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Romans 6: 1b-11 NT page 152
Matthew 10: 24-39 NT page 10

Collect

**Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Diary Dates

Thursday 29th June

- CAIAS ~ in the Common Room ~ Treasure Hunt.

Start the Day Right 9am

Morning prayer in the chapel on Monday and Wednesday, We are unable to guarantee morning prayer taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays - so please check with Elizabeth.

Annual Church Outing—1st July

This year is to Canterbury. 8am-6.30pm. Cost is £20 per adult & £12 for children (not at secondary school). Beach, cathedral, shopping, boating, good restaurants, relaxation—all there for you to enjoy!

For more information contact Lorraine Thomas.

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. We are limited to 20 people.

Love Streatham Fun Day - Sat 15th July 2017

On the Common—1-4pm. A free day for all the family, games, bouncy castles, stalls, refreshments and other activities. We as a Church provide 2 bouncy castles. Please see Arthur Williams if you would like to help out with supervision.

Ecumenical service - Sun 16th July 2017

On the Common at 10.30am. An opportunity to share worship and celebrate with many of the other Churches in Streatham. Theme is "Treasure and Pearls". Clair would welcome support in making biscuits for the children's Messy Church. The recipe is available. Reminder there is a 9am Holy Communion Service in the Church but no 10am service as we will be on the Common.

Prayer pointers

- Give thanks as we seek to appoint churchwardens and raise two elected PCC members from the congregation.
- The people's lives will have been touched by 'Thy Kingdom come' ~ the Archbishops' Call to Prayer, as we continue to pray for God's world.
- For all affected in any way by the atrocities of Manchester and London, as they care, mourn and seek justice, as well as those affected by the disastrous tower block fire in Kensington.
- For each of us as Pentecost people ~ continuing our journey of faith and welcoming the Holy Spirit.
- For Sam and Margaret Mallet as they return home for a funeral and extended family visit
- For Church Army Mission Community at their Gathering as it comes to its close on Sunday. For all ministers covering Services to afford their Officers a Sunday 'off' for personal refreshment.

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.

Streatham Senior Connections - Mindful Movement

Chair-based yoga exercise sessions on Mon 19th & 26th June, 31st July and 7th, 14th & 21st August. 1.30-2.30pm at St Leonard's Church. All welcome.

Ministry Musings (25th June 2017)

God works in mysterious ways but he always works for our good and to show us His unconditional love. Some of the Old Testament is hard to understand in this light and especially when we hear chunks of text out of context from the whole accounts! Today we need to know that in response to the evil they were suffering under the rule of Nebuchadnezzar God had told Jeremiah and other prophets that Judah should submit to his destructive rule as although this would be humbling to Judah it would be preferable to resisting him and therefore continuing to disobey God!

To show their submission God commanded Jeremiah to make wooden Yokes for himself and various kings to wear. Inevitably there were many who were not ready to repent and return to God and thus we have the account of Hananiah, the false prophet. Breaking the yoke of Babylon symbolises and Jeremiah's sarcastic response to Hananiah neatly calls his bluff and challenges him! God's way historically is not to give prophecies of calm and peace but those of chaos and Destruction unless the people return to Him. Hananiah misses the sarcasm and the reality of God's pattern of working sadly leading to the nations continuing to go their own way for many more years. Christ of course turns this upside down ~ "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light". (Matthew 11:30)

Those words come at the end of a series the teachings that reveal the differences between God's love and the world's self-centredness and how we should all strive to live by and share God's love. We can only follow Jesus' example if we are not tied by the world but by God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Paul tries to explain this in his letter to the Romans.

