

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~

10.00 am Holy Communion

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

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7,15,16 OT page 13  
Romans 4:13-end NT page 150  
Mark 8:31-end NT page 42



“Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand ~ with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. “ 1 Peter 3:22

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## Immanuel and St Andrew

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18<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ~

10.00 am Holy Communion

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Readings: Genesis 9:8-17 OT page 7  
1 Peter 3:18-end NT page 232  
Mark 1:9-15 NT page 33

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Immanuel Prays!** - our prayer group meets at 7:30pm in the Chapel.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018** - Funeral in church at 12 noon of Dr. John Mensah Sarbah Hayfron-Benjamin, well known resident in our parish and friend to many of our congregation.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 - CAIAS** - 10:30am in the Common Room. This week's programme: Relaxation with music
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018** - Scout and Guide 'Thinking Day'
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 - Admission to Communion/ Confirmation sessions** - recommence this week after half term - see below for details.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018** - Love Streatham AGM.
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Funeral in church at 11:00am of Granville Brown.

## Foundation Governor - Immanuel & St Andrew School

Being a school governor is challenging and rewarding. We have two vacancies at the moment, and one is for a Foundation Governor. A Foundation Governor needs to be someone who wants to see our children being educated in a school with strong Christian values. There are lots of evening meetings to attend (about 10 per year), and lots of things to read. You can see details of our governors on the school's website <http://www.immanuelchoollambeth.org/meet-our-governors/> where there are several documents at the bottom of that page that give some more information.

If you want to know more, talk to Simon Early or Sister Elizabeth.

## 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 - 5:45pm

Confirmation Preparation (12 years upwards) 6:30 - 7:45pm

## Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks for our very positive MAP morning which gave much clarity and vision for us at Immanuel & St. Andrew growing together as a community **Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known.**
- For those of our congregation facing the limitations of ill health.
- Pray for all involved with our school. Pray for the right person to offer as a foundation or for election as a parent governor, pray that we can be representational of the community school serves. Give thanks for interest shown.
- Give thanks for the lives of John Benjamin, Jim McLean and Granville Brown (Lorraine Thomas's father) and pray for Eileen, Hannah and Lorraine and their families at this sad time.
- Give thanks for all international work with young people both uniformed and non-uniformed.

## Immanuel Prays!

The next few meetings are at 7.30pm in the Chapel on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February    Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March        Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

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

## Lent exploration

During Lent you are invited to join Marcia Crow on Saturday afternoons at her home for a cup of tea and informal chat about the book you are reading for your Lent preparation also to explore why we give things up or take things on for Lent and how easy or hard we find it! Talk to Marcia to confirm time (14.30) and place.

## Ministry Musings

1st Sunday of Lent

As we enter the season of Lent it would seem that the Spirit is leading us to learn more about what it means to give Jesus Supremacy in our lives 24/7!

What does that look like and feel like as we go about our lives?

How does it show in our relationships with one another and how we treat ourselves?

How does our worship develop our relationship with God and encourage our support of each other?

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Our MAP, as it develops, along with the rest of the Diocesan input we are being offered as a 'pioneer project parish' will help us move from the rut we find ourselves in to being a vibrant witness to Christ in this place. As we enter this period it will stimulate and challenge and we won't like everything suggested or that we experience. But these are exciting times and it is good they are starting as we enter Lent. A time to re-view what God wants in our lives.

Today we hear in Genesis of the Rainbow give by God as a Covenant of His desire for us to be in a loving relationship with Him. 1 Peter 3 tells us that the water of baptism saves not through cleansing our bodies but through the pledge of a clear conscience toward God ~ just as was given to Noah's family through the flood so that as our Gospel commends in its closing verse we can recognise that "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" and develop our "knowing Jesus ~ making Him known".

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