

**12th November 2017 ~Third Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday**

President and Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings: Wisdom 6: 12-16 On Insert
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NT page 202
 Matthew 25:1-13 NT page 27

As in past years our Senior Junior Church and congregation members will represent us at the War Memorial Service and will be laying a wreath on our behalf.



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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

Collect

**Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 9th November

- **CAIAS** - there will be no CAIAS sessions until further notice. Apologies to those this affects - please look out for updates in case this changes.

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

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.

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.

Prayer Pointers

- 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 Graham and Nancy, giving thanks as they continue in the ministry that God has called them to.
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- For each of us as we learn afresh to be obedient to Jesus' commandment "*that you love one another as I have loved you*".

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!

**St Michael's Fellowship
CMS ~ our Mission Partners
Safe Passage UK**

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 ~ 5th November 2017

in Matthew this morning we hear of the commencement of Jesus' teaching ministry. Jesus begins by teaching His disciples who have come to Him.

What does Jesus choose to teach them? Jesus teaches what we know s the Beatitudes. The beatitudes reveal our human ability to go it along and deny God ~ even when we are seen to do all the right things but God knows our hearts are not in what we are doing and we are not loving as He loves us. When we are poor enough in spirit from paying lip service to our belief then we can receive the kingdom of heaven as we let God back in; when we mourn marring God's image in us then we are receptive to being comforted; as we are comforted we recognise our need to be fed by God; when we are able to show mercy to others we will be shown mercy; when we receive God's mercy he is able to cleanse our hearts (look up the refiners fire ~ Malachi 3:3) and we will see God; when we see God we know His peace and can be peacemakers because we live as His children; BUT beware when we are making that pilgrimage we will be persecuted for our openness and honouring of God and may well feel of poor spirit and be tempted to go it alone again ~ putting activity in place of acclaiming God. When we learn to resist that temptation we discover we still have the kingdom of God but we have to continue the pilgrimage and not rest on our laurels ~ never thinking we have arrived at the end of the journey ~ that is given us in the fulness of eternal life that each of us as a believer is promised.

1 John reminds us to recognise the great love that God lavishes on us as His children and to see it in one another ~ the more we journey the more we discover the potential God sees in each of us.

Within the Revelation of St. John we are offered the picture of all the children of God who have become the great multitude of eternal life already ~ their activity is to acclaim God in worship and praise because they have accepted God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and have passed through the refiners fire, been purified and made whole ~ they have reached their full potential and knowing Jesus, have, and continue to make Him known to others.

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