

Diary Dates

Until week commencing 2nd October

- Elizabeth away from the parish on compassionate leave

Monday 25th September

- 1st session of "Leading your Church into Growth" - a course at Trinity House which a number of us will be attending.

Thursday 28th September

- CAIAS - in the Common Room - this week: Guilty or Not Guilty - talk by Arthur Williams

Saturday 30th September

- Please note that the Safari Supper has been cancelled

Streatham Senior Connections

If you are over 60, 2 activities that may interest you:

Mindful Movement: The next batch of sessions will run every Monday throughout October plus a session on the first Monday in November. They are especially designed for older people including those living with memory loss. We begin at 1.30 for an hour followed by tea and biscuits. Usual place: St Leonard's Church.

October Lunch: are you over 60 and interested in enjoying a wonderful lunch at the Performing Arts Society for Music? If so, please speak to Janice Badcock.

Welcome and thanks

A warm welcome today to Revd Alan Gadd, who is presiding at our 9:00am Communion Service. Thank you, Alan, for your ministry to us.

Start the Day Right

There will be no Start the Day Right until further notice. If you need urgent prayer ministry please contact Dr Marion Gray.

Prayer Pointers

- For Elizabeth and her sister Anne as they deal with their Mum's affairs, including clearing her bungalow, following her funeral
- For the new Rector of St Leonard, Streatham, Anna Norman-Walker, as she begins her ministry
- For the "Leading Your Church into Growth" (LYCiG) course and those attending from Immanuel and St Andrew, that this will benefit our church and its mission

Safari Supper - Church Social Evening

We are sorry but this social event originally planned for 30th September has had to be cancelled.

Gift Day 2017—Sunday October 8th

This year we will continue to support our CMS mission partners in Tanzania and South East Asia, as well as St Michael's Fellowship. We will also be supporting Safe Passage UK, who work with refugees, finding them safe and legal ways to the UK. Today we welcome Hilary Box from St Michael's Fellowship who will tell us something about their work.

Please give generously in support of these projects, using the special envelopes which will be available from October 8th.

Musings 17th September - 1st October

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While I am away I invite you to consider how you practice what you preach and when you find it difficult.

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What is the Spirit prompting you to do to deepen your relationship with God?

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