

Why does the church look different?

What's going on? We have had several meetings over the last year to discuss how we can use the space of the church to better enable worship and improve the use of space for community events. Frequently raised are the issues of ease of participation in worship: in particular does everyone have a view of what is going on, can they hear and does everyone feel included?

We had a long, thin layout which leaves some of the congregation very distant from the celebrant and we receive many complaints about not being able to see and hear well.

At the PCC meeting on 11th February we discussed two different plans for use of church space: one was the traditional layout with some tweaks and one was a more radical broader and shallower layout which you see currently modelled. We voted on the two plans and the vote was so close that we agreed to trial the layout you currently see to allow us to actually feel and see what it is like.

The advantages of this configuration are improved sight and sound due to a decrease in the distance between the altar and the people and a sense of worshipping together.

This trial is planned to last 3 months. This will give ample time for everyone to see how it works and give their opinion.

Please come along with an open mind, try it out and let us know your views. Feedback can be given by email to wardens@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk, or in writing to the church office addressed to the wardens.

Searching for stillness and peace?

Sunday Evenings offer Stillness, Silence & Solace.

Every Sunday at 6.30 pm

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

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

Traditional Book of Common Prayer (1662) (2nd Sunday)



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Holy Spirit



Sunday 12th June Third Sunday after Trinity

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

This week, when some of our young people will be receiving their first Holy Communion, we hear the readings for the feast of Corpus Christi, the body of Christ and reflect on what this special meal means for us.

I Corinthians 11:23-26 St Paul tells the new Christian church in Corinth about the importance of sharing bread and wine together. It binds us, not only to one another as we gather around the table to share one bread and one cup, but also to Christians throughout history and throughout the world.

John 6:51-58 You are what you eat: Jesus explains that his body and blood, broken and shed for the world, bring us life. Bread is needed to live but this bread of his body brings us divine life. By sharing in this meal we become part of Christ and He part of us and so we are connected with the divine life of God from whom all life flows.

Hymns:

422

448

638

823

CALENDAR

Today

10.30am Parish Eucharist and First Communion

12.00pm Rachel's Label lunch

6.30pm Evening Prayer: BCP

Monday 13th June

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 14th June

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm
Silver Socials

Weds 15th June

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Resurrection: the body and Christianity free talk at St Paul's Cathedral

Thursday 16th June

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist followed by simple lunch

8.00pm Alzheimer's Disease: Research and treatments Talk

Sunday 19th June

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer: Meditation



2 WEEKS to GO!

Alzheimer's Disease What is it? Have any of your family been affected? Are you worried about it yourself? Two evenings coming up in church

Alzheimer's Disease: Research and Treatments Thursday 16 June 2016 at 8.00pm.

With Dr Nathan Woodling, PhD. Nathan will discuss what scientists know about Alzheimer's, which treatments are currently available, and where current research is going. There will also be time to address your questions about Alzheimer's.

Become a Dementia Friend Thursday 23 June 2016 at 8.00pm.



[Dementia Friends](#) is about giving more people an understanding of living with [dementia](#) and the small things that could make a difference to people living in their community.

This session will be run by Olivia Oates a volunteer Dementia Friends Champions, who has been trained and is supported by the Alzheimer's Society.



Please pray:

for those who are sick: Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Gris-dale, Chris Friend, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Charles Donoghue, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter and Ann Chevis.

For those receiving their first communion today: Billy, Charlotte, Eleanor, Federico, Jacob and Sapphire.

Notices

Book Club are reading Any Human Heart by William Boyd. Meeting to discuss and drink wine on Tuesday June 28th 8pm at 45 Lessar Avenue, All welcome

Faith confirmed. Weekly Confirmation Classes will be starting here on Wednesday 31st August for 7 weeks leading up to Confirmation service on 16th October which this year will be held HERE! Suitable for those who want to be confirmed, those who have forgotten what on earth they got confirmed for in the first place & those who are just curious. SPEAK to Mtr Ruth.



15th June 6.30pm St Paul's Cathedral free talk **Resurrection: the body and Christianity** with Paula Gooder. Part of St Paul's adult learning programme see poster at back for more information

We are great supporters of **Clapham Park Foodbank**, now they are looking for trustees, they meet 4 times a year but you would be expected to get involved with extras as your skills allow. If you are interested in an initial chat and to meet the manager please contact local resident Alison Inglis-Jones on 07736712871.



SUNDAY 26th JUNE: REASONS to be CHEERFUL 1, 2, 3?



The fete will have been **BIG TRIUMPH**;

Rev Helen Harknett will be joining us as our new curate together with her husband Dan and children Isaac and Thea;

We will be saying fare well to Andrew White (aka Wilf). This is NOT a reason for cheerfulness as Wilf has

been a reliable and jovial friend of CHS for 100s of years.



BUT the cake and wine we consume to send him on his way will. I predict, spread cheerfulness abroad.

PLEASE do come & make this a special send off for Wilf and a warm welcome for Helen.

