

4th February 2018
~ 2nd Sunday before Lent ~
10.00 am Holy Communion

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

Readings: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 OT page 602
Colossians 1:15-20 NT page 197
John 1:1-14 NT page 88

**“A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”**



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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

Collect

**Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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

- **Wednesday 31st January 2018 - Immanuel Prays!** - our prayer group meets at 7:30pm in the Chapel.
- **Thursday 1st February 2018 - CAIAS** - 10:30am in the Common Room. This week's programme: quizzes
- **From Thursday 1st February 2018 - Admission to Communion/ Confirmation** - Exploration and preparation sessions in Church:
 - Admission to Communion (7-12 year olds) 4:30 - 6:00pm
 - Confirmation Preparation (12 years upwards) 7:30 - 9:00pm
- **Saturday 3rd February 2018 - MAP 'Away-Day'** -10:00am - 1:00pm (Coffee from 9:30am). **The away-day is at home!** PCC and interested church members meet with deanery and diocesan representatives in our church building to work on our Mission Action Plan (MAP). See notice below.

MAP (Mission Action Plan) Away-Day

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

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.

Let's beat cancer...

Susan England tells us that her son John will shave his head for Cancer Research UK on Sunday 4th February (World Cancer Day). If you'd like to donate, visit his fundraising page at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/johns-giving-page-111>

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 MAP awayday on Saturday, for discernment and wisdom.
- 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.

Immanuel Prays!

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

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

28th January 2018 ~ Candlemas

Look out for Leibkuchen! In Switzerland and Germany it is traditional to bake Leibkuchen or Lebkuchen (honey cake) as gifts for Candlemas. There are many regional variations ~ many with alcohol in them! Why not look online? Lebkuchen means gingerbread BUT Leibkuchen means "dear" or "love" cake and is associated with Candlemas when we celebrate the love of God as the Light to be a revelation to us as recognised by Simeon when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple when he was eight days for circumcision and naming according to the Jewish Law of the day.

Why not adopt a new tradition for 2nd February (the actual Feast of Candlemas). Buy a new candle for your prayer time and ask God to bless it and then make some Leibkuchen to enjoy and give as gifts (an opportunity to show or share God's love to others). **'Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known'**.

Leibkuchen (Honey Cakes)

- 1 cup margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup sour milk* (see below)
- 2 Tablespoons vinegar
- 6 cup flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon mace
- 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon



Prepare sour milk and mix dry ingredients. Set both aside. Cream margarine and sugar, add egg, beat until light. Add honey, sour milk and vinegar. Mix thoroughly. Chill one hour. Roll out to 1/4" thickness. Cut into 2"x3" rectangles and place on buttered cookie sheets. Bake at 375f for 6 minutes. Frost with plain vanilla frosting. (For sour milk, add 1 T. vinegar to 1 c. milk and let stand for 10 minutes.)

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 resumed on 22nd January 2018

but newcomers welcome!

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

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

