



St Pancras Old Church

Parish of Old St Pancras

31ST MAY 2020

PENTECOST

A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. 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,
Pentecost marks the 50th day of Easter. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that on the day of Pentecost the disciples are gathered with Our Lady, and the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus comes upon them. A rush of wind is heard and felt moving violently among them. Then flames of fire appear hovering over each of their heads. They are given the gift of preaching the good news of Jesus and being understood in many languages, foreshadowing the growth of the Church across the whole world. And so Pentecost is also known as the Birthday of the Church.

Like many of those celebrating Birthdays at this time, the party isn't going to be a normal celebration. And although the gift of the Holy Spirit is guaranteed in the sacramental life of the church, it also moves powerfully among us as we make our way in the world as Christians.

And so in this season of Pentecost when we are locked out of our churches and cut off from the celebrations of the sacraments it is more important than ever to pray for the gifts of the spirit, to deepen our relationship with God and so be assured of his presence with us in all that we do.

Every blessing to you at Penetecost,
Fr James

SYLVIA BRANTINGHAM

Our dear friend Sylvia died peacefully at home on the morning of Pentecost Sunday just after receiving Holy Communion and the Last Rites of the Church. She was a faithful member of Old St Pancras for many years and will be missed. Please pray for the repose of her soul





UPDATE ON OUR FUNDRAISING

Written by our fundraising committee

Earlier this month, we submitted a grant application to Historic England, and we are delighted to announce that Historic England have accepted our grant and awarded us £38,000. We are also pleased to announce that we have received £1,000 in sponsorship from the Camden Bus Estate Agents.



This money allows us to begin Phase 2 in July, in line with our current schedule of works. Using helibars, the walls of the church will be stitched back together, making the building strong and stable for the next generation.

The completion of phase 2 is vital to the continued existence of St. Pancras' Old Church as a worship space, as a heritage site, and as the beating heart of our community. Please give what you can to protect this defining part of our history, by clicking [here](#).

OUR WORK IN THE CRISIS

As you know, we have been developing a partnership with AgeUK, to allow us to better live out our Christian mission to the most vulnerable. Some of our generous congregants have been baking cakes to include with food parcels, which have been received as real blessings by the people to whom these parcels go. Thank you so much for all your work.

Some members of our congregation have been helping out at Euston foodbank. Foodbank demand has increased recently, and it is a sign of real generosity that we are able to provide so much in this time of worry for so many. Thank you all so much for all your help! If you would like to get involved with the Foodbank, please email them at info@euston.foodbank.org.uk.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Celebrated on the 50th day of Easter, Pentecost remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church in Acts 2. Traditionally, clergy would wear red vestments to symbolise the fire of the Spirit. There is an ancient tradition in both the East and the West of decorating churches with roses for Pentecost.

BEEKEEPING UPDATE

Unfortunately, the bees placed at the church in early 2020 didn't survive. It seems they caught a common bee disease called nosema, a bacterial infection which can kill a hive. If this had occurred in summer, the bees could have been saved, but when a hive gets nosema in winter it's much harder to save it.

Thankfully, we do have a second option, and a new hive of bees will arrive in June- these bees are already thriving so should have plenty of time to make us some lovely honey!

