

LIVING TEMPLES TO YOUR GLORY

Please come to the

OPEN MEETING this Thursday

27th January at 7.30pm

to discuss the PCC's new and exciting ideas for improving and expanding the use of our beautiful building.

In the meantime, visit the website or look at the notice board at the back of church to read more about the plans.

The nave at Holy Spirit is a long thin space; as a result the congregation (particularly at the back) is a long way away from the celebration of communion.

The use of the low altar was introduced to help close the gap but this involves using two altars, walking past the low one to approach the high altar to share communion, and then a one-way system to return to our seats. As part of our mission action planning (MAP) we decided we wanted to make our church and our worship more accessible, welcoming and participatory.



Altar used this way round for 9am service

As a result the PCC has considered and approved some temporary changes to our use of space so we can see how we can use the space more effectively for worship and creatively, for welcome and other activities. No final decision has been made, we would like feedback from all in the church, if you can't make the 27th January or have specific questions you would like addressed at the meeting please feel free to email your comments to office@holyspirit-clapham.org, put them in writing or speak to one of the members of the PCC

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Holy Spirit



SET THE
**CAPTIVES
FREE** LUKE 4:18-19

Sunday 24th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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 gather together as members of the family of God to receive either 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

Epiphany tells of Christ's true nature being revealed so that we might catch a glimpse of the divine among us: in strangers (the Magi), in the everyday (the water of baptism), in joy & celebration (the wedding at Cana) & (today's readings) in the transforming power of God's word.

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 returned from exile, the people gather & ask the prophet to read the scriptures to them: they are moved to tears. The prophet tells them not be sorrowful but instead to rejoice & throw a feast – a feast which must include everyone, even those too poor to buy meat. For when the word of God is taken to heart by the people they will be transformed & their lives together will begin to reflect the life of the kingdom of God.

Luke 4:14-21 The spirit of the Lord sends Jesus to Nazareth where he reads from the scriptures to the gathered people. He reads from Isaiah that the spirit of the Lord has anointed him: chosen him, appointed him for a task: the task of bringing in the kingdom by changing the lives of God's people.

Hymns:

739

238

742

394

CALENDAR

Today

3.00pm Holocaust Memorial Day event at the Oval

5.30pm Taize rehearsal

6.30pm Taize service

Monday 25th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Music Planning meeting 99 Abbeville Road

Tues 26th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12pm

Silver Socials

Wed 27th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Open meeting about use of church space

Thurs 28th January

12.30pm Eucharist followed by lunch

8.00pm Abbeville Fete committee meeting

Sunday 31st January

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist
CANDLEMAS

No evening prayer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Today is the anniversary of our church's dedication on Sunday 24th January 1913. To mark this day we dedicate ourselves afresh to God's purpose here in Clapham:

There are varieties of gifts

But the same spirit

There are varieties of Service

But the same Lord

There are different kinds of working

But the same God is at work in all

I invite you now to commit yourselves afresh to the active service of God, of one another and of this community:

With the help of God and empowered the

Holy Spirit we commit;

to seek God's will for us,

to build up one another in love,

to work together for the kingdom of God,

and to be good news in and with and for this community.

Abbeville Fete needs you!

The planning is starting for this great Church led community event,

First committee meeting is on Thursday 28th January, why don't you come along and see how you can be part of an amazing team that makes this spectacular day happen

Speak to Ollie Strachan or email info@abbevillefete.com



Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, John Roberts, Dominic O'Toole, Nick Lynch, Betty Valkenaar, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Robbie Keville and Rev David Houghton

Notices

Holocaust Memorial Day Today 3.00pm

Ashes suite Kia Oval (entrance via Alec Stewart Gate) to honour the survivors and commit ourselves to end discrimination & create a safer, better future. Free no booking needed.

Tonight 6.00pm, Taizé is prayer, scripture, silence, chants and psalms, originally created by the monastic commune from the French region of Burgundy. Come and join in,



Christmas and Epiphany seasons are brought to a close at the **FEAST OF CANDLEMAS** which we celebrate **NEXT SUNDAY 31st JANUARY**. Do join us for a festival mass with a candle lit procession at 10.30am followed by a **cake sale in aid of Syria**. Bakers, please support us by baking a cake and buyers bring your purses!



Open afternoon at **South London Islamic Centre** (Streatham Mosque) on Sunday 7th February 12.00-6.00pm, as part of the national Visit My Mosque initiative. All neighbours and friends from near and far are invited to call in to meet members of the community informally. There will be information stalls and refreshments. 8 Mitcham Lane, SW16 6NN.

<http://streathammosque.com/>

Women's World Day of Prayer on the first Friday of March every year women gather across the world to pray. Here in Clapham we gather with our sister churches for an ecumenical service. This year **WE ARE HOSTING** the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service at **2.00 pm on Friday 4th March**. PLEASE come and welcome our sisters in Christ from around Clapham. We generally have a good old natter and a bit of a party after the service so **VOLUNTEERS** please to **BRING CAKE**.

