

26th November 2017 ~ Feast of Christ the King ~ Sunday next
before Advent
10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.
Preachment: Presentation by the Senior members of
Junior Church

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 OT page 817
Ephesians 1:15-23 NT page 189
Matthew 25:31-46 NT page 27



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19th November 2017 ~ Second Sunday before Advent
09.00 am Holy Communion

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

Readings: Zephaniah 1,7,12-end OT page 889
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 -11 NT page 202
Matthew 25:14-30 NT page 27

10.00 am All Age Service with Baptism.

Leader: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.
Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 On service Sheet

Collect

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd November ~CAIAS - We give thanks that Whitbourne is back at home and pray for him and for Maureen. Please look out for an update on church door for when CAIAS will resume.

PCC Members ~ Please note that the November PCC meeting has been rescheduled and is **THIS COMING**

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

Help Destitute Refugees across the Channel

Caroline Hewitt is travelling with an interfaith group to Calais this weekend (17th to 19th November). We hold all involved in prayer.

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 is volunteering for the weekend with Care4Calais.

Thank you for all the help you have given by donating items from the list in foyer or speaking to Caroline and assisting in other ways.

NIGHT SHELTER

Our contribution to the Night Shelter was a well received great success. As a church we provided the food for the evening meal for the homeless who use Saint Luke's Church, West Norwood as a night shelter. Saint Luke's extended their thanks to all those who provided the food, helped with transport or served the food. They were very impressed with the quality and quantity of our offering! Saint Luke's run the Saturday meal through to mid January and are very keen for us to maintain the link. I know many of you are in agreement with this. Another date will be arranged so that we can contribute again. Please continue to pray for this project and consider if you can contribute. Arthur Williams.

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 those preparing to come to Baptism next week.
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- For all that we 'Remember' today as we seek justice, an end to wars and God's peace. For each of us as we learn afresh to be obedient to Jesus' commandment "*that you love one another as I have loved you*".
- Pray for Flora Moyse and Rory Coy with their families as they are Baptised today.

Training/workshop

"Boundaries, Expectations and Safeguarding for those visiting seniors."

... Organised by Streatham Senior Connections ~ at St. Leonard's Church on Saturday 25th, November ~ from 2:00 to 4:00 pm followed by tea and cake. Anyone interested leave a message on 020 8769 1216, email streathamseniors1@gmail.com or speak to Janice Badcock.

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.

Bruges Christmas Market ~ Coach Trip ~ 2nd December 2017
~ set off time **05.30 am! PASSPORTS ESSENTIAL.**

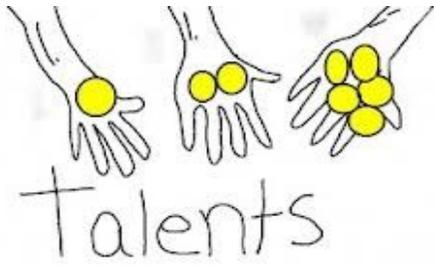
Coach now full with waiting list ~
Adults £35 each ~ Children £25

Full payment is required now. Visiting Wine Warehouse en route home! If you want to be added to the waiting list then speak to Lorraine, Joyce or Clair **TODAY.**

Ministry Musings

“And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”

Micah 6:8b



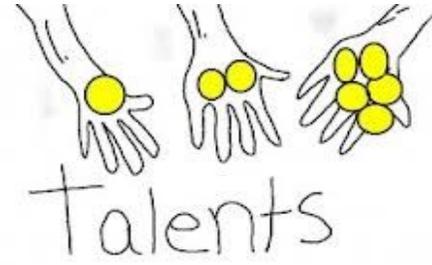
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During this week take time to look at the image above ~ and search your heart. When you first came to accept Jesus He gave you a portion of faith or a 'talent'. Like the landlord gives his servants an amount of gold telling each to be a good steward of the gift. It is not relevant how much your portion was to start with ~ the importance lies in receiving it and what you have done with it since! You and I receive faith like a seed that needs protecting whilst it is nurtured and encouraged to grow into something beyond what we can imagine enabling us to find wholeness in the eternal life promised us. Why was the landlord so angered by the servant who simply protected the gold he was given? Because he did just that ~ protected it ~ and carried on with his life. It was not nurtured ~ it did not grow ~ it remained an unopened gift ~ unwanted or cherished just for itself and not its potential. God wants you and I to grow in our knowledge and love of Him not just cherish and protect the moment we realised that love was there for us. So look at the hands above ~ which was yours when you were given your portion and which is it now? No-one given one portion should still have only one portion, weeks, months or years later. In the same way if you received two or five portions~ you should now have more. There is a catch ~ we have to ensure our portion is nurtured and enabled to grow ~ not just on a Sunday ~ but every day! Un-nurtured the portion gets eaten away ~ grows weary and weak and will eventually die. Scripture tells us we can give because we receive ~ we receive first from God so that we can give to others. We are God's portions so we have to look after ourselves by being nurtured and growing in our faith not taking it for granted but honouring God: knowing Jesus and making Him known.

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