

## All Change (again this week)

**The church is back to its original layout today after a wedding yesterday, the trial layout will be back next week with some tweaks**

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 and welcome. 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.

Following on from the Extraordinary PCC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February (minutes on board at back of church) where 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 modelled today.

The vote for the two different plans was so close that we agreed to trial the more radical layout ("plan G") allowing us to actually feel and see what it is like.

The advantages of this layout are improved sight and sound, a decrease in the distance between the altar and the people and a sense of worshipping together. In addition, the arrangement is flexible (the dais is moveable) and this allows for alternative use of space (including return to the traditional layout when required).

This trial will go ahead for 3 months.. This will give ample time for everyone to see how it works and give their opinion.

### ! **Stillness, Silence, Solace: Sundays 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 BCP** (2nd Sunday)



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Holy Spirit



**Sunday 29th May First 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

The foreigner often gets the blame: we see this happening in Biblical times and in our own times: when times get tough we look for someone to blame. This week's readings both reveal a different approach to foreigners: here they are seen as examples of faithfulness who have much to teach us and whose prayer is powerful.

**1 Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43** This is part of the prayer with which King Solomon dedicates the temple: Although Israel is in the midst of famine and economic hardship, the foreigners are not blamed, but rather are given a privileged position, they are the ones whose prayer will be heard by God and answered.

**Luke 7:1-10** Jesus encounters a foreigner whose faith shocks him: here is someone who is used to ordering people about but comes with humility, disregarding his own rank and position. He does not ask Jesus to break with any of his own cultural taboos (by entering the house of a gentile) but trusts that God's word is powerful enough to bring life and heal. He is a believer in Christ's power to recreate through a word just as God the Father created through his word.

**Hymns:**

**739**

**452**

**675**

**810**

## CALENDAR

### Today

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist

**6.30pm** Evening Prayer:  
BCP

### Monday 30th May

No morning prayer

### Tues 31st May

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**10.30am-12.00pm**  
Silver Socials

### Weds 1st June

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

### Thursday 2nd June

**12.30pm** Lunchtime Eucharist  
followed by simple lunch  
No First Communion Class  
(half term)

### Sunday 5th June

**9.00am** Said Eucharist

**9.15am** Choir, Stage room

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist and  
Baptism

**6.30pm** Evening Prayer:  
Meditation



## Alzheimer's Disease Research and Treatment Thursday 16 June

**What is it? Have any of your family been affected? Are you worried about it yourself? What is the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's?**

Dr Nathan Woodling, PhD, as well as being known for his cheerful personality, lovely flute playing and tenor singing voice in the choir, has a day job as a research scientist. His PhD at Stanford University focused on the interactions between the brain's immune system and Alzheimer's disease. His current work at the Institute of Healthy Ageing at University College London looks at the ageing brain to understand more about the causes of Alzheimer's and other brain diseases. In case you were wondering, his subjects are .... fruit flies! Yes, they also have ageing brains!



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

**Dementia Friends is about giving more people an understanding of dementia and the small things that could make a difference to people living in their community.**

It makes such a huge difference to people with dementia if those around them know what dementia is and how it might affect them.

This session will be run by Olivia Oates a volunteer Dementia Friends Champion, who has been trained and is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. This session will last around one hour. You will learn more about how we can create a dementia friendly community.

**Both evenings are held here in Church starting at 8pm** and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat about what you have heard.

### **Please pray for those who are sick:**

Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Charles Donoghue, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter and Tom Saunt.

**RIP:** Elizabeth Godfrey

## Notices

**WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?** No such thing as a free lunch? ON 12th JUNE after morning service Rachael Burke will cook lunch for you. All you have to do for your free food is wear a name label. Come & find out what the who that person is you have been talking to for weeks and feel ashamed to ask their name again!

**KNIT & NATTER: Knitting Group** next meets to knit and natter on Wednesday 8th June 7.30pm at 1 Bedford Terrace, SW2 5DJ very friendly group which welcomes all knitters from beginners to experts.

**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.



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.

## **4 WEEKS to GO!**

In its 19th year the Abbeville Fete gathers the whole community to raise money for LOCAL charities and to celebrate our neighbourhood.

There is something for everyone:

Fire engines & fancy dress, burgers & beer, Sheep shearing & stilts, shopping & steel drums, cakes & crafts, pooches & pimmis, music & mayhem ...

COME! Bring your family, friends, neighbours

**12 Noon onwards SATURDAY 25th JUNE**

If you are able to help, even for just ONE HOUR, please contact  
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