

An evening of Outstanding Opera & Fabulous Food  
in support of our local refugees

Sunday 1st October  
Doors open at 430pm  
Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Enjoy arias from the great operas sung by  
astonishingly talented musicians whilst  
experiencing exquisite Syrian & Iraqi food  
prepared by local families

# OPERA to MAKE a DIFFERENCE

Ticket - £15

Profits to support Lambeth Welcomes Refugees

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## Holy Spirit



Sunday 24th September 15th 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

Both of our readings this week (and last week) are concerned with forgiveness, freedom and abundance. Both show us that these gifts are only truly enjoyed as they are lived out in our relationships.

**Jonah** Jonah is furious with God for granting forgiveness to those whom Jonah deems unworthy. God gently questions why Jonah is happy to do his will if it involved condemnation and judgment but not if it involves forgiveness and unconditional love.

**Matthew** The Vicar's all time favourite parable: do we really truly want God's mercy, forgiveness, generosity? Wouldn't we rather have justice? Wouldn't we rather have fairness? Wouldn't we rather have the good rewarded and the wicked punished? The answer is, of course, YES, if we count ourselves with the good—but are we sure?

Hymns: 453

629

806

595

## CALENDAR

### Today

- 8.00am** Pram Service
- 9.00am** Said Eucharist
- 10.30am** Parish Eucharist
- 3.30pm** rehearsal
- 6.30pm** Sing for peace

### Mon 25th September

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 26th September

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
- 9.30am** Holy Molies
- 10.30am** Silver Socials Open Morning
- 7.30pm** Theology on Tap

### Wednesday 27th September

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
- 7.30pm** Pastoral visiting team meeting

### Thursday 28th September

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm** Lunchtime Eucharist followed by simple lunch
- 7.30pm** Faith confirmed

### Sunday 1st October

- 8.00am** Pram Service
- 9.00am** Said Eucharist
- 10.30am** Parish Eucharist
- 4pm** Opera to make a difference

In worrying times

### Sing for Peace

Come and help us observe World

Peace Day

by joining us to sing

**Faure's Requiem**

**TODAY**

Rehearsal 3.30pm

**Performance 6.30pm**

All abilities welcome to sing or just come and enjoy the performance

If you want to join in contact Andrei Lebed on musicdirector@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk



COLD WEATHR IS COMING ... we open our doors to the homeless for our winter night shelter SOON

PLEASE think about whether you might be able to volunteer. THERE is a job for everyone: cooking, greeting, setting up, tidying up, washing up ....

PLEASE join us in making the winter warmer:

CONTACT Mother Ruth asap

### 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, Carol Ann Simmonds & Sonia Gordon.

## NOTICES

**Silver Socials Open Morning** September 26th, 10.30am onwards, coffee, cake, bingo, sing song. Open to all, please come and invite a friend.



**Theology on Tap** - Tuesday 26th September 7.30pm Meeting at church. This week we are having a Worship SHOW AND TELL. What inspires you, moves you to praise God? Is there something eg a poem, painting, piece of writing, film clip, that particularly speaks to you?

If so, bring it along and briefly talk about it. Join us for a drink and a think. If you need more info speak to Mother Helen .

**CITIZENS** UK

**Citizens UK Delegates Assembly:**  
3rd October 2017 @ CHS Come & celebrate our successes and make plans for our future projects. Refreshments available . 6pm.

### Lambeth Welcomes Refugees Pop-up-Shop SORT OUT YOUR WARDROBES!

We are looking for good quality clothes & shoes for our new refugee families as winter approaches. Please bring your wonderful woollies to church by the end of September



### Faith Confirmed starts Thursday 28th September 7.30pm

The course explores: God - what's that about? Jesus - what does the cross mean? Why go to church? What happens when we pray? Who the hell are we anyway?

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

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