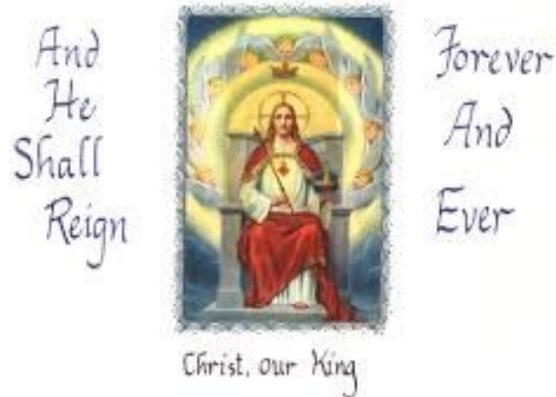


3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 ~ First Sunday of Advent  
10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.  
Preachment:  
Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 OT page 704  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 NT page 162  
Mark 13:24-37 NT page 48



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Our weekly newsletter for you to take home



## Immanuel and St Andrew

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26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 ~ Feast of Christ the King ~  
Sunday next before Advent  
10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.  
Preachment: Presentation by the Senior members of Junior Church  
Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 OT page 817  
Ephesians 1:15-23 NT page 189  
Matthew 25:31-46 NT page 27

### Collect

**God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. Amen.**

## Diary Dates

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** ~ Elizabeth, Marion and David meeting to look at refreshing our worship.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** ~ PCC committee meeting at school.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November ~CAIAS** - We give thanks that Whitbourne is back at home and pray for him and for Maureen. CAIAS will begin again with the Christmas meal on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Talk to Maureen about arrangements for this outing.

### Help Destitute Refugees across the Channel

Caroline Hewitt travelled with an interfaith group to Calais last weekend and will probably be doing so again. We hold all involved and the ministry they are providing in prayer.

Sadly, many refugees are living destitute in Calais and Paris, including some unaccompanied children. Their situation is desperate. Care4Calais welcomes groups of volunteers who provide much needed food, clothing and other provisions.

Thank you for all the help you have given by donating items from the list in foyer or speaking to Caroline and assisting in other ways. There will be future opportunities to contribute further.

### NIGHT SHELTER

Our contribution to the Night Shelter was a well received great success. As a church we provided the food for the evening meal for the homeless who use Saint Luke's Church, West Norwood as a night shelter. Saint Luke's extended their thanks to all those who provided the food, helped with transport or served the food. They were very impressed with the quality and quantity of our offering! Saint Luke's run the Saturday meal through to mid January and are very keen for us to maintain the link. I know many of you are in agreement with this. Another date will be arranged so that we can contribute again. Please continue to pray for this project and consider if you can contribute. Arthur Williams.

## Prayer Pointers

- For the "Leading Your Church into Growth" (LYCiG) course and those attending from Immanuel and St. Andrew, that this will benefit our church and its mission
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- Pray for each of us as we seek justice, an end to wars and God's peace. For each of us as we learn afresh to live Jesus' commandment "*that you love one another as I have loved you*".
- For the people of Zimbabwe and members of our church who have relatives living there.
- Pray for Flora Moyse and Rory Coy Baptised last Sunday.
- Pray for Elizabeth as she prepares to officiate at the funeral of her Aunt ~June Shearcroft ~ on 1st December and all the family as they also mourn the death of June's younger brother, David, who passed away last Sunday following a difficult illness.

### Bruges Christmas Market ~

Coach Trip ~ **2nd December 2017** ~ set off time **05.30 am!**  
**PASSPORTS ESSENTIAL.**

There are a few seats available due to a cancellation ~  
Talk to Lorraine, Joyce or Clair **TODAY.**

Adults £35 each ~ Children £25

Full payment is required now!

Visiting Wine Warehouse en route home!

### Start the Day Right

There will be no Start the Day Right until further notice. If you need urgent prayer ministry please contact  
Dr Marion Gray.

## Ministry Musings

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Micah 6:8b

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Rule of our Hearts means rule of everything we think, everything we say, everything we do! It also means rule of all we decide not to think about, not to say and not to do: all we take on and all that we give up.

Jesus can only have rule of our hearts if we know what he requires of us as his disciples and we can only know that by reading our Bible regularly ~ praying about what we read and seeking the Holy Spirit to reveal to us how to apply the teaching we receive in our daily lives. Jesus ruling our hearts ~ changes our mindset ~ our attitude to what we fill our lives with and why. We stop doing good things and telling God we are doing them for Him but do those good things that we see God in the midst of so that we can join in His work on earth. When we are working alongside God and not double guessing what might please Him we do not run out of energy or enthusiasm but are aware of His refreshing and replenishing in our lives.

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So as disciples we have to take time to responsibly spend time with God, study His word and seek to know His will through prayer, individually and corporately as a church fellowship. Keeping our faith to ourselves is dangerous, sharing together in love affords us some safety as we develop our understanding ~ our ~

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