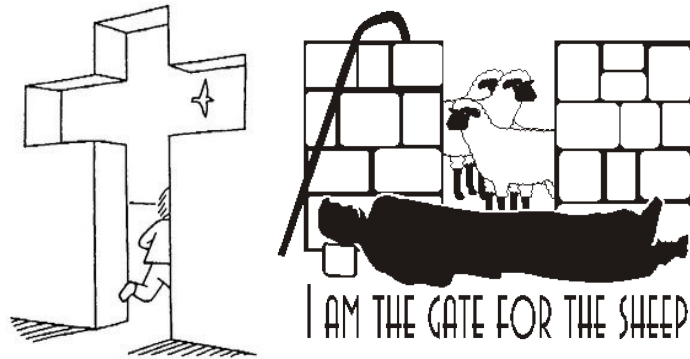


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### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Diary Dates

### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May

- CAIAS - 10:30am in the Common room. Today: Reminiscence.

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May

- Kite Day on the Common - with a Fair Trade stall

### Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May

- Finance Committee Meeting, 7.30pm at 2 Fontaine Road

### Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

- Wey Island barbecue and sleepover (see notice)

### Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- MAP group meeting. 7:30pm at 2 Fontaine Road

### Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

- PCC Meeting, 8pm in the Common Room

### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

- Ascension Day Deanery Holy Communion Service at St Leonard's, Streatham, 8pm. Launching "Thy Kingdom Come" and giving thanks for the work of our Deanery Synod and those who have served for the past three years. (President: Bishop Christopher)

### Start the Day Right 9am

Monday morning prayer has recommenced (please check with Marion re Bank Holiday Mondays in May). Unfortunately we are unable to guarantee morning prayer taking place on other mornings so check with Elizabeth (Tues & Thurs) or Jenny (Wednesdays).

### Accessible Light - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

We would like to get an idea of how many want to come to this day with sacred space and prayer ministry, so if you plan to come **please sign up** as soon as possible on the sheet on the notice board in the foyer. There is further information on the notice board. We are limited to 20 people - but if fewer want to come from Immanuel we would like to be able to offer some places to other churches.

**If you missed the APCM last Sunday,  
please do take away one of the reports and accounts  
available in the church foyer.**

## Prayer pointers Eastertide Prayer

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

- For guidance as we seek to fill the vacancies for churchwardens and an elected PCC member.
- For the family and friends of Janice Maduro, giving thanks for her life.
- For the refugee situation and any support we can offer.
- For those who run our local Foodbank; that our gift and their labours will share God's Love with others.
- For guidance and inspiration as we respond to 'Thy Kingdom come' ~ the Archbishops' Call to Prayer.

### Welcome Bags ~ the launch continues!

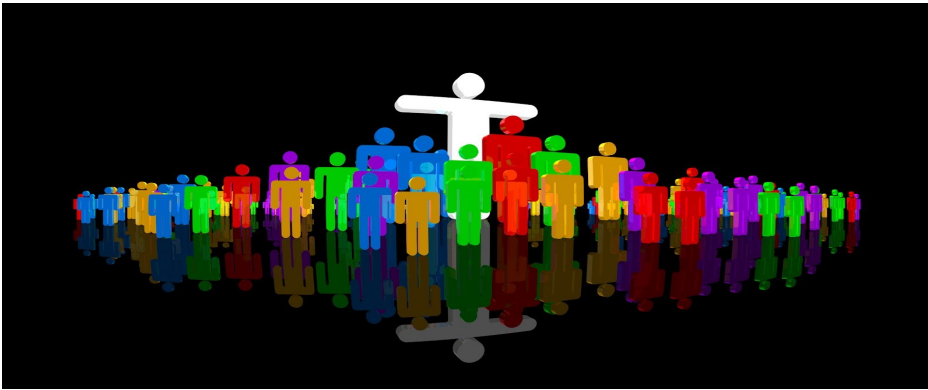
As part of our MAP (Mission Action Plan) a welcome pack has been created for all new members of our church. We are giving one to every family to showcase our new logo and to remind you what we have to offer. We hope that you will feel re-welcomed! We are asking for a non-compulsory contribution of £5 towards the cost of the pack. We will also be asking all congregation members to reconsider their regular Giving to God, starting with the new welcome pack. Many of you may wish to continue to give the £5 a week on top of what we currently receive, and that would be a huge blessing, but again it is not compulsory. Nevertheless please continue to hold your Giving in prayer as we at Immanuel need your help to do God's work. This launch is an exciting time for us and hopefully you will find the content of the Welcome Bag both useful and enjoyable.

### WEY ISLAND BARBECUE AND SLEEPOVER

A church weekend for all the family, including pets. We travel by car to the island where we play games or chill out and relax, with a barbecue in the evening (please bring food). If you would like to stay over in the dorms you can drive back the next day (no pets overnight). There is no cost for this lovely weekend get-together. Sign up on the list in the foyer if you would like to attend.

