

Sunday 5th November, 2017 - All Saints Sunday
(Fourth Sunday before Advent)

10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA

Preacher: Dr. Marion Gray

Readings: Revelation 7: 9-end NT page 247
1 John 3: 1-3 NT page 237
Matthew 5:1-12 NT page 4

PCC Members ~ please note that the November PCC meeting has been rescheduled for

Wednesday, 22nd November 2017

this is to enable our Area dean to be with us.
Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.
Thank you

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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. Do stay for the '**Bring & Share**' lunch and to chat.

Collect

**Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Help Destitute Refugees across the Channel

Caroline Hewitt is travelling with an interfaith group to Calais for the weekend of 17th to 19th November. Sadly, many refugees are living destitute in Calais and Paris, including some unaccompanied children. Their situation is desperate. The group is taking much needed food, clothing and other provisions and volunteering for the weekend with Care4Calais. Please help by donating items from the list - see list in foyer or speak to Caroline.

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. Please hold this group of volunteers and the work of the night shelter in your prayers.

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

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of Eno' and Ebun's first grandchild ~ Elijah Amooquaye, and for his parents Edem and Sandra .
- 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 share with us today and that we should hear the word they bring.
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.

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—collection closing soon!

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.

Musings ~ 29th October

Being a disciple ~ a follower of Jesus ~ has a number of elements within it

- 1) Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord.
 - 2) Constantly seeking to know more about the Lord we have chosen to follow, through scripture, prayer and, reflection.
 - 3) Joining with others in praise and worship and sharing.
 - 4) Living by what we learn so that others can see the values we hold dear in how we approach everyday life situations.
- Seeing 'Christ in you' a reflection of the relationship you have with God.

Many things affect our progress on the journey of faith and there will be times when we neglect area of discipleship; not making time to read our Bible or pray, finding other things to do instead of coming to church (or being unable to attend due to our age or health or that of others dependant on us), hiding what we believe from the world in our lifestyles for fear of rejection or because of the pressures of the material world. Those times of neglect, through situation, can become habit and then they are detrimental to us in our relationship with God.

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