

Sunday 22nd October 2017 - 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion with Baptism

President and Preacher: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA

Readings: Joshua 2: 1-22 OT page 200
Acts 9: 32 - 43 NT page 124
Matthew 1:18 - 25 NT page 1

Sunday 29th October 2017 - Last Sunday after Trinity

We have the special opportunity to welcome Captain Graham Nunn of the Church Army and Nancy Wang, a trainee children's minister on placement from China. They will share with us about ministry in both countries and something of what it is like being a Christian in China. There will be a **'Bring & Share'** lunch and slides to view.

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Sunday 15th October 2017 - 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9 OT page 662
Philippians 4: 1-9 NT page 196
Matthew 22: 1-14 NT page 23

10.00 am All-Age worship

Led by: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA

Reading: Exodus 32: 1-14 On Service sheet

Collect

**Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

Thursday 19th October

- CAIAS - in the Common Room - this week - Happy Hour and a Half.

Streatham Senior Connections

If you are over 60, this activity 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. The sessions begin at 1.30m for an hour followed by tea and biscuits. Usual place: St Leonard's Church.

Saint Luke's, West Norwood, Night Shelter Meal, Saturday 4th November

Due to the great response last Sunday Arthur was able to contact Saint Luke's and confirm that we will provide a meal for about 25 homeless people on the evening of Saturday 4th November. Many of you have agreed to help supply food that evening, which can be brought to a central point, most likely Immanuel Church by 5pm or help with transport to Saint Luke's or prepare and serve the meal. Some of you have even signed up for all three! If you would like to join us please sign the notice in the entrance.

Details from Clair Wilcox or Arthur Williams

Interfaith Dialogue, Friday 10th November

An inter Faith Dialogue Discussion. Friday 10th November at 7.30pm at Streatham Mosque, Mitcham Lane, opposite The Green. A dialogue between The Love Streatham Churches and The Mosque. **The subject is:** Salvation: how are you "saved" in Islam and Christianity? The speaker presenting the Christian perspective is Alex Lyell, leader of Streatham Central Church. All are welcome - no barrier to women guests.

Details from Arthur Williams.

Prayer Pointers

- For Ludovico George Finamore and his family as they prepare for his Baptism next Sunday (22nd) Ludo's family are regular members of our congregation.
- 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

We have heard from Hilary Box of St Michael's Fellowship about the very valuable work they are doing with young families in the Streatham area and received a brief update on the work of our CMS Mission Partners. Most recently we heard from James Asfa on behalf of Safe Passage UK, who shared 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 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! Now is the time to prayerfully decide what God is directing you to give.

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.

Musings ~ 15th October 2017

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Each of us is encouraged to respond to that Caring God, the God whose love is outrageously unconditional. Sometimes, of course, that love does not seem unconditional if we simply read biblical accounts out of context ~ God gets angry ~ but note that he rarely acts on that anger and if He does there is something specific that He wants to teach, wants us to learn. Always that teaching and learning is to enable us to come closer to Him ~ the Old Testament representing all the preparation that God does to enable the people to have access to a personal relationship with Him rather than a distant hierarchical one and the New Testament opening the way to the completion of that work through the ministry, passion and resurrection of Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

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- we are encouraged to recognise the true God and trust Him ~ not give up and worship material things.
- we are encouraged to find god in all things and to rejoice always, and
- we are invited to accept the invitation to the wedding banquet ~ the feast of eternal life.
- We are, in short, called to be disciples, apprentices, trainees of the greatest opportunity ever!

Where are you in that apprenticeship ?

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