

18th March 2018

(5th Sunday of Lent ~Passiontide begins)

10.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Ven. Simon Gates,
Archdeacon of Lambeth

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 OT page 746
Hebrews 5:5-10 NT page 217
John 12:20-33 NT page 103



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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: Eileen Ross, (Reader at St. Thomas and St. Stephen, Telford Park)
Readings: Exodus: 2:1-10 OT page 50
Colossians 3:12-17 NT page 199
John 19: 25b-27 NT page 111

~ Collect ~

for Mothering Sunday

**God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen**

Diary Dates

- **Monday 12th March - Baptism Preparation** - 6:45 pm in Common Room - by appointment.
 - **Monday 12th March - Immanuel Prays!** - our prayer group meets at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. (Later meetings see opposite.)
 - **Thursday 15th March - CAIAS** - 10:30am in Common Room. This week's programme: Talk by Arthur Williams
 - **Thursday 15th March - Admission to Communion session** - in chapel. 4:30 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.
 - **Saturday 17th March - Informal Lent tea and talk** at Marcia Crow's home - 2.30 pm.
 - **Wednesday 21st March - PCC meeting** - 8:00 pm Common Rm
- ### 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.

Susan England

Chris England has asked that we circulate this invitation to all who knew Susan.

This is to let you know the arrangements for the funeral of our beloved Susan. It will be on Monday March 26th. There will be a service at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, London SW16 5JG, at 4.00.

Then from 5.00 we will head to the church hall of Immanuel and St. Andrew, which is at 452 Streatham High Road, Streatham, London SW16 3PY, to celebrate Susan's life. It's not far away, opposite Streatham Common and next to Sainsbury's (which has a big car park). There will be food and drink, but feel free to bring more of either. And if you can't make the service it's fine to just come along to this reception.

The family will take care of flowers, just so we are not overwhelmed. Instead if you would like to you could contribute to the Just Giving page that John set up a few weeks ago when he shaved his head to raise money for Cancer Research, and which is now dedicated to Susan's memory. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/johns-giving-page-111>

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 through the Parish Renewal Pilot ~ **Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known.**
- Pray for all involved with our school. For the right people to offer as a foundation governor, or for election as a parent governor. Pray that we can be representational of the community our school serves. Give thanks for the interest shown.
- Continue to 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 19th March Monday 9th April
(No meetings in Holy Week or the week after Easter.)

Welcome

Today we welcome Revd. Gareth Powell, to preside and Eileen Ross to preach for our Mothering Sunday celebration and look forward to their ministry with us.

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.

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 ~ Mothering Sunday

(4th Sunday of Lent)

Last week we considered the Ten Commandments and their application in our lives today. One of those commandments as recorded in Exodus is~

“Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20: 12 (NIV)

This week we celebrate Mothering Sunday and it gives us the opportunity to reflect further on this Commandment. Note it is inclusive of both parents (guardians) not just mothers and it is open ended ~ we are to honour them 24/7 not just one day a year selected and promoted commercially as a profit making enterprise!

So what are the ‘mothering’ characteristics that we can recognise in one another because we probably first encountered them in our parents or guardians? Each of the lectionary readings today emphasises mothering characteristics in family members; Moses sister offering discretely to seek out their mother to nurse him for Pharaoh's daughter; Jesus on the cross ensuring that His mother would be cared for by John and to all of us as God's chosen people: Paul writes to the Colossian church ~

“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience**. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on **love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Colossians 3: 12– 14 (NIV)

Ask yourself this week which of these mothering characteristics or gifts you are blessed with and practice regularly and which you can ask the Holy Spirit to develop and strengthen in you to enable you to disciple or “parent “ each other as the Body of Christ here at Immanuel in our “*turning ourselves inside out* “ in our ~ “**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

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sign up for regular emails,

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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 ~

A huge thank you to those of you who gave your time yesterday morning to prepare our Mothering Sunday buttonholes so that we can bless and share them today as we recognise and give thanks for the mothering characteristics we recognise in each other.