

Next Sunday - 30th September 2018
18th Sunday after Trinity
09.00am Holy Communion

President: Revd Kit Gunasekera
Readings: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 OT page 461
James 5:13-20 NT page 229
Mark 9:38-50 NT page 43

10.00 am Morning Praise

Leaders: Mr. David & Dr Marion Gray
Speaker: Mrs Barbara Wilson
Reading: Luke 10: 25-37 NT page 68

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13



For your prayer time ~

Scripture verse for reflection found in the readings today

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23rd September 2018
17th Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Holy Communion

President Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft CA
Preacher: Ven, Simon Gates
Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31 OT page 625
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a NT page 228
Mark 9:30-37 NT page 43

Diary Dates

Monday 24th September - Immanuel Prays - our prayer group meets at 7.30 pm in the Chapel
Wednesday 26th September - PCC meets at 8.00 pm prompt in Common Room
Thursday 27th September - CAIAS - 10:30 am in the Common Room. This week's topic: Knitter Natter
Sunday 30th September - we will welcome Barbara Wilson as our speaker from Lambeth Refugees.
Sunday 7th October - We have a brief extraordinary APCM at the end of worship to receive our accounts and financial report which was with the auditors when we held our main APCM.

Immanuel Prays!

The next meetings will be at 7.30pm in the Chapel on:

Monday 24th September

Monday 1st October

Tuesday 9th October

Monday 15th October

All are welcome! You don't have to pray out loud at the meeting if you are not comfortable with doing that - God can hear silent prayer! The meeting usually lasts about 45 minutes.

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

Welcome - and advance notice!

We welcome our Archdeacon with us again this week as part of the continuing Parish Renewal Pilot.

Our Gift Day this year is Sunday October 14th 2018.

On Sunday 30th September we will welcome Barbara Wilson from Lambeth Refugees Welcome which is one of the three charities we have chosen to support this year.

The other two charities are St. Michael's Fellowship, Streatham, and the Church Mission Society, (through which we support our Mission Partners Tony and Katherine Paton, working in South East Asia, and Katy and Ben Ray, working in Tanzania). Hillary Box from St Michael's Fellowship and Tony Paton have visited us recently.

As Gift Day approaches please consider prayerfully your offering towards the work of each of these Missions. As in previous years, envelopes for our contributions will be available and our total Gift Offering, (matched up to £2000 by your PCC from our income), will be divided between them.

For your Diary ~ Memorial & Thanksgiving Service ~ Tuesday 6th November, 2018 at 8.00 pm

We are very grateful to Ven. Simon Gates for agreeing to lead a special Service for all of us at Immanuel who have experienced bereavement. Put the date in your diary now ~ further details nearer the time.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks for the family of God at Immanuel & St. Andrew and pray for God's continuing guidance for our ministry through the Parish Renewal Pilot as we seek to **know Jesus, and make him known**. Give thanks for all who are supporting us in our explorations and cherish the freedom to worship openly seeking to walk more closely with God.
- Give thanks for our school and all who contribute to its life.
- Pray for any who are unwell or infirm, that they will know God's healing presence. Give thanks for those caring for them.
- Pray for our Junior Church and its valuable ministry.
- Give thanks and pray for the work of our chosen Gift Day charities.

Junior Church

We rejoice that our Junior Church has recommenced and it will be running on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for the time being. We thank all those who lead and help with Junior Church. Pray for them all, especially those who have recently offered to help, and for those sorting DBS and training.

Love Streatham Prayer Walk

A good number of people responded to this call to walk and pray. Thank you. We will publicise future corporate prayer opportunities which you will be invited to participate in.

Prayer is an essential part of our discipleship ~ we regularly gather for Immanuel prays but realise that coming out of an evening is not possible for many. If you feel led to start a small daytime group then let us know.

GDPR ~ New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) law requires us to gain your consent for Immanuel and St. Andrew to hold and use your data to enable us to communicate with you about the life of your church. **Consent forms** are available in the rack in the church foyer. Please hand completed forms to David Gray or Elaine Owen. The form is also on our website at: <http://www.immanuelstreatham.org.uk/data-protection.htm>.

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Give thanks that our ministry to children is regenerating and support those raised to share God's love in this way.

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