

11th March 2018
Mothering Sunday
(4th Sunday of Lent)

10.00 am Holy Communion

President: Fr. Gareth Powell
(Priest at St. Margaret the Queen)

Preacher: Mrs Eileen Ross
(Reader at St. Thomas and St. Stephen,
Telford Park)

Readings: Exodus: 2:1-10 OT page 51
Colossians 3:12-17 NT page 199
John 19: 25b-27 NT page 111



"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)

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3rd Sunday of Lent

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President & preacher: Revd. David Stephenson (Area Dean)
Deacon: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 OT page 68
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NT page 162
John 2:13-22 NT page 89

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 6th March 2018 - Immanuel Prays!** - our prayer group meets at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. (Later meetings see opposite.)
 - **Thursday 8th March 2018 - CAIAS** - 10:30am in the Common Room. This week's programme: Happy hour and a half.
 - **Thursday 8th March 2018 - Admission to Communion/ Confirmation session** - in chapel.
 - **Friday 9th March - Funeral in church** ~ at 11:00 am of Granville Brown. (Lorraine Thomas' Dad).
 - **Saturday 10th March 2018 ~ Informal Lent tea and talk** at Marcia Crow's home ~ 2.30 pm.
 - **Friday 16th March ~ Funeral at Streatham Park Cemetery Chapel** (Rowan Road) at 10.00 am of Silburn (Jim) McLean ~ after Service gathering at Immanuel.
- Holy Week**
- **Monday 26th March ~ Funeral at South London Crematorium Chapel** (Rowan Road) at 4.00 pm of Susan England which will be followed by a celebration of her life at Immanuel.

Welcome

Today we welcome Revd. David Stephenson, our Area Dean, to preside and preach. David will explain the arrangements for ministry over the coming weeks when Elizabeth will take a break.

Sad News

We continue to give thanks for Susan England's life and pray for Chris and their sons Peter, John and Michael, particularly during the next four weeks of waiting until her funeral.

Also, Penny Bramwell's sister Sarah Green died last Sunday, leaving her three children Aimee, Sabrina and Julian. Please remember them and Penny and family in prayer, giving thanks for Sarah's life.

Joyce Lynch's Father in Law, Earl Lynch, also died recently ~ his funeral was on 23rd February. Please hold Trevor, Joyce, Daniel, Ryan, Stephanie and their wider family in prayer

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer Pointers

- Pray for those preparing to share in the ministry and worship at Immanuel over the next four months giving thanks for the support we are being given.
- 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.**
- Pray for all involved with our school. 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 Susan England, Sarah Jennifer Green (Penny Bramwell's sister), Jim McLean, Granville Brown (Lorraine Thomas's father) and Earl Lynch (Joyce Lynch's Father in Law) and pray for Chris, Penny, Hannah, Lorraine, & Joyce and their families at this sad time.

Immanuel Prays!

Future meetings are at 7.30pm in the Chapel on
Monday 12th March Monday 19th March

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Please give generously in support of the charities chosen for this year's appeal. Details are on the noticeboard in the foyer. Envelopes are on the chairs—please only complete the details if you can give by Gift Aid.

Lent exploration ~ "Tea & Talk"

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 and 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

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This week I invite us to reconsider the 10 Commandments in terms of our lives in 2018.

We are to have no other gods but the Lord God Almighty ~ but who or what form our 'gods' today? we are not to make any image in the form of anything in heaven, on earth or in the sea ~ but what images do we tend to reverence that already exist in our homes that we don't even notice preoccupy our time and focus? What might make God jealous because our time with Him is shortened to allow us time for other things? Do you consciously try not to take God's (Jesus) name in vain? (That includes slang versions as well as obvious blasphemy ~ using the Lord's name as a swear word!).

Do we ensure we have a Sabbath Day (not necessarily Sunday but a special time to nurture our faith).

How do you honour your parents or guardians ?

Can we 'murder' with words or harmful actions? Don't!

Adultery does not have to be an action ~ thoughts that go no further count! They are wrong and eat away at trust.

Stealing ~ can take many forms, material, time, lack of concern for others freedom (stealing liberty, allowing injustice)

Have you ever given false witness by remaining silent when you should have spoken out?

And finally when did you last covet something that did not belong to you? Coveting something goes beyond admiring it to having an insatiable desire to possess that thing or something identical to it!

Paul writes ~ "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

This power of God is what strengthens us to be obedient to His commands.

And our Gospel highlights that at times we need to take drastic steps to put our house back in order and ensure we are honouring God ~

As the pioneer church for the diocesan Parish Renewal Project we have been blessed with the opportunity to make sure our all aspects of our 'house is in order' to ensure that we are **"knowing Jesus ~ making Him known"**.

An opportunity to support Fair Trade

Fair Trade fortnight 26th February ~11th March 2018

In honour of this will you consider buying something from fair trade

or

sign up for regular emails,

or

like the fair trade organisation on your preferred social media.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight>

Prayer ~ Based on Proverbs 13:23

Lord God, In the fields of the poor,

even when abundant fruits ripen,

injustice sweeps them away and families hunger.

Help us to share the fruits of Your bounty

so that all Your family may benefit from Your gracious gifts.

Amen.

The Fair Trade Table will be open & selling on Sunday 18th March.

~ Mothering Sunday ~

The flowers to make button holes for Mothering Sunday are ordered and will need to be collected by car on the morning of Saturday 10th March ready for them be assembled (in the church chapel) between 10am and 12 noon that day. If you can provide transport please talk to Elizabeth

If any of you who have assisted before are available that morning or anyone else would like to help this year for the first time please let Elizabeth know. We know that with 6 to 8 of us forming a production line we can complete this nice task comfortably in the two hours.