

Today Rachael Burke will be sharing her last Sunday with us before leaving for a new job in Sierra Leone. Rachael has been a lively and fruitful member of our church family over the past few years; She has engaged with great energy in the work of Citizens UK, Refugees welcome, our LGBTQ action group and has been truly brilliant at persuading people to go to the pub. We hope that Rachael will be back with us in a year or so and that she will remain in touch with us in the meantime.

This morning we thank God for Rachael and pray with her as she takes her farewell.

PRAYING FAREWELL

God of our beginnings and endings,
we celebrate all that we have shared with Rachael
and ask your blessing as she bids us farewell

**we ask forgiveness where we have failed you;
we give thanks for all you have given us;
we assure you of our love and prayers.**

*As I take my leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;
I give thanks for all that you have given to me;
I assure you of my love and prayers.*

**As you meet the poor, the pained,
and the stranger on the Way,
we pray that you may see in each one the face of Christ**

I know that God goes with me.

**As you walk through the good times and the bad,
we pray that you may never lose sight
of the shelter of God's loving arms.**

I know that God goes with me.

BLESSING: *at the end of which we say: Amen*



Holy Spirit



Sunday 23rd July 2017 Sixth 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

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob is running away from home after cheating and stealing from his own family when God first speaks to him assuring him of his presence with him no matter where he is or what he has done. God remains God and keeps his promise forever. We may ascend or descend upon the ladder that Jacob sees stretching between earth and heaven: the ladder remains constant.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the wheat and tares also reminds us that God's ways are not ours: we may judge things according to human values (by which values Jacob would most certainly be condemned). What may be viewed by us as weeds to be rooted out may be spreading the kingdom of God.

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Hymns: 765 800 70 590 (omit chorus)

CALENDAR

Today

9.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Mon 24th July

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 25th July

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Molies
10.30am Silver Socials

Wednesday 26th July

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 27th July

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist followed by simple lunch

Sunday 30th July

No Pram Service
9.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer



Pram Service is ON HOLIDAY!

There will be no pram service over the summer. We will restart on Sunday September 3rd

Refugees Welcome Group



meets on 9th August at Brixton Hill Methodist Church at 7pm to plan Summer activities for our refugees families.

Let either Mother know if you are interested in attending.



Are you thinking of baptism this Autumn? We shall be holding two preparation evenings on 5th and 19th September for parents who wish to have their children Baptised: speak to Mtr Ruth for information.

Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Albert Bell, Tim Grisdale, Cassie Williams, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter, Harry Rich, Jean Boxill, Molly Price Owen, Sally Homewood, Carol Ann Simmonds & Sonia Gordon.

NOTICES



Vicar on Holiday Mtr Ruth will be away for a week from 25th July, please contact Churchwardens in her absence.

Curate on Holiday Mtr Helen will be away from 28th July for a week also

Administrator on Holiday! Sara will be back in the office on August 1st any queries while she is away please contact the churchwardens.

Outings to the Prom



“the world’s greatest classical music festival” we have 5 evening outings to the Proms planned, please see notice and sign-up sheet at the back of church for details. Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of music in convivial company. Speak to Alan for more information.

Knitting Group meet again on Wednesday 2nd August, 7.30pm, Eagle House, 2b Narbonne Avenue. All welcome from expert to complete beginner.

FAITH CONFIRMED:



Suitable for those considering confirmation or adult baptism and those who just want time to explore together. Contact Mother Ruth.

A 7 week course

beginning in September. The course explores God - what's that about? Jesus - what does the cross mean? why do we need church? what happens when we pray? who the hell are we anyway?

And other interesting questions.

