

Sunday 28th May 2017
7th Sunday of Easter
10:00am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings : Acts 1: 6-14 NT page 114
1Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11 NT page 232
John 17: 1-11 NT page 108



What are your "unknown gods" ?

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1Peter 3: 13-22 NT page 231
John 14: 15-21 NT page 105

10:00 All Age

John 14: 15-21 On Service Sheet

Collect

**God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



Diary Dates

Monday, 22nd May

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

Wednesday, 24th May

- PCC Meeting, 8pm in the Common Room

Thursday, 25th May

- CAIAS - 10:30am in the Common Room. CANCELLED

Thursday, 25th 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)

Thursday, 8th June

- Hall is being used as a Polling Station—all regular hires are cancelled.

Start the Day Right 9am

Morning prayer in the chapel on Monday and Wednesday (please check with Marion re Bank Holiday Mondays in May). Unfortunately we are unable to guarantee morning prayer taking place on Tuesdays & Thursdays so please check with Elizabeth for these days. For the week of "Thy Kingdom Come" there will be prayers Monday through Thursday.

Accessible Light - 22nd July 2017

We would like to get an idea of how many want to come to this day of 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, where there is further information. We are limited to 20 people.

Churchwardens ~ urgently needed

Unfortunately, despite our pleas, no has been found to replace our Churchwardens so we currently do not have any! PLEASE talk to Elizabeth if you can help. We cannot function properly without them.

Prayer pointers Easteride 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 two elected PCC members.
- For Celine Silvy Gittens and Evelin Joan Benson as we celebrate their Baptism this week.
- 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 the discipline of prayer during 'Thy Kingdom come' ~ the Archbishops' Call to Prayer..

WELCOME BAGS

If you have received one of our welcome bags over the past few weeks, please do try to return the Church Contact Details form which was in the bag. We really would like to know who comes to our church! You can hand them to one of the stewards or put them in the box in the foyer. Also, if you would like to return a Stewardship response form, these will be opened by the Treasurer only to retain confidentiality. Envelopes for your donation (£5 suggested) can be placed in the offering basket at any service.

We aim to hand out bags at the end of each service to newcomers and those who have not yet received theirs. If you don't get one, let us know.

Kingston Area Lay Conference - 17th June 2017 Hearts on Fire - Being Confident Disciples of Jesus Today

All Church members are invited to this event - an opportunity to learn and grow as Christians. See the poster in the foyer and the detailed programme on the notice board for further details and how to book. Includes lunch!

Ministry Musings (21st May 2017)

Alleluia He is Risen



Ask yourself this morning ~ if I am a witness for the Lord ~ what am I witnessing? What are your false gods today and what altars have you set up to worship them? (Start with the false gods that are the material things you tell yourself you cannot live without!)

As Peter bids us ~ do you revere Christ as Lord in your heart which enables you to

know hope and tell others about it ~ by sharing what you know of Jesus? Can you do this with gentleness, respect and a clear conscience ~ not worrying about suffering ridicule and the rejection of the words or deeds that you offer?

Have you ever experienced the Spirit working through you ~ finding yourself sharing when your human nature would normally stop you? Watch for the Spirit working in us as we worship ~ it happens often and is there to encourage us!

Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit so we should be eager to receive her in our lives. Being baptised in the Spirit is not about removing dirt from our bodies but pledging to have a clear conscience toward God, (removing all that hinders our relationship with Him) naming the false gods and seeing them for what they are. Luke says that the altar to the unknown god has its value ~ why because when you recognise how you worship things that will not save you, you will know how to worship the Lord that offers that salvation!

