

Next Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
10.00am Holy Communion

**President & Preacher:** Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.,  
**Readings:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10 OT page 464  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 NT page 215  
Mark 10:2-16 NT page 44



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## Immanuel and St Andrew

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
18<sup>th</sup> 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:** David & Marion Gray  
**Speaker:** Barbara Wilson  
**Reading:** Luke 10: 25-37 NT page 68

### Diary Dates

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Immanuel Prays** - our prayer group meets at 7.30 pm in the Chapel.  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - CAIAS** - 10:30 am in the Common Room. This week's topic: Knit & Natter (repeat)  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October** ~ 12.45 pm ~Funeral in church for Sandra Baber.

## Immanuel Prays!

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## We Welcome

At 09.00 today we welcome Revd Kit Gunasekera who is presiding at our Holy Communion.

### Our Gift Day this year is Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

At 10.00 today we welcome Barbara Wilson from Refugees Welcome Lambeth which is one of the three charities we are supporting this year. The other two charities are St. Michael's Fellowship, Streatham, and the Church Mission Society.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Pray for Delores Coombs and her family and Andrew Baber and his family in the initial devastation of their recent bereavements.
- Give thanks and pray for the work of our chosen Gift Day charities.
- Please pray for Busby James Johnston, being presented for Baptism at RNAS Yeovilton this weekend and for Elizabeth as she supports her Goddaughter and her family at this special celebration.

