

October 2018

Dear Freedom Club Member,

A newsletter so soon after the last one.... because there is so much going on to enjoy!

Celebrating Age Event Wednesday 31st October 2018 10.00 – 3.00 You might remember this event from last year with lots of information stands and activities hosted by Lambeth Age UK. It will be held at Streatham Leisure Centre and as well as activities and refreshments there will be lots of information stalls relevant to those of us in later life.

The next meeting of the Freedom Club is on Wednesday 14th November and we have an afternoon of treats from Ireland: Tony Emerson (Oona's

husband!) has written a part-fictional family saga that takes place over the first seven decades of the last century, on both sides of the Irish Sea. The whole story is largely based on Tony's extended family. Tony will read extracts, - in a genuine west of Ireland lilt - and be joined by other friends to make for a very engaging reading. Tony will also share with us his motivation for compiling the family stories on which 'Looking Down, Looking in' is based. Timings: 12.30 Eucharist followed by a bring and share lunch (including Irish potato cakes!) with Tony and co. to follow.



Would you like to have lunch in the PRS for Music Canteen? PRS = Performing Right for Music have a big office in Streatham (over Kwik Fit on Streatham High Road / corner Gracefield Gardens) and they often invite us seniors to use their wonderful canteen for lunch, the cost is about £5. There is a wonderful welcome – and a wonderful view across London. The next date is **1st November**, arrive for midday. To reserve your seat at the table phone Ann Morisy on 8764 7706.

All Souls Eucharist Friday 2nd November 7.30 p.m. at St Leonard's (prayers for the departed)



Saturday 3rd November at 4.00 p.m. Friendly Fireworks for both young and old including Donut Eating Race, table quiz, John Brown's famous tour of the crypt, sparklers and.... mini bonfire (Dads' effort!) We want this to be a genuine all age gathering – as well as a fundraiser towards the new chairs. Enjoy fun (and food!) and laughter, bring a friend! Tickets £5 (adults) £2.50 (children) in advance or at the door.

Tuesday 6th November at 7.30 p.m. the 2018 Howland Sermon at St Leonard's (initiated in 1719!) will be given by Dave Tomlinson. Dave was a house church leader for many years and is now an Anglican priest. He founded the legendary Holy Joe's, a church in a pub in Clapham for church drop-outs. He is a best-selling author and a regular guest on Radio 2. His theme: 'Black Sheep and Prodigals' an antidote to black and white religion. Wine and nibbles to follow.



The next series of Mindful Movement for Seniors will run on Mondays from 5th November to 10th December – although check the arrangements for the final session as the start time might be different! The venue is, as usual, St

Leonard's 1.30p.m. – 2.30 p.m. followed by tea and biscuits. There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to a charity chosen by the group. Last time £104 was sent to Aspire West Norwood and £104 to the Orpheus Centre in Godstone. Just turn up! No need to book.

Remembrance Sunday 11th November 10.00 a.m. at St Leonard's As part of Sunday worship the memorial to those from Streatham who lost their lives in the first World War will be reinstated, including the Last Post and service of remembrance at 11.00 a.m.



Friday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. Beer and Cider Tasting with Devon Pasties at St Leonard's – a fundraiser for the new chairs. Guaranteed to be a great night! Ticket will be on sale or on the door.

Poetry with Lisa and Friends on Sunday 18th November 3.00 p.m. at St Leonard's followed by tea and biscuits. Tickets £8 (for the new chairs)



Thursday 22nd November 10.30 – 3.30 the Famous Fettling Day at St Leonard's. This is the day we sort and tidy-up the gifts given for the special Christmas fayre we seniors host for those who use the local foodbank. Lots of help needed – sustained by toasted sandwiches. Come for all or part of the day. **fettling**: Giving something a good clean. (Yorkshire /Northern English) *'by 'eck, t'back parlour were filthy. It looks reet gradely now i've gi'n it a good fettling.'*

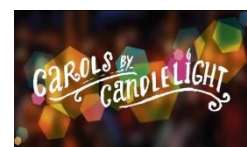
Streatham Seniors Support families at Christmas (the special fayre where no money changes hands!) is on Saturday 1st December at Streatham Baptist Church (Lewin Rd). Lots of help needed on the day and in the run-up. If you can lend a hand and/or donate presents (especially for children), please contact Ann Morisy on 020 8764 7706

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT 6.30 P.M. AT ST LEONARD'S ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Advent is the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. A very special service - not to be missed!



THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER THE FABULOUS FREEDOM CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY! 12.30
Eucharist followed by Turkey Buffet, Father Christmas and carols. Put the date in your diary!

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 6.30 P.M. ST LEONARD'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 4.00 P.M. CAROLS OF PRAISE AT ST LEONARD'S

With our best wishes and as ever, looking forward to your company.

Moyra and the Freedom Club Committee

Latest news!

Tues 23rd, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th October: 60 Minute Sing (for all ages). At St Leonard's from 10.00 a.m. for coffee and pastries and from 10.30 - 60 minutes of singing with Julie McCann and friends. No charge, just turn up to one, two or all of the sessions and enjoy yourself.