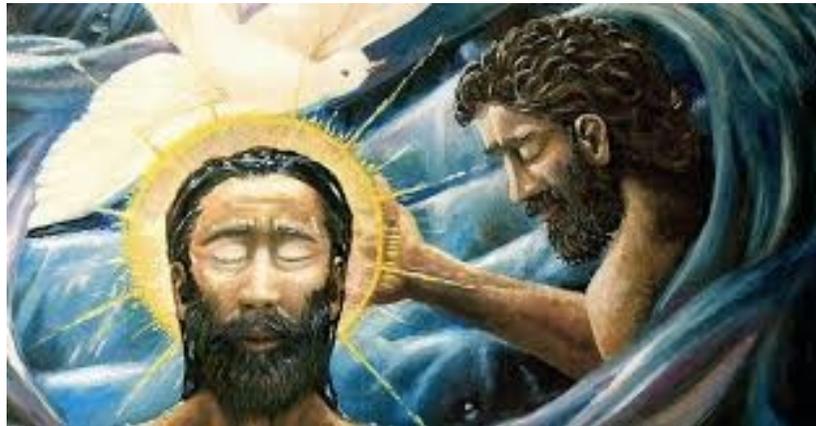


14th January 2018 ~
2nd Sunday of Epiphany ~
10.00 am Holy Communion

President:

& Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 [11-20]	OT page	254
Rev. 5:1-10	NT page	245
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7th January 2018 ~
The Baptism of Christ ~
(1st Sunday of Epiphany)
10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Preacher: Dr. Marion Gray

Genesis 1:1-5	OT page	1
Acts 19:1-7	NT page	135
Mark 1:4-11	NT page	33

Collect

**Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the
Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Diary Dates

January 2018

Immanuel Prays ~ Wednesday 10th January, 7. 30pm
in Church Chapel.

**MAP group
preparation** ~ Monday 8th January, 2 pm in Church
Chapel, with deanery and diocesan
support.

CAIAS ~ returns on Thursday 11th January.

**Immanuel
review** ~ Wednesday 17th January, 10.30 am ~ small
group meeting exploring the concerns
raised in the autumn by our PCC.

PCC ~ Wednesday 17th January, 7.45pm for 8pm
In Common Room.

Funeral ~ Monday 22nd January, 2018 at 11.00 am in
Church (Aunt of the Tulloch family)

February 2018

**Admission to
Communion/
Confirmation** ~ exploration and preparation sessions from
Thursday 1st February in Church~ see flyer.

**PCC
Away-Day** ~ Saturday 3rd February ~ The away day is at
home! PCC, interested church members with
deanery and diocesan representatives will
meet in our church buildings throughout the
day to work on our Mission Action Plan
(MAP).

Prayer Pointers

- Pray for our review of what we offer and how we worship at Immanuel ~that we can share God's Love with others.
Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- Pray for the ministry of CAIAS ~ **CAIAS ~ next meeting on 11th January 2018**

Immanuel Prays!

These are the dates of the next few meetings, all at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

Thursday 18th January

Monday 22nd January

Wednesday 31st January

If you are unable to attend but would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please contact Lorraine or Marion.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all who contributed to make our Christmas celebrations a special time at Immanuel & St. Andrew.

Christmas Cards

Please check the table and shelf in the church foyer for Christmas cards with your name on them or to check any that you have left for others have been collected.

Cards will be cleared away on Sunday 14th January and it will be a great shame if your greetings do not reach their intended recipients!

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