

Sunday 4th June 2017
Day of Pentecost
10:00am Holy Communion

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

Readings : Acts 2: 1-21 NT page 115
1Corinthians12: 3b -13 NT page 170
John 7: 37-39 NT page 97



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

Collect

**O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



Diary Dates

Thursday 1st June

- CAIAS—10.30-12pm Common Room. Today—Sing-a-long.

Saturday 3rd June

- The British Home Summer Fayre—12-5.00pm—see the poster on the notice-board for further details

Thursday 8th June

- The 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 one 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.

Final reminder

All Bishops Lent Call envelopes should have been returned by now. Any outstanding will be held over and added to next year's appeal.

Prayer pointers Easter tide 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.
- Give thanks for Celine, Evelin & Nathaniel who were Baptised last week and pray that they learn to journey in faith.
- 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.
- For all involved at any level in the atrocities of Manchester last Monday as they care, mourn and seek justice.

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 (28th May 2017)

Alleluia He is Risen

Did anyone ever tell you ~ were you warned? ~ Becoming a Christian does not guarantee a life free of difficulties ~ an 'easy ride' ~ you don't glide through life wearing rose-coloured glasses? Historically the church has swung from persuading people to believe or fear hellfire and brimstone through to it's a wonderful life with Christ ~ with the implication that it will be trouble free. There are truths at both ends of the pendulum but the reality lies somewhere in the middle! Peter tells his listeners (1 Peter 4: 12-14)~

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."

Life without Christ is empty and desolate ~ life with Christ offers a peace and assurance ~ Hope ~ not an insurance against worldly trials but a means to journey through them with God's guidance and a knowledge that we will always be in His presence.

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Knowing Jesus ~ making Him known

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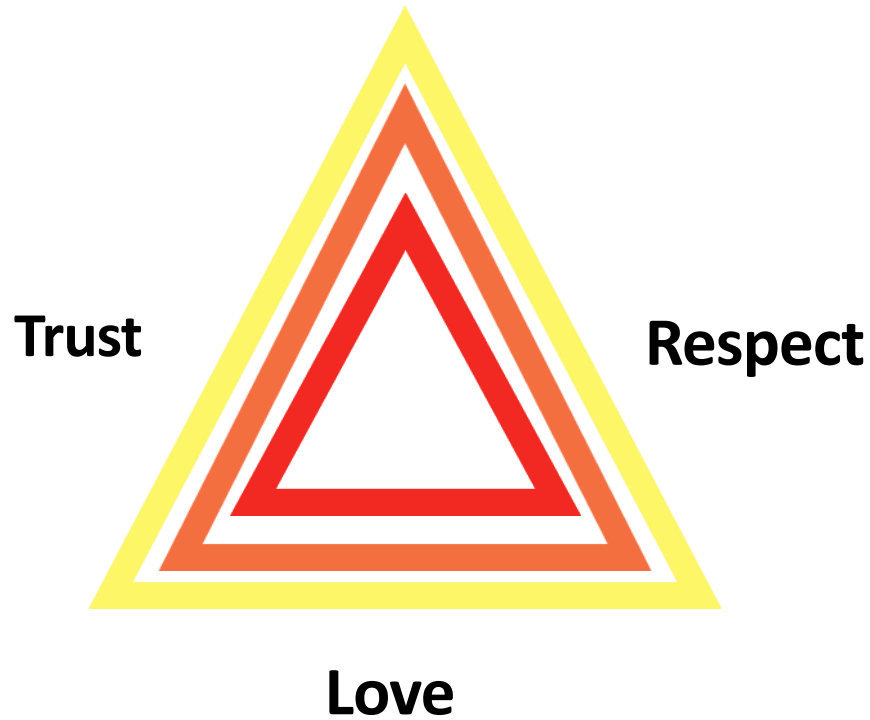
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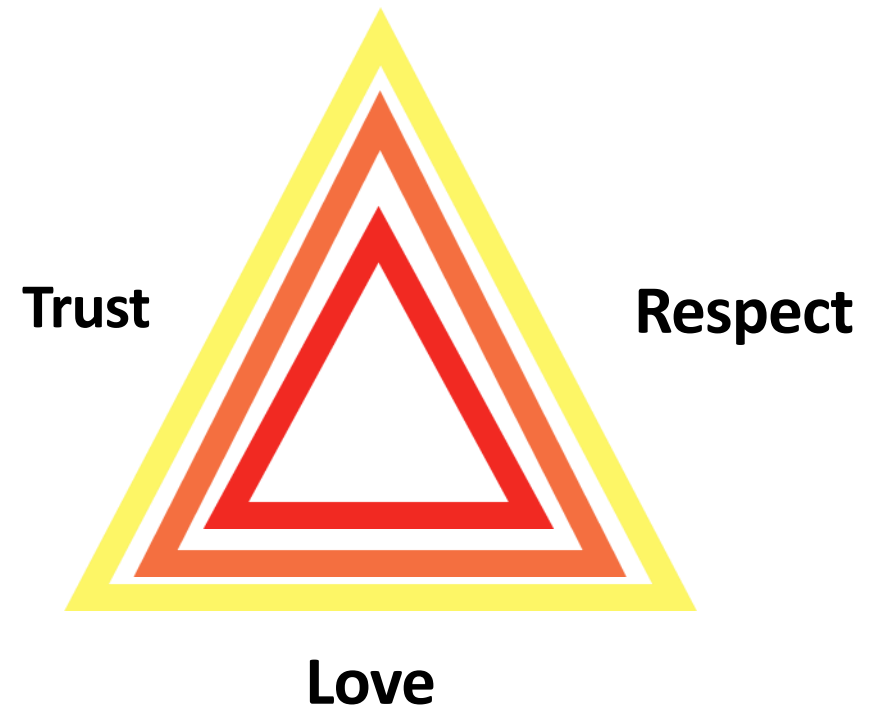
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