

Diary Dates

Thursday 12th 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.

St Luke's Night Shelter

On Saturday 4th November in the evening we hope to provide the food for the homeless who attend The Night Shelter at St Luke's Church, West Norwood. **How you can help:**

- Provide food by making a dish. This could be brought to our church at 5pm Saturday 4th November. We need enough food to serve about 25 people
- Provide car transport to take the food to St Luke's
- Help prepare the food and serve it at St Luke's from 6pm to 9pm. You have to be over 18 to do this.

Please put your name on the notice board in the entrance today. **MUST BE TODAY** as we need to tell St Luke's that we are up for it tomorrow ,

Any questions, see Clair Wilcox or Arthur Williams.

Prayer Pointers

- 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

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.

Gift Day 2017—Today, Sunday October 8th

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 two weeks ago, and last week I gave a brief update on the work of our CMS Mission Partners. Today, James Asfa from Safe Passage UK will 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. Thank you for your support.

Marion Gray

Ministry musings ~ 8th October

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This week we are delighted to welcome James Asfa and to hear about the work of Safe Passage UK. As we reflect on what he shares with us I invite you to consider today's Collect

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you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Look at why we are created and what we have to do to find true peace.

Look at what we ask for ~ God's love and to be in His presence.
and

Look at why we ask for it ~ eternal life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how these three aspects effect our attitudes and experiences towards bereavement and towards the refugee situation that we are being made aware of and trying to respond to.

Then apply today's Collect to every aspect of your life and together we will continue to know Jesus and make Him known.

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