



St Pancras Old Church

Parish of Old St Pancras

12TH MAY 2020

HAPPY ST. PANCRAS' DAY!

A PRAYER FOR ST. PANCRAS' DAY

Almighty God, let Your Church rejoice, relying as she does on the prayers of the blessed martyr Pancras. Helped by his intercession from heaven, may she stand firmly secure and persevere in your service. Though our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

STAY IN TOUCH!

Just because we can't go to church, doesn't mean that we stop being a family. We are continuing to be active helping our community, and reach out to those who need us.

Fr. James is sending out weekly updates via email, which you can sign up to by emailing him at fr.james@posp.co.uk.

A WORD FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Friends,

At this time of crisis it is particularly difficult for us, as a church family, to be apart from one another not able to worship in our beautiful church. Old St. Pancras' has been a place of worship and prayer for at least 1000 years. These holy stones have stood firm through revolutions and wars, plagues and famines. Countless generations have come here to find peace, to have their children baptised, to be married, for funerals and for the celebration of the mass, which is the heart of our life.

Each generation is called upon to care for this holy place in the best way we can so that it can continue to stand as a place of sanctuary for all in our great city.

On the 8th May, we celebrate VE Day and 75 years since the end of the Second World War. During the War, our church was almost completely destroyed in the Blitz (see photo below). But our community rose to the challenge, and the church was rebuilt.

Today, the church is in danger of closure and needs urgent work to stabilise the structure and make safe the ancient monuments. Once we have made the building safe we hope to embark on a second phase of works to beautify the church through careful restoration.

Please consider giving generously at this time so that we can continue to enjoy this precious church and hand it on to the next generation. You can donate on our [website](#), and we are grateful for anything that you can give to contribute to this important cause.

With every blessing, Fr. James





UPDATE ON OUR FUNDRAISING

Written by our fundraising committee

We are deeply grateful to our church family and supporters for raising £25,000 to help us identify the problems with the church building, and the works necessary to make it structurally safe, to renovate it and make St Pancras Old Church beautiful once again.

As you have seen with your own eyes, the cracks along the south wall of the church are growing and the Fundraising Committee is working hard to raise funds from charitable foundations to repair the wall as a matter of urgency. We are delighted to say that we have had some encouraging and warm responses to our grant inquiries and calls for support, and we are getting on with submitting applications. We will keep you all posted of our progress.

We could not do this work without the support and love of our congregation; fundraising is always a team effort. If you have fundraising ideas or thoughts, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Fr James, he would be delighted to talk with you. We understand that this is a time of crisis for all of us, and we appreciate any donation that you can make to the fundraising appeal to bring the church back to its former beauty, and please do share this newsletter with your friends, family and colleagues. We gratefully receive donations via our [website](#).



A PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY

12TH MAY

God of healing and hope, you sanctify the call of the nurse as one who offers themselves in the service of others. Just as you willingly took on the lowliness of human nature and in doing so elevated it, the nurse willingly takes on often thankless and commonplace tasks. In doing so they sanctify and make them holy. Remain with the nurses of the NHS.

Strengthen them as they serve with faithful devotion. Be a strength to them that they may be strong for others. Be a comfort to them that they may comfort others, and as their shifts come to an end, be a resting place for them that they may know your love, grace and joy. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR VE DAY 8TH MAY

O Almighty God, grant, we beseech thee, that we who here do honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country and of the Crown, may be so inspired by the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to thy glory and to the service of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.