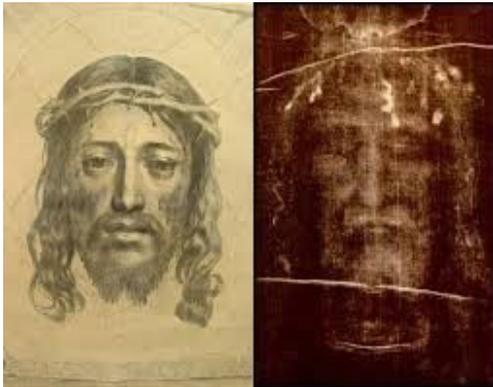


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Preacher: David Gray

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 OT page 342  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 NT page 177  
Mark 9:2-9 NT page 42



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## Immanuel and St Andrew

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4<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
~ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Collect

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## Diary Dates

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Immanuel Prays!** - our prayer group meets at 7:30pm in the Chapel.
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - CAIAS** - 10:30am in the Common Room. This week's programme: Pray & Sing-a-long
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Admission to Communion/Confirmation sessions** - see notice opposite for details.
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February ~ Shrove Tuesday ~ PANCAKES** ~ At home, symbolically use up the 'luxury' food items in your pantry in preparation for your Lenten observation.
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 ~ Ash Wednesday** ~ 8.00 pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. This Service is the important marker that Lent is beginning.

### Let's beat cancer...

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

### MAP (Mission Action Plan) Away-Day

Thanks to Vanessa Elston, Mission Support Officer from the Diocese, who helped us with our deliberations and prayer on Saturday as we sought to know what God requires of us here at Immanuel & St. Andrew. As we collate that thinking we will continue to share it with all of you as we seek confirmation of God at work with us and not us doing good for God!

### Immanuel Prays!

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February                      Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

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

## Prayer Pointers

- Continue to pray for our review of what God requires of us in what we offer in our worship and life 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 all involved with our school and our developing relationship. Pray for the right person to offer as a foundation governor. **This week** particularly pray for the **School Admissions Committee** meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February as it prayerfully considers and checks all foundation place and general applications. Pray that it may be clear who qualifies for places in a year when we are likely to be oversubscribed.
- Pray for your Lenten preparation.
- Give thanks for the life of Lorraine Thomas's father Granville and pray for Lorraine and family at this sad time.

### Admission to Communion/Confirmation

Exploration and preparation sessions take place in Church on **Thursdays** from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018:

Admission to Communion (7-12 year olds)      4:30 - 6:00pm  
Confirmation Preparation (12 years upwards) 6:30 - 8:00pm

### 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

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