

**Sunday 8th October 2017 - 17th Sunday after Trinity
Gift Day**

10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA

Readings: Deuteronomy 24: 14-22 OT page 187
Ephesians 2: 11-19 NT page 190
Matthew 25: 31-46 NT page 27

In place of a sermon, James Asfa, assisted by Caroline Hewitt, will talk about the work of Safe Passage UK
Junior Church as usual.

Facing Depression?

If you are affected by depression - your own or someone else's - you may be interested in the Facing Depression Together Awareness Day. There are details in the foyer.

Remember:

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**Sunday 1st October 2017 ~
16th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Holy Communion**

President: Revd Gareth Powell; Preacher: Dr Marion Gray

Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7 OT page 644
Romans 12: 1-13 NT page 157
John 15: 1-17 NT page 106

Collect

**O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Diary Dates

Until week commencing 2nd October

- Elizabeth away from the parish on compassionate leave

Thursday 5th October

- CAIAS - in the Common Room - this week: Knitter Natter

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 Gareth Powell, who is presiding at our Communion Service today. Thank you, Gareth, 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 finish dealing with their Mum's affairs following her funeral and for Elizabeth as she returns to the parish this week
- 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
- For a prayerful and generous response to our Gift Day

Gift Day 2017—Sunday October 8th

Last Sunday we heard from Hilary Box of St Michael's Fellowship about the very valuable work they are doing with young families in the Streatham area. Today I will give an update on the work of our CMS Mission Partners. Next Sunday, James Asfa from Safe Passage UK will come to share with us the work he is involved in, enabling refugees to make a new home in the UK and to find work.

These three organisations will be the recipients of all the money donated for Gift Day and the PCC will match fund whatever you give up to a maximum of £2,000. Please help to make sure the PCC has to give the maximum amount!

Please use the special Gift Day envelopes. Only fill in the details if you are giving via Gift Aid. If you cannot Gift Aid your donation please leave the details blank.

Marion Gray

Musings 17th September - 1st October

I trust that you will understand that as I grieve the death of my beloved Mum I am finding it impossible to concentrate on musings themed to the week's readings and the reflections that they point us towards. What I can relate to is the Importance to me at this time of being a disciple of Christ and knowing His love.

Mum was a quiet, almost 'closet', disciple. She had been unable to attend church for the last decade due to caring for Dad and then her own failing health. It is quite possible that the last time she attended a church Service was here at Immanuel & St. Andrew! She thought you were all lovely and respected that you were prepared to struggle to live faith day by day. She knew first hand how hard that can be and although always supportive of both Anne and me, she found coming to worship when I was ministering difficult as she would tell folks "trouble is I know the real Elizabeth and I am afraid one day she won't practice what she is preaching ~ and I will know!" Mum had chosen not to attend church with Dad ~ partly because she ended up as a pew widow while he went to sing in the choir and sadly, over the years, she had witnessed the hypocrisy of churches, unlike ours, who failed to struggle with living their faith each day but came to worship apparently for show, treating church as a closed social club! That hurt her deeply and I know her prayer was that others would not be hurt in the same way! Having said that she never lost sight of the Lord who loved her, she 'fed' on the radio pause for thought and the more recent style Songs of Praise that looked at what the Lord equipped everyday folk to do to share their faith.

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

Who knows you well enough to know when you risk being hypercritical and not being as good a disciple as you might be?

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

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