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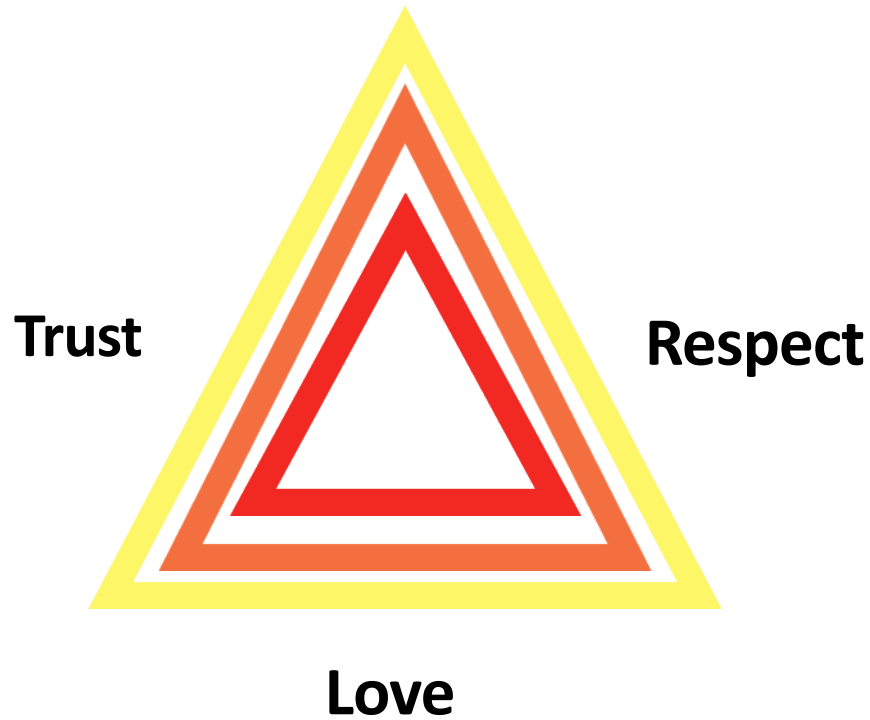
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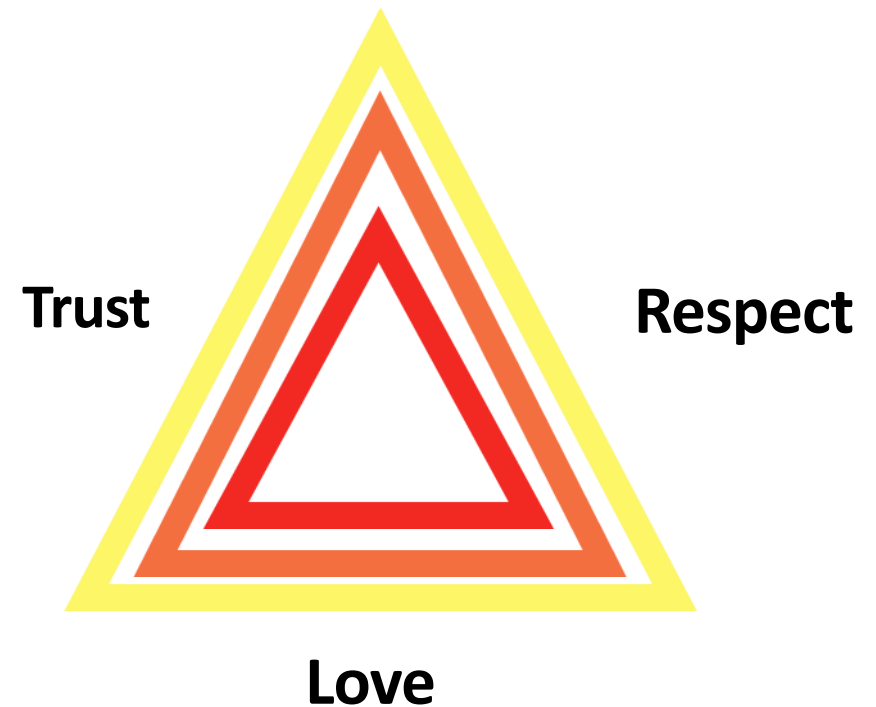
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