



## Diary Dates

### Thursday 29th June

- CAIAS ~ in the Common Room ~ Treasure Hunt.

### Start the Day Right 9am

Morning prayer in the chapel on Monday for the next two weeks as Jenny is not available for Wednesdays. We are unable to guarantee morning prayer taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays - so please check with Elizabeth.

### Annual Church Outing ~ Yesterday

Thank you to Lorraine for co-ordinating yesterday's outing and the social committee for their input.

### Accessible Light - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

We would like to get an idea of how many want to come to this day of sacred space and prayer ministry, so if you plan to come **please sign up** as soon as possible. We are limited to 20 people.

### Love Streatham Fun Day - Saturday 15th July 2017

On our Common—1-4pm. A free day for all the family, games, bouncy castles, stalls, refreshments and other activities. We as a Church provide 2 bouncy castles. Please see Arthur Williams if you would like to help out with supervision.

### Ecumenical Service - Sunday 16th July 2017

On our Common at 10.30am. An opportunity to share worship and celebrate with many of the other Churches in Streatham. Theme is "Treasure and Pearls". Clair would welcome support in making biscuits for the children's Messy Church. The recipe is available in foyer or from Janiel.

**Reminder** - There is no 10.00am Service on 16th July as we will be on the Common, but please prepare for the shared worship by joining us at 09.00 am for Holy Communion in the Church.

### Foodbank donations

Foodbank stocks are currently very low and demand is currently very high. Please see the list in the Foyer and bring in to Church whatever you can.

## Prayer pointers

- Give thanks as we make arrangements to appoint our churchwardens and for those who feel God is calling them to this ministry. Continue to pray that God will raise two further 'elected' PCC members from our number.
- For all affected in any way by the atrocities of Manchester and London, as they care, mourn and seek justice, as well as those affected by the disastrous tower block fire in Kensington. For those who have been evacuated from their homes whilst safety repairs take place ~ that they can return soon.
- For each of us as Pentecost people ~ continuing our journey of faith and welcoming the Holy Spirit.
- For cover for our Services while Elizabeth is on holiday next month. So far there have been no offers to provide Holy Communion.

## WELCOME BAGS

We hope that you have received one of our welcome bags, please enjoy & note their content and complete and return the Church Contact Details form which is amongst the information.

We really would like to 'know' who comes to church!

You can hand your form to one of the stewards or put it in the box in the foyer.

Also, prayerfully consider the Stewardship response form, and then complete it to indicate how the Spirit is guiding you. This return will help us gauge our resources/budget for the year. Your returned form will be only be opened by the Treasurer to maintain confidentiality.

Envelopes for your voluntary donation (£5 suggested) can be placed in the offering basket at any service.

We aim to hand out bags at the end of each service to newcomers and those who have not yet received theirs. If you don't get one, let us know.

## Streatham Senior Connections - Mindful Movement

Chair-based yoga exercise sessions on Mon 31st July and 7th, 14th & 21st August. 1.30-2.30pm at St. Leonard's Church. All welcome.

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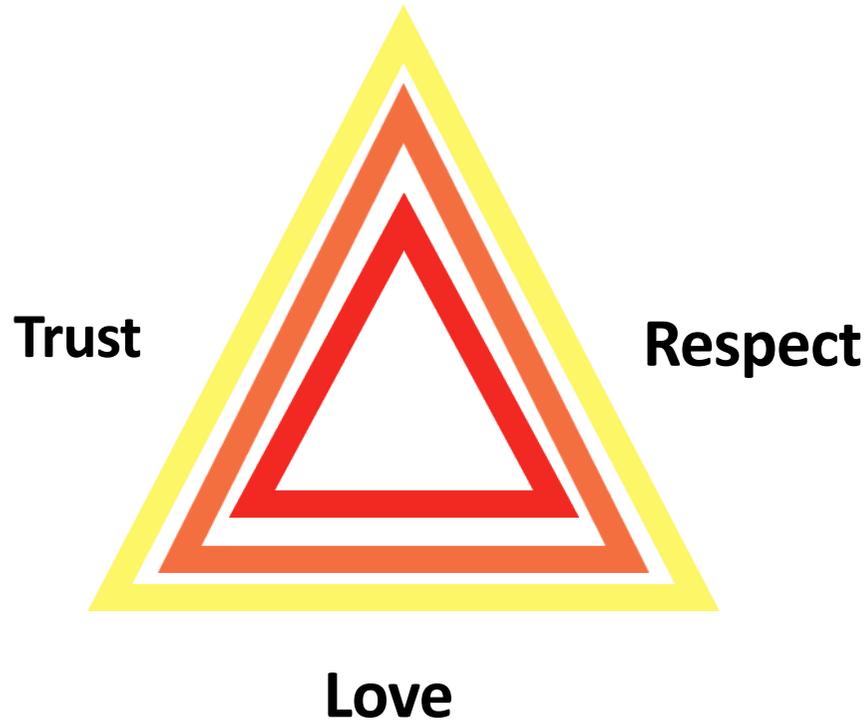
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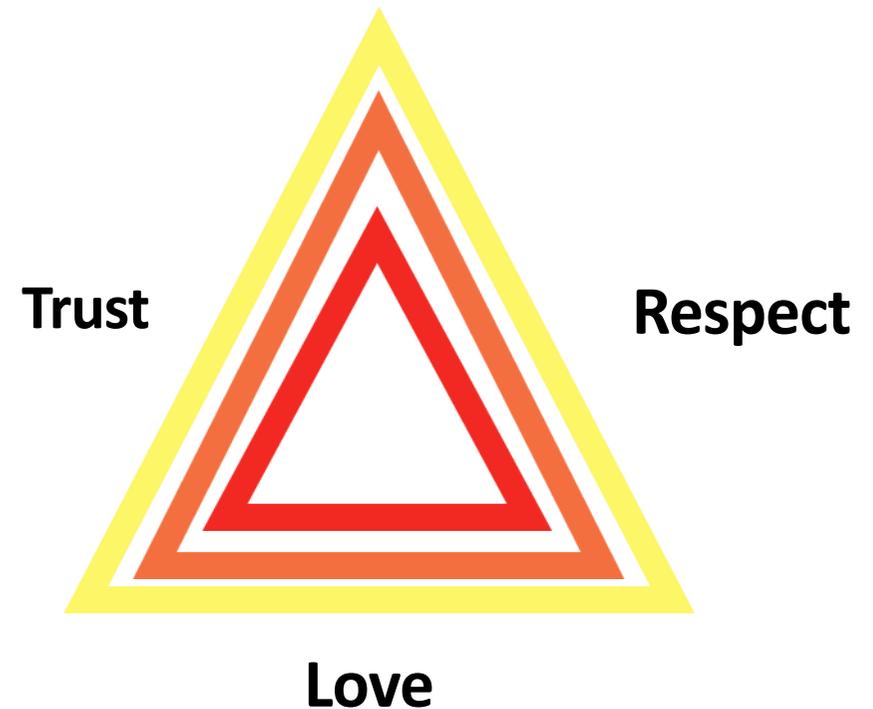
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