoom
Sunday 29th Advent Sunday	10am Parish Mass	Church / Zoom