



## Diary Dates

### Thursday 13th July

- CAIAS - in the Common Room - Movement to music

#### Start the Day Right 9am

Morning prayer in the chapel on Monday. For the foreseeable future we are unable to offer morning prayer on a Wednesday or guarantee morning prayer taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays - so please check with Elizabeth.

#### Church on the Common - TODAY!

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".

Thank you to all who took part in the Fun Day yesterday and who are involved this morning.

Please come and be part of the worship

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

A reminder that this day of sacred space and prayer ministry takes place on Saturday. If you haven't signed up but still would like to come you will be very welcome. It would help if you can let David Gray know.

#### Foodbank donations

Foodbank stocks are currently very low and demand is currently very high. Please see the list in the Foyer and donate whatever you can. There is a new big, & blue collection crate in Foyer. Why not get into the habit of bringing in a tin/packet a week when you attend Church? We thank you in advance.

#### Open Door - Summer Edition

From 23<sup>rd</sup> July we will produce our Summer Open Door which will contain Service times, Readings and Collects for the next seven weeks and a general prayer pointer for that period. Any URGENT notices we will endeavour to publish on an insert if staffing levels permit.

## Prayer pointers

- Continue to pray that God will raise our two urgently required Churchwardens and two '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.
- Give thanks for the cover for our Services while Elizabeth is on holiday. Pray for Bishop Richard as he prepares to visit on 6<sup>th</sup> August to provide our 10.00 am Communion. And David & Marion providing Morning prayer on 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. It is unlikely but if we are offered clergy cover for Communion on those two Sundays it will be at 09.00 am and we will notify as soon as we know.
- Pray for Jenny Hull as she convalesces at home and plans for the future. Give thanks for those supporting her at this time.

#### 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 in the bag.

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.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August. 1.30-2.30pm at St. Leonard's Church.

All welcome.

## **Ministry Musings (16<sup>th</sup> July 2017)**

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Our experience here at Immanuel is that God richly blesses us in our pilgrimage with Him so this period of waiting seems particularly hard and frustrating! Today's Gospel affirms for us it is right to be patient and wait on God but that does depend on us listening to His prompting and not ignoring it! It is clearly confirmed that if we plant on the path or rocky ground we will fail so we need to well but we need the seed! By our APCM next year that seed will not just be for Churchwardens and PCC members but for a new treasurer as well. We need to learn to listen and understand how God requires us to move forward. Paul writes that

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We do not want anyone to respond to our pleas through feeling guilty however Isaiah gives a prophecy that tells us the Word that comes from God is not returned to Him empty but will accomplish what He desires, enabling us to

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and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

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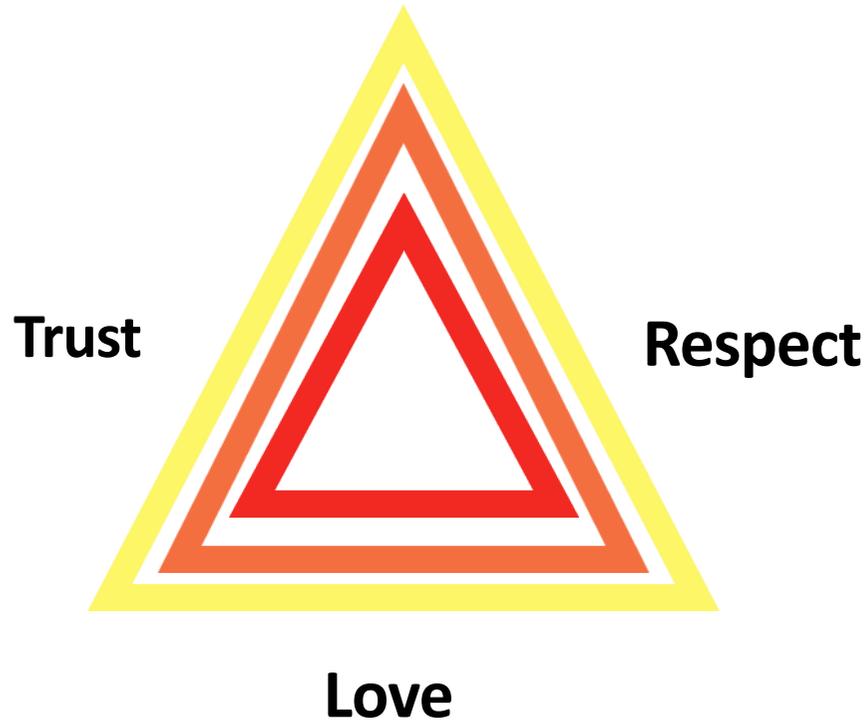
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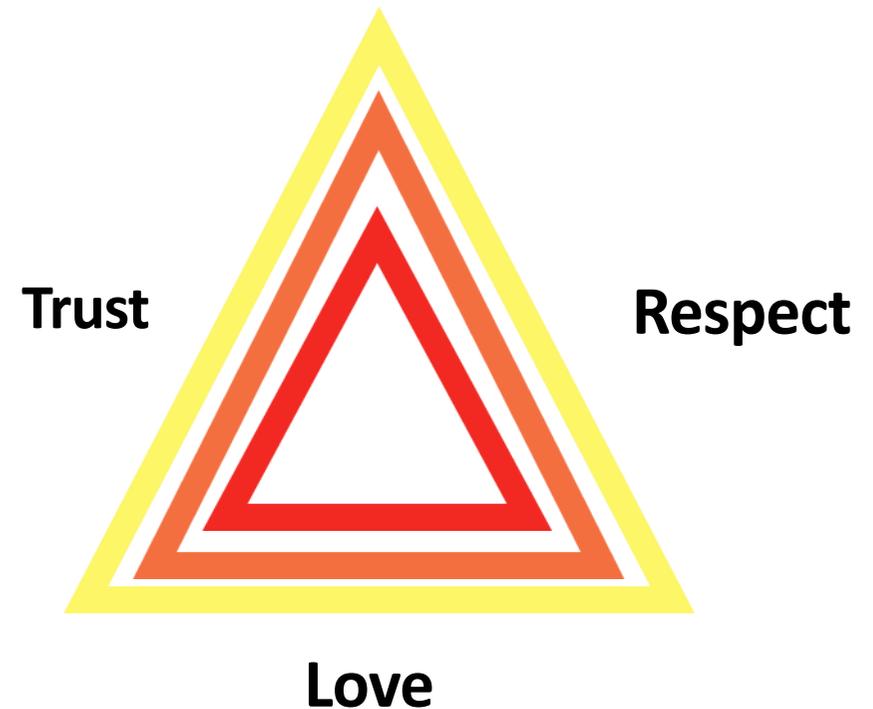
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