

Sunday 29th October 2017 - Last Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion with Baptism

President: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA

Preachers: Captain Graham Nunn and Miss Nancy Wang

Readings: Ecclesiastes 11:4-6 OT page 632

Acts 15: 1-19 NT page 131

Mark 8: 31-38 NT page 42

We have the special opportunity today 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 is a '**Bring & Share**' lunch, slides to view and the chance to chat.

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Readings: Joshua 2: 1-22 OT page 200

Acts 9: 32 - 43 NT page 124

Matthew 1:18 - 25 NT page 1

Collect

**O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 26th October

- CAIAS - there will be no CAIAS sessions until Thursday 9th November. Apologies to those this affects - please look out for updates in case this changes.

Streatham Senior Connections

If you are over 60, this activity may interest you:

- **Mindful Movement:** The next batch of sessions are running 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

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to bring food, provide transport and serve the food for the evening meal for the homeless before they use the Night Shelter. It's not too late to help by signing up on the list in the entrance or speak to 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 today. 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
- For Graham and Nancy as they prepare to share with us next Sunday and that we should hear the word they bring.

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 ~ 22nd October 2017

Have you ever really stopped to think about the women of Scripture? There are the obvious ones in the New Testament ~ Mary the Mother of Jesus, Elizabeth, her cousin, Mary Magdalene, Martha and Mary sisters of Lazerus, the woman at the well, and you will remember others. In the Old Testament you may think of Hannah, or Ruth or Miriam, sister of Moses and Aaron, but what was her mother called? She was called Jochebed and was a daughter of Levi and the wife of Amram. This year the Trinity Gospel readings concentrate on Matthew and this morning I want you to think how Matthew uses the women of the faith in his writing.

The opening verses of the Gospel of Matthew trace the ancestry of Jesus back to the patriarch Abraham. Not surprisingly, Jesus' genealogy is an illustrious one, including Jacob, Judah, David, Solomon and Hezekiah. Somewhat unusually, however, the list includes four women from the Hebrew Bible. In Matthew's Jewish world, genealogies typically mentioned only men. Surprisingly, the four women—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and “the wife of Uriah” (that is, Bathsheba)—have somewhat questionable reputations. What prompted Matthew to include a prostitute (Rahab), a woman who pretended to be a prostitute (Tamar), a sexually forward widow (Ruth), and a woman taken in adultery (Bathsheba) in his “account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham”? Matthew's choices show that God's love can be shown through whoever He decides to use! After all, the accounts of Mary the Mother of Jesus are not spared from the taint of unseemly behaviour for a female! Can't you just hear the tittle tattle ~ “how did she get pregnant then ~ whose child is it? And so on. We believe that Jesus is incarnate but the people and prejudice of the day would have thought Mary bad news! Mary was a very brave young lady as were the four women in the genealogy! What was it made these women brave, able to follow their beliefs and to stand up for them? Think about the women you encounter today ~ do they show the same faith and trust? Whether you are female or not do you?

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