



St Pancras Old Church

Parish of Old St Pancras

THE 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Welcome to our first open air mass! You will find the readings and news on this sheets, and we hope you will be able to follow with the familiar words of the Mass.

THE COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Sylvia Hearn and Rachael Floyd who are both in hospital and for Gerald Davey who continues to recover from his stroke.

A READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-10

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Romans 8:9,11-13

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Matthew 11:25-30

GARDEN NOTES

A spectacular Spring became Blazing June, giving us all manner of 'reds'. Scarlet Geraniums (given to us by park gardeners last year). Rosy reds and pinks of handsome Hydrangeas, the lovely mauve and cream flowers of the one on the South Side. 'Watch this space' for the Pinky Winky Hydrangea blooming later in the summer.



The Vestry Gate two 'show boxes' (home to the spectacular ruby red poppy earlier) now with blue flowers of Campanula, gold of marigolds and oakleaved Polyanthus, and a tiny pink "Pink" (Dianthus), not to mention, the white Geraniums also Gardeners' gifts.

The Olive Tree at our front gate is losing the tiny silvery cream green blossoms, showering the scarlet crowd of Geraniums below.

Two summer planted Boxes between the yellow Choisya and Box (I think?) bushes, now full of orange and yellow flowers (whose name no one knows). Large marigolds still to come. Best of all the tall purple Scabious are visited by our own Old St. Pancras' Bees.

Newly planted on the South Side, three pots of Dahlias, flowers to come, and shaded from some of the noontday June sun by the large Palm (Tracycarpus Fortunii - I think). There are two pots with a mass of the beautiful spear shaped leaves of the Calla Lily, whose deep purple trumpet shaped flowers show later.

And if you walk round to the Back Gate (unfortunately, you can't continue on the South Side as repair work to the Church wall to begin) you'll find the large crimson flowers of the red, red Rose (name unknown) now nearly six feet tall. If you are tall enough you'll be able to catch the lovely faint scent, but when the Gertrude Jekyll rose bush gets going, you'll be overcome Watch that space!



Liz Bowden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marta had a very special birthday this month and instead of gifts she asked her friends and family to donate towards our Restoration Appeal Fund, amazingly she raised £1000! Thank you Marta and Happy Birthday to you!

BUILDING WORKS

The first phase of restoration works begin on the 13th July, this will stabilise the south nave wall where it joins the sanctuary. The works will be finished on the 5th September and the church will be closed during this period.

MASS TIMES

Because of the current health restrictions and the building works we will have a reduced mass schedule for the summer (weather permitting!)

Sundays 9.30am outdoor Solemn Mass

Wednesdays 11am Mass in St Paul's Church followed by coffee

Thursdays 10am outdoor Mass followed by coffee.

Please speak to Fr James if you can help out with coffee and cakes.