Ministry Musings (7<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

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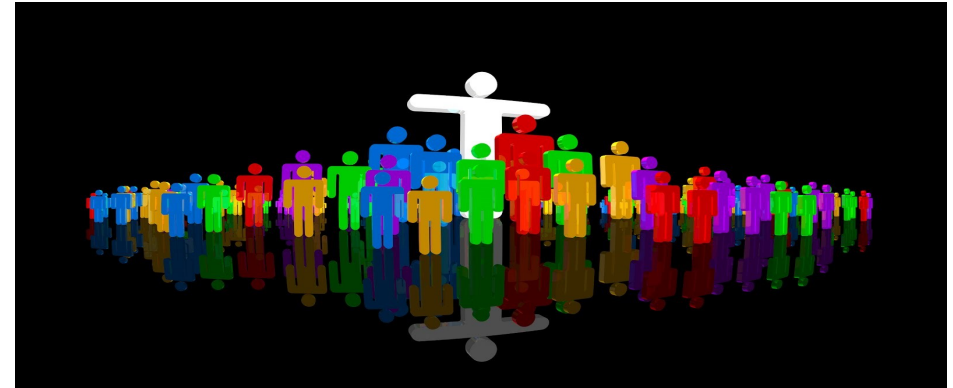
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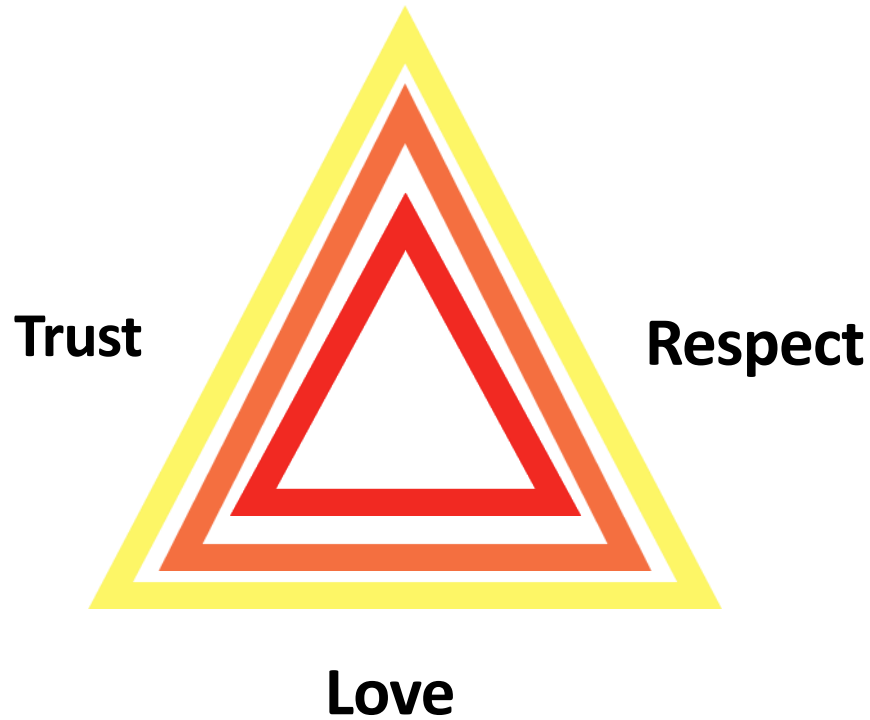
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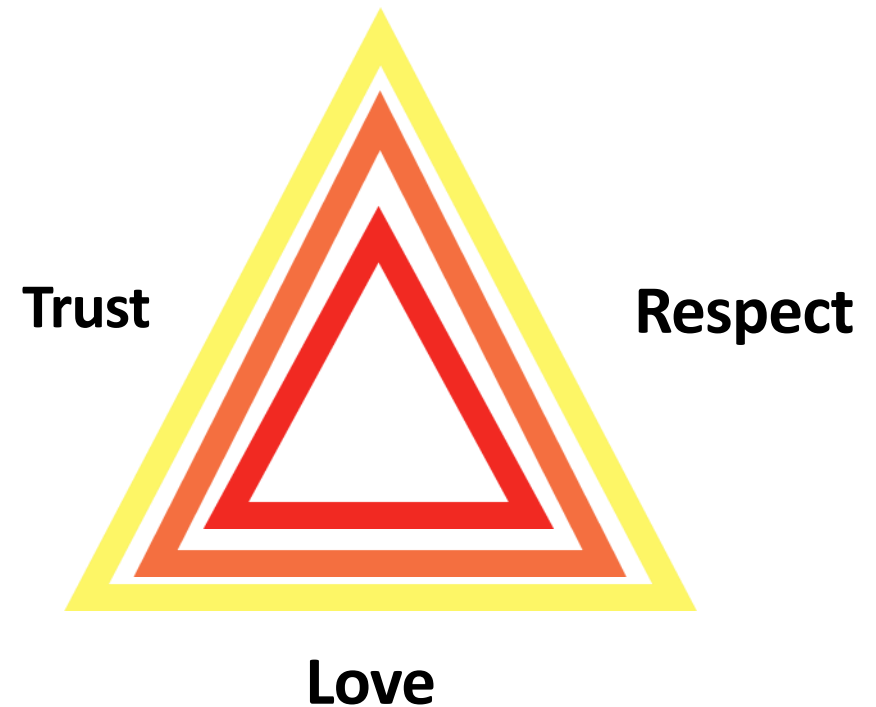
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