Knowing Jesus ~ making Him known

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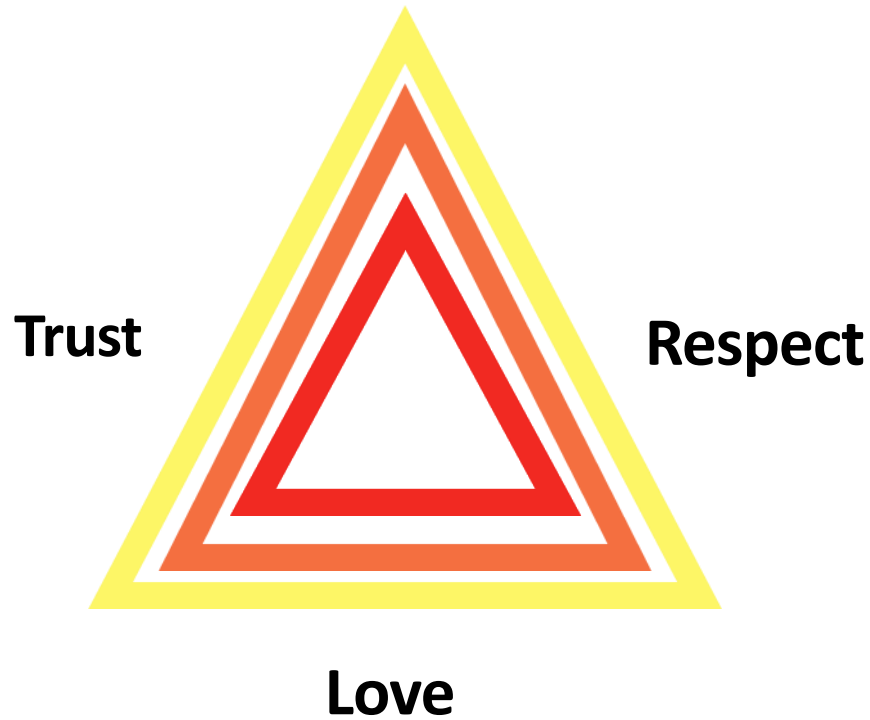
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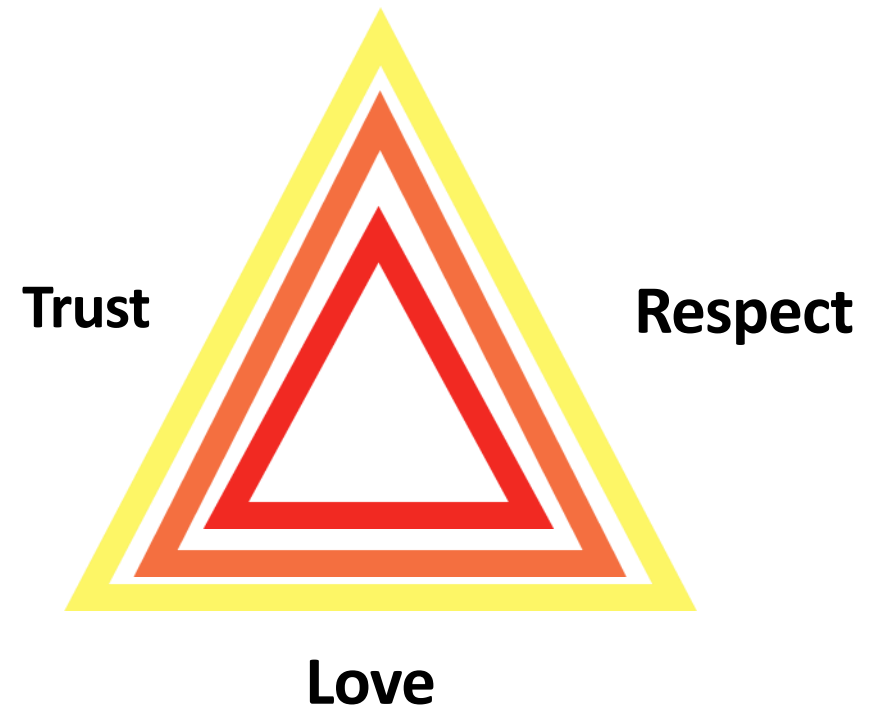
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