

LIVING TEMPLES TO YOUR GLORY

Please come to the

OPEN MEETING

27th January at 7.30pm

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

In the meantime, visit the website 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.

As a result the PCC has considered and approved some changes to our use of space.

So between now and Easter, we're going to be trying out a few things to bring the congregation a little closer to the worship. This will also allow us to open up the back of the church and use the space more effectively and creatively, for welcome and other activities.



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Sunday 3rd January Epiphany

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time and a crèche all year round. Large print hymn and service books are available—please 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 and wine or a blessing.

Please stay for tea, coffee & 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

During Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of Christ's divine nature & explore how our true nature is also revealed in Him.

Isaiah 60:1-6

In the darkness of exile the people of Israel are promised that God's light will shine on them bringing them restoration, power and riches.

Matthew 2:1-12

The gospel writers interpret the light of God in Isaiah's prophecy as referring to the birth of Christ. In Christ God gives us the power to become his children and to inherit his kingdom. We choose how to use the "riches" he bestows on us his people. Herod chooses to use his power for his own ends and uses it to destroy the hopes of others. Christ, the new king, acknowledged by the travellers from the East, uses the power and riches of God to serve others.

Hymns:

99

105

80

94

CALENDAR

TODAY

No evening prayer

Monday 4th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 5th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12pm

Silver Socials

Wed 6th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thurs 7th January

NO THURSDAY

EUCCHARIST

Sunday 10th January

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

No evening prayer

EPIPHANY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Travellers from the East, led by His star,
Found the Christ and gave him gifts:
gold, incense and myrrh

**May we too follow Christ, our Morning Star,
And offer to him our hearts and minds;
our prayer and praise;
our lives and service**

That His glory may shine forth in the world;

For in Him the fullness of your glory dwells
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God for ever. Amen

Silver Socials

Do you know an older person who could do with some company?

We run a safe and welcoming drop in social group for the older members of our parish (and beyond) on a Tuesday morning from 10.30-12pm. Please invite anyone who you think would enjoy some company, a cup of tea and cake.

We enjoy chair exercises, bingo, dominoes, crafts & a sing-a-long.

Could you help by giving one Tuesday morning a month to help out, with either transport, chatting, running an activity or baking a cake?



Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, John Roberts, Dominic O'Toole, Susannah Olusanya, Nick Lynch, Betty Valkenaar, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton

RIP Donna Gatward, we pray for her whole family, especially her children Chantelle, Luke and Theo.

Notices

Please give a warm welcome to **Fr Christopher** our services this morning.

TOMORROW! Knitting Group meet this Monday 4th January at 7.30pm 19 Rodenhurst Road. All welcome young, old, experienced or beginners.

Book Group are reading "Breakfast at Tiffany's" by Truman Capote and meet next on Wednesday 13th January 8pm 45 Lessar Avenue. Join us for wine and discussion.

Epiphany Lessons and Carols service on Sunday January 10th at 6pm at the Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill. St Mary's Singers will be performing music by Byrd, Tallis, Attwood, Cornelius and several others, and there will be a variety of Epiphany carols for the congregation to sing.

St Peter's Clapham are organising a **Fund-raising Quiz Night** on Friday 22 January at 7.30pm. It would be good if we could raise a CHS team or two to support this event (and, of course, to win...). Cost around £5 a head. Please contact Alan Mundy if you want to take part, all ages and areas of knowledge welcome!

The Vicar is on holiday until 7th January. In her absence please contact Sarah Miles wardens@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk she will be able to contact a priest in a pastoral emergency.

We all miss Sara's homemade soup but THURSDAY lunchtime Mass starts back on Thursday 14th January.

Churches Together in Clapham Forum Wednesday 13th January 7.45pm St Peter's Prescott Place. Come and meet our sister churches in Clapham and find out what we do together: updates from Robes, Ace of Clubs, Refugee Response & the Hub.

Clapham churches also worship together! Our next **SHARED SERVICE** marks the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 7.30pm Wednesday 20th January at Holy Trinity Clapham when the preacher will be Ben Niblett from Tearfund. Please come.

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CITY OF BREWMINSTER

KNOW someone who might like to come? Able to give a hand? Contact: Judith Vickery or Sara Spillet in the parish office