21st January 2018 ~ 3rd Sunday of Epiphany ~ 09.00 am Holy Communion

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

 Genesis 14:17-20
 OT page
 11

 Revelation 19:6-10
 NT page
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 John 2:1-11
 NT page
 89

10.00 am All Age with Baptism

Mark 1:14-20 NT page as in Service sheet



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

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1 Samuel 3: 1-20 OT page 254
Rev. 5:1-10 NT page 245
John 1:43-end NT page 89

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

CAIAS ~ Thursday 18th January,

Programme - Quizzes.

Immanuel 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.

Immanuel Prays ~ Thursday 18th January, 7. 30pm in

Church Chapel.

Funeral ~ Monday 22nd January, 2018 at 11.00 am in

Church (Aunt of the Tulloch family)

February 2018

Admission to Communion/Confirmation ~

review ~

Exploration and preparation sessions from

Thursday 1st February in Church.

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

And for the planning of our MAP awayday in February

- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- Pray for the ministry of CAIAS
- Pray for all involved with our school and our developing relationship. Pray for the right person to offer as a foundation governor.
- Pray for Hugo and his family as they prepare for his Baptism next week.
- Pray for Joyce Lynch and family members, Dawn, Ronnie, Nicki and Rita as they mourn the passing of James Samuel, whose funeral is 11.30 on 16th January at the Seventh Day Adventist Church SE25 6LH.

Immanuel Prays!

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

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.

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!

Ministry Musings

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