



SAVE THE DATE JUNE 25th

Lots of help needed and fun to be had

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ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Our annual meeting is where we elect the members of the **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** the decision-making body for the church.

We also review the year past and look forward to the mission of the year ahead.

This year we are holding the APCM as part of the main 10.30 am Eucharist on SUNDAY 24th APRIL. Please make sure that you are there!



Lighten our darkness we beseech thee ...

**EVENING
PRAYER**

Stillness, Silence, Solace 6.30pm every Sunday

MEDITATION stillness & silence to listen to God (1st & 3rd Sundays)

TAIZE prayer of the heart in word, song & silence (4th Sunday)

EVENSONG the traditional prayer of the church since 1662 (2nd Sunday)

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Sunday 10th April Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time & a crèche all year round. For LARGE print hymn & service books ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

JOIN IN

Please ALL COME to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We all gather as members of God's family to receive bread & wine or a blessing.

Please stay for a drink & a chat after the service

SUPPORT

Make your donation count: Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit. You can make your donation even more valuable by allowing us to reclaim the tax on your gift. To do so please fill in your details on the front of the Yellow Envelopes.

THANK YOU!

READINGS

Both of this week's readings recount powerful spiritual experiences that lead at first to confusion and disorientation. It is only in the company of others that sense is made of these experiences. The result is a radical change in life: both Saul (now Paul) and Peter turn from the path they are on and follow Christ on a path that is unseen and uncertain.

Acts 9:1-6

Saul, on his way to hunt out Christian "rebels", is stopped in his tracks by an experience that leaves him blind & disorientated. Ananias and others take a huge risk in supporting him but it is perhaps Paul himself who takes the biggest risk; radically abandoning his old life to follow Christ.

John 21:1-19

The disciples have returned to their old life, fishing, when the risen Christ calls them again to follow him. At first they do not recognise him or understand what he is asking of them. Like Paul, they too must risk change and uncertainty.

Hymns: TBC 669 422 827

CALENDAR

Today

6.30pm No evening prayer

Starts again next week

Tues 12th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm
Silver Socials

Weds 13th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 14th April

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
followed by simple lunch

Sunday 17th April

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer:
Meditation

SUPPORT OUR BROWNIES & GUIDES

Active Kids Sainsbury's
we are collecting Sainsbury's tokens for our Guide and Brownie pack, please put in box at back of church



BOOK CLUB!

New & drop in members warmly welcomed to this lively group of wine-loving bookworms.

Contact:
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WELCOME TO THE TABLE



Not just for grown-ups. Children and young people are just as much a part of the body of Christ as adults. As soon as they are able we like our children to share in Holy Communion with us.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

for children 8-12 and take place after school for 7 weeks.

The children make friends, eat a lot of cake & explore what it means to be part of God's family and the significance of sharing communion.

The classes are designed to be just over an hour long except for the final 7th class which is 2 hours (we watch a movie and eat pizza).

They will be held on **Thursday evenings at 5.15pm starting on Thursday 21st April** (week off for half term).

The children will be received into Holy Communion at the 10.30am service on 12th June.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Narbonne Ave, Clapham, SW4 9LQ

SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY CONCERT

7.30pm
Saturday 23rd April 2016



Musical performances from fantastic, local talented musicians of all ages

Admission £5

Generous donations also welcome towards Ace of Clubs

Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Elizabeth Godfrey, Anthony Corby, Sara Carter, Chris Hardy and John Jenkins .

Notices

A big **Thank you** to Fr Christopher who is taking both Sunday Services today

Mtr Ruth is away on holiday until 12th April, we wish her a safe and happy holiday, in case of pastoral emergencies please contact Sarah Miles on 07770396058. For non urgent queries contact Sara Spillett at the church office

A MOMENT of CALM MIDWEEK: Midweek Mass on Thursday lunchtime is just half an hour but you are welcome to stay for a bowl of soup afterwards.

Spring Cleaning the Electoral Roll: Its that time of year when we revise the **Electoral Roll**. Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 24 April 2016 (see notice over leaf) and so allows you to take part in the running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. If you are over 16 and baptised please do fill in a form available at the back of church before April 8th . Talk to Sarah Miles if you have any questions.

London Assembly Election Hustings Faiths Together in Lambeth is hosting open hustings with invited candidates for the Lambeth and Southwark Constituency. **Tuesday, 19th April, 2016** 5.30pm – 7.30pm Karibu Education Centre 7

Gresham Road, Brixton, SW9 7PH. The Hustings are open to all who would like to hear what the candidates have to say and to ask them questions on any topic of concern to voters. If you have questions to put or wish to join us in going speak to Alan Mundy.

WANT TO MEET THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES? We are planning on going to this event as a group, do contact the church office if you wish to join us. London Citizens Mayoral Assembly, **28th April**, 6.30-9.00pm at Copper Box, QE Olympic Park. Tickets are free see our website or contact church office or talk to Mtr Ruth.

CITIZENS UK

WHO KNEW THAT DRINKING WINE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD ?



WINE TASTING FOR CHRISTIAN AID will again kindly be hosted by Chris and Rosemarie Jones on **Thursday May 19th**, put the date in your diary and watch for more information. It's a great social evening with good food and company. As in past years the affable and knowledgeable Colin Baxter will be guiding us through the tasting.