

Craft at Christmas is Coming (shortly)

Planning for the Church Christmas Fair is already underway, please put the date (November 26th) in your diary.

If you would like to be part of the organising committee (not onerous and very small!) speak to Sara (office@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk). We need as much help as we can to get this entirely church run event to be a success, please contact Judith if you can offer time on the day or Friday before. (javickery13@hotmail.com).

We shall be asking for donations of home baked goods, Jam jars of sweets for kids tombola, bottles and small gifts for adult tombola nearer the time but do start thinking about it

Holy Spirit

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THERE IS ONLY
US

Sunday 23rd October Last 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!

Have a Heavenly Hallows' E'en

Monday 31st October 5.30-7pm
For the Church of the Holy Spirit

ALL HALLOWS E'EN PARTY

Apple bobbing, bone hunting, spooky snacks and more!



Prizes for:

**Costumes
Raise the Dead
& Pumpkin Carving**

Judging at 6.15pm

Come along, friends & neighbours welcome:

If you can help out on the evening we promise you treats (no tricks). Please contact Mtr Helen:

curate@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk

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READINGS

Both of our readings today explore the nature of true humility; in:

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-17 We learn that how we view ourselves is reflected in how we view God and others: If we can accept who we are before God, not trying to manipulate God or to justify ourselves so we will accept others as equal before God. The plea of the widow and the orphan—could not be heard in a Jewish Court (which required 2 male applicants) yet they have standing before God. God does not draw distinctions and neither should we a point underlined in:

Luke 18:9-14 Here we may like to align ourselves with the tax collector in opposition to the self-righteous Pharisee: yet the parable asks us not to distinguish, not to divide the world into "us" and "them" whether the distinction is between the respectable vs the unrespectable or the self-righteous vs the truly humble. We are to treat all with love.

Hymns:

790

702

766

765

CALENDAR

Today

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist

5.30pm Taize practice

6.30pm Taize service

Mon 24th October

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 25th October

9.00am Morning Prayer

No Holy Molies this week — Half Term Break

10.30am-12.00pm Silver Socials

Weds 26th October

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thurs 27th October

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

followed by simple lunch

Sun 30th October

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist All

Saints

6.30pm Evening meditation

Holy Molies

Tuesdays

9.30am — 10.45am

Everyone welcome

Songs, Story time, Craft & Play for pre-schoolers

There'll also be coffee and cake, fruit and fellowship.

If you have a heart to serve our youngest neighbours and those who care for them, please speak to Helen or Mtr Ruth.

Thank you! xx



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Confirmation Service on Sunday afternoon. Please pray for our beloved newly confirmed: Martha, Jacqui, Christian & Claire.

We have an excellent Church of England Primary School

Macaulay School on Victoria Rise has reserved places for the children of worshipping Christian families. OPEN MORNINGS are on: Thurs 17 Nov & 1 Dec at 10am. Why not take a look around?

Contact: SLilly@macaulay.lambeth.sch.uk

Please pray for:

Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Terry Tait, Tim Grisdale, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Charles Donoghue, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter, Harry Rich, Lynford Esterine, Jean Boxill, Jean Day and Molly Price Owen. RIP Avis Sowels, we pray for her whole family, especially Anna & her sisters Claire & Felicity

Notices

<http://www.rob.es.org.uk/>. Churches Together in Clapham is about to embark on it's 6th season of Volunteering for the Robes winter night shelter project in Clapham. We



shall be hosting at 3 venues through the winter including Saturdays at Holy Spirit from 4 February to 25 March. A CTiC team is currently recruiting volunteers for all the venues and if you are interested in please email clapham-rob.es@gmail.com or speak to Sarah Miles.

Sleepout for Robes, spend a sponsored night out under the stars to raise much needed funds for the project. Friday 25th November, 7pm Southwark Cathedral, or sponsor one of our intrepid sleepers, Sarah Miles.

Please warmly welcome Fr Christopher who is taking services for the next two Sundays whilst the Vicar is away.

Book Club will be meeting next on 7th November at Eagle House, 2B Narbonne Avenue by kind invitation of Madeline to read *Birds Without Wings* by Louis de Bernieres

THIS EVENING 6.30 pm 30 minutes of prayer, reflection and singing in the rich tradition of the Taizé Community. All are welcome to join in this quiet, gentle and beautiful music. If you play an instrument, please bring it along. We will be practising the chants from 5.30 in the church and all are welcome to join in as soon as they arrive.



Re-Ordering of the church: Following lengthy consultation & experimentation period the PCC voted this week for plan H which was to keep the traditional orientation of the church with the altar on a raised dais at the chancel steps. Please note that the current dais is TEMPORARY and a new design would be narrower and made of materials more in keeping with the church interior. THANK YOU to everyone who gave their feedback

All Souls Service

Commemoration of the faithful departed
Wednesday November 2nd at 6.30pm.

Candlelit prayers to remember our loved ones by name. If you wish family members or friends to be remembered please add their name to the list at back

