



# Notices

for the week commencing  
**24th September 2017**

## *Good morning/evening, everyone!*

Today begins with *Preparation in Worship* at 10.20am led by **Joan Gardam**, followed by our morning service at 10.30am which will be our **Covenant Service** conducted by our own Minister, **Rev Andrew Reed**, and include the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our evening service at 6.30pm will be conducted by **Paul Murphy**.

*The Covenant is the means by which we accept and then seek to sustain the loving relationship offered by God, and all are invited to come, hear and respond to God's challenge.*

We extend a warm welcome to you all, especially to those visiting us, and to Joan, Andrew and Paul. After the morning service we invite you to stay for freshly-brewed coffee or tea – all proceeds go to the work of mission in Britain and overseas.

If you have come in need of prayer or any other need, please do be sure to speak to the Preacher or to one of the Stewards before you leave.

### Scripture for services today

Morning:           **Exodus 24: 3 – 11**           **Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34**           **Romans 12: 1 – 2**  
                                  **Mark 14: 22 – 25**

Evening:           **Mark 9: 30 – 37**

### Diary for the week

Mon 25 Sep   7.45pm – **Finance and Property committee** meets in the Lounge

Tue 26 Sep

Wed 27 Sep   8pm – **Choir practice** and musical fellowship including preparation for Harvest (15 Oct)  
                                  8pm – **Wednesday Fellowship** at the home of Joan and Chris

Thu 28 Sep   11am – **Thursday Coffee** (and tea and biscuits) available for self-service before...  
                                  12noon – **Thursday Hot Lunch**

Fri 29 Sep   10am to 12noon – **Minnows** is our **growing** carer and toddler group (see overleaf)

Sat 30 Sep   10.30am to 12noon – **Morning coffee** served in the Church lobby – take a break, sip coffee, and enjoy Christian love and fellowship

**Next Sunday, 1 October**, begins with *Preparation in Worship* at 10.20am led by **the Choir**, followed by our morning service at 10.30am which will be conducted by **Terry Lewis**. Our evening service at 6.30pm will be conducted by **Margaret Ash**.

Duties **next Sunday** according to the published rotas will be:

*Music – morning*

*Audio-Visual – morning*

*Music – evening*

Roz

Matt

Roz

**If you are new to our church** we are pleased to welcome you, and invite you to complete a Welcome Card and either put it into the collection plate or hand it to a Steward.

## Church, Social Responsibility and Good Neighbour Notices

### Rohingya Crisis Appeal – Christian Aid

To date over 400,000 people have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh and are living in makeshift refugee camps with no facilities and scarcely any food. There are also those Rohingya people who have remained in Myanmar after their villages have been destroyed, leaving them without food or shelter. Information on what Christian Aid is already doing can be found on their website, but much more will be needed. There will be a plate for donations in the vestibule this Sunday and next, and if you can gift aid your contribution please put it in one of the envelopes and fill in the required details. *Linda Marshall*

### Minnows Carer and Toddler Group – Friday 29 September

We had a great first session on 15th September with nine families coming along. Everyone had a happy time and we'll be meeting every Friday in term-time from 10am to 12noon in the church hall. New carers with under-fives are very welcome – we have toys, craft, drinks, snack time, songs and a story for a charge of just £2 per family. There are plenty of small tasks that church members could help with on an occasional Friday – if you are willing, please speak to Julie or Avril. Thank you for your prayers and support. **Stop Press:** On week two we had 19 families with 24 children! More adult help really would be much appreciated... *Julie Underwood*

### Manna

We would be most grateful if you could help us with our shortages, which include:

*Instant noodles (for one)*  
*Tinned kidney beans*  
*Dried spaghetti*  
*Washing-up liquid*

*Rice*  
*Crackers*  
*Fruit squash*  
*Kitchen roll*

*Tinned fish (not tuna)*  
*Cereal bars*  
*Cup-a-soup*  
*Shaving foam*



Contributions may be left in the box in the lobby – thank you.

*Alexis Woods, Manna Food Bank*

### Messy Church – Saturday 7 October

Crafts, science experiments, songs, Bible stories and lunch... ..also fun, laughter, noise and messiness! Please continue to pray for this exciting new ministry, and do pop in to the hall to see it in action and enjoy the fun! The next session will be at 10.30am on Saturday 7th October. *Avril Pye*

### Harvest Supper: An Evening with Paul Kerensa – Saturday 14 October

For Harvest Supper this year, arranged jointly with Canaan Christian Book Centre, we are delighted to host *An Evening with Paul Kerensa* at 6pm on Saturday 14th October. Paul is a comic and comedy writer for, among others, BBC1's *Miranda* and *Not Going Out* and, after a delicious Ploughman's Supper, will entertain us in his "uniquely funny" (says Miranda Hart) style. Tickets are £7.50 each and will be available from me or via Canaan Christian Book Centre. *Roz Sendorek*

### 500 years since the Reformation – so what? – Sunday 15 October

Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, presents a talk *500 years since the Reformation – so what?* at 6.30pm on Sunday 15th October at All Saints', Laleham. All are invited. *Linda Marshall*

### Christmas Shopping Evening at Canaan – Tuesday 7 November

On Tuesday 7th November from 7pm to 9pm Canaan Christian Book Centre will open **exclusively** for a Staines Methodist Church Christmas Shopping Evening. There will be a 10% discount applied to all purchases and orders, free coffee and tea, and a short introduction to the new season's stock. Come yourself and bring your friends too. Save the date! *Roz Sendorek*

**Flowers** Today the flowers are a gift from **Margaret and Rod Jackson**  
Next week the flowers will be provided by **Liz Anderson**

### Acknowledgement Corner

This week we say **thank you** to all those whose efforts help to keep the church clean and tidy, arranging the screen and chairs for our various events, activities and lettings – and restoring order afterwards