

28th January 2018 ~
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
(4th Sunday of Epiphany)
10.00 am Holy Communion

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

Preacher: Dr Marion Gray

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5 OT page 904
Hebrews 2: 14 -end NT page 216
Luke 2: 22 -40 NT page 56



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

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Genesis 14:17-20 OT page 11
Revelation 19:6-10 NT page 255
John 2:1-11 NT page 89

10.00 am All Age with Baptism

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

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 ~ Monday 22nd January, 7.30pm in Church Chapel.

Funeral ~ Monday 22nd January, 2018 at 11.00 am in Church (Mrs. Lillias May Croll)

CAIAS ~ Thursday 25th January, 10:30am
Programme - Board Games

(Elizabeth has her post Christmas break following the funeral on Monday).

February 2018

Admission to Communion/ Confirmation ~ Exploration and preparation sessions from Thursday 1st February in Church.

MAP Away-Day ~ Saturday 3rd February 10:00am - 1:00pm (Coffee from 9:30am). **The away day is at home!** PCC and interested church members with deanery and diocesan representatives will meet in our church buildings during that time to work on our Mission Action Plan (MAP) See notice below

MAP (Mission Action Plan) Away-Day

The "Away-Day" **is not just for the PCC!** If you have views on what Immanuel and St Andrew Church should be doing and how we might go about it **we'd love you to join us.** If you would like to come and take part, please speak to Elizabeth or Marion, just to let us know you are coming. And to help:

- it's "at home" - in our own building - so no travelling
- it's not a full day - we've shortened it to just the morning

We will be guided by Vanessa Elston, mission support officer from the diocese.

Saturday 3rd February 10:00am - 1:00pm

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 our planning of our MAP awayday in February
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- 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 William Johnston, for his parents Lucy and Richard and brother Toby as they bring him for Baptism today.
- Pray for Joyce Lynch and family members, Dawn, Ronnie, Nicki and Rita as they mourn the passing of James Samuel.

Immanuel Prays!

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

Monday 22nd January

Wednesday 31st January

Monday 5th February

Tuesday 13th February

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

Important thank you and notice ~ Junior Church

At our recent PCC meeting we affirmed the difficult decision to reduce our Junior Church (Infant & Junior) provision to **once a month.** This will be offered on the **1st Sunday of each month** with immediate effect.

We are very grateful to Gloria, Rebecca and Vanessa for all they have done. They will continue this valued ministry once a month but are mindful of their own spiritual needs. Also, if no-one steps up to train to lead or assist we will be in breach of our Safeguarding policy and must not put our children or leaders at risk.

Prayerfully this will be a temporary measure, BUT it will not be resolved without you, the rest of the Body of Christ in this place being a part of any solution.

Elizabeth

Ministry Musings

21st January 2018 ~ 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Abram was blessed by Melchizedek (King of Salem and priest of God most High) ~ after defeating Kedorlaomer.

How did Melchizedek bless him?

With sustenance (a feast of bread and wine) and through words of affirmation and encouragement.

Why?

Because God Most High had delivered the enemies of His people into Abrams hands.

How did Abram respond?

Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything.

Lets bring that into 2018 and make a comparison with ourselves.

You have occasion to defend your (fragile) Christian beliefs and values and expose a great wrong in the community. You make a difference and the wrong is corrected. Your church community congratulate you and celebrate with you giving you support because of what God has been able to achieve through you and it strengthens your faith so that you 'give in thanksgiving' for God's provision.

Or ~

Mary wants to affirm her Son, Jesus. ~ An opportunity presents itself at a wedding celebration and Jesus has to responds to her faith and trust.

The faith in your heart convicts you that nothing is impossible with God ~ however 'messed up' we have let it get! We translate that trust into prayer ~ a conversation with Thanksgiving with God ~ and the outcome is beyond what we expect but always brings God the glory in revealing His love.

So we have cause to praise God **"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!"**

This week read into your Bible, prayerfully asking the Spirit to reveal what you need to discover in your journey of

'Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known'.

Mindful Movement for Seniors

Exercise especially for older people including those who are living with memory loss.

The first hour will involve exercise and relaxation (chair rather than floor exercise)

Led by Oona Emerson

(Member of the Independent Yoga Network)

at St Leonard's Church

(Streatham High Road/Tooting Bec Gardens)

Monday afternoons: Classes will resume on 22nd January 2018

1.30p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Followed by tea and biscuits

No need to book ~ come to all or some of the sessions

