

25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

10.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Ven. Simon Gates, Archdeacon of Lambeth

Deacon: Eileen Ross

Readings: **Liturgy of the Palms~**

Mark 11:1–11 NT page 45

Liturgy of the Passion

Philippians 2:5–11 NT page 194

Mark 15:1–39, NT page 51 (various voices)



.... “and Jesus was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.”

Hebrews 5: 7b-9 (NIV)

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18th March 2018

(5th Sunday of Lent ~Passiontide begins)

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Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34 OT page 746
Hebrews 5:5–10 NT page 217
John 12:20–33 NT page 103

~ Collect ~

**Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

- **Monday 19th March - Immanuel Prays!** - our prayer group meets at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. (Later meetings see opposite.)
- **Wednesday 21st March - PCC meeting** - 8:00 pm Common Rm
- **Thursday 22nd March - CAIAS** - 10:30am in Common Room. This week's programme: Pray and sing-a-long
- **Saturday 24th March - Informal Lent tea and talk** at Marcia Crow's home - 2.30 pm.

Clocks go forward one hour on 25th March 2018

Holy Week

- **Monday 26th March ~ Funeral at South London Crematorium Chapel** (Rowan Road) at 4.00 pm of Susan England which will be followed by a celebration of her life at Immanuel.

Susan England

The arrangements for Susan's funeral are:

Date:

Monday 26th March 2018

Place:

South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, London SW16 5JG,

Time: 4.00

Followed by:

A celebration of Susan's life.

From: 5.00

Place:

Immanuel & St. Andrew church hall,

452 Streatham High Road, Streatham, London SW16 3PY,

There will be food and drink, but feel free to bring more of either.

(for catering purposes if you are making food or drink contributions please contact Caroline Hewitt)

The family will take care of flowers, just so we are not overwhelmed. Instead if you would like to you could contribute to the Just Giving page that John set up a few weeks ago when he shaved his head to raise money for Cancer Research, and which is now dedicated to Susan's memory.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/johns-giving-page-111>

An opportunity to support Fair Trade

The Fair Trade Table will be open & selling this Sunday (18th March).

Prayer Pointers

- Pray for those preparing to share in the ministry and worship at Immanuel during the Parish Renewal Pilot giving thanks for the support we are being given. ~ **Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known.**
- Pray for all involved with our school. For those offering as a foundation governor, or for election as a parent governor. Pray that we can be representational of the community our school serves. Pray for all families awaiting primary school allocations.
- Continue to give thanks for the lives of Susan England, (& Mrs England Senior who died this week), Sarah Jennifer Green (Penny Bramwell's sister), Jim McLean, Granville Brown (Lorraine Thomas's father) and Earl Lynch (Joyce Lynch's Father in Law) and pray for Chris, Penny, Hannah, Lorraine, & Joyce and their families at this sad time. Pray too for Angie Grant and her family mourning the recent death of her Father-in-law.

Immanuel Prays!

Future meetings, at 7.30pm in the Chapel:

Tuesday 27th March (provisional)

Monday 9th April

(No meeting in the week after Easter.)

Welcome

For the next few weeks we welcome Ven. Simon Gates, our Archdeacon, to preside and preach and look forward to his ministry with us.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Please give generously in support of the charities chosen for this year's appeal. Details are on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Love Streatham invite you to a Good Friday Celebration.

(Friday 30 March)

Join local churches for an open air Good Friday Service at 11a.m. on Streatham Green. Theme "What is Good about Good Friday?" Observed through Music, Youth Drama, Face Painting and Free Hot Cross Buns!

Ministry Musings ~ Passiontide

(5th Sunday of Lent)

Passiontide, sometimes referred to as 'The Holiest of Seasons'~ leads us through the last week of Lent, Palm Sunday and then Holy Week; through the Passion or *Suffering* of our Lord.

Through Lent we have adopted the practice of covering the triptych banner in our church (that we use to help us focus on Gods love for us in Streattham) and draping the cross in purple to remind us of the penitential nature of Lent. When we fully cover, or veil, the cross from this Sunday through to the stripping of the church on Maundy Thursday it is done to confront and remind us in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us. We have an opportunity to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season ~ God's nature and our relationship to Him as we find and deepen our faith.

When the banner is uncovered and cross returned to its place and draped in white an the paintings created for us by Susan England are hung we turn our focus to rejoicing in the Joy of the Easter Season and the Hope of the Resurrection.

What if God did not love us and desire that we should know Him as Father?

What if God had not revealed His love in His Son, Jesus Christ?
What if Jesus had not learnt obedience from His suffering?

The Passion of Christ opens the way for us to the way to eternal salvation ~ if we are obedient to Him.

Have you accepted God's love for you through Jesus Christ?

Here is the promise of that love ~ and it is there for you

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This is why God wants each of us to continue in our ~ **"knowing Jesus ~ making Him known"**.

Parish Renewal Pilot

In experiencing different ways to worship as part of our parish renewal we will encounter things that we find valuable and things that we do not. We need to share how we receive what we are offered so that we can grow and celebrate together and achieve ways of praising and thanking God that strengthen us as a whole as the body of Christ in this place. Exciting opportunities but they will contain challenge week by week. We need to be aware of some of the tweaks and changes that will happen during this time and the impact they will have if we do not get our communication right!

NOTICES ~ It has been observed that our notice giving can become lengthy and disrupt the worship that precedes them, which is not helpful! So the way we give notices is going to be contained. From now on the notices will be given by the priest or deacon with any that need highlighting from Open Door and the publishing of Banns when they occur. Members of the congregation **will not** be invited up to give notices as has become our custom.

If you have a notice that needs to go in Open Door please email it through to the office and David Gray (and until Easter Sunday Elizabeth) as close to the beginning of the week as is possible so that Open Door can be type set to get everything in! Open Door currently goes to print on Friday each week but that is too late for Kirsty to insert last minute requests. (Arrangements will be published for when David is not available)

If you have a last minute notice then please print it out (or write it legibly) and hand it to whoever is leading worship on Sunday morning. Please do this before the worship begins and do not hand it to a deputy warden to get to them during the Service!

Many thanks

Elizabeth