

***The first letter to all in the Parish from Bishop Rob Gillion, who has been licensed as an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Southwark with responsibility for the Arts and is also Priest in Charge of our parish of Christ Church Streatham Hill.***

Dear Friends,

### **Christ Church Streatham Hill - Who are we?**

We are a Christ-centred Church who gather together each Sunday at various services, and at activities throughout the week. (Covid restrictions allowing). We particularly welcome our uniformed groups and our school to join us. We seek to strengthen each other and the community at large by helping and caring for one another. We try to provide a church which is lively, involved, open, informed and compassionate and where, both in times of trouble and joy, we seek through our worship to live fuller lives in the service of Christ and be lifted in Spirit with inspirational music.

### **Why join Christ Church?**

In every community, people set up home, get married, have babies, children are baptised and educated, people run businesses, achieve successes and encounter troubles, people have family troubles, people get sick, people die. The church stands in the centre of this web of life and death, joy and grief - a constant in an often-inconstant world.

We feel the Church provides a soul, if you will to our community here. A place to come for contemplation. To reflect on truths that transcend our everyday worries and cares and help us to deal with them from a different perspective in the spirit of God in prayer and action.

We have a strong desire to serve this community in the name of God, and we would love to have you join us. We provide a variety of opportunities

### **Call to Worship**

At present **Eucharist at 11.00am every Sunday**. During the week we have services of Holy Communion. After every service there is always an opportunity to make new friends.

### **The Church as a sign of Christ's Love**

We are all complex, our lives are increasingly complex. Our church we hope, recognises the complexity and seeks to reassure those who feel confused or overwhelmed by the demands of our lives that, although everything seems to change, and even the very nature of change itself seems to be constantly accelerating, the essential truths have not changed. Love, compassion, wisdom, integrity, humility and forgiveness. These qualities are unchanging, eternal, and can all be found in Christ Jesus.

In times of troubles and of joys the Church belongs to you, and you belong to God.

I look forward to welcoming you to Christ Church soon and bringing your God given gifts and talents! For every day is a gift from God, how we live it is our gift to him!

Every Blessing

Bishop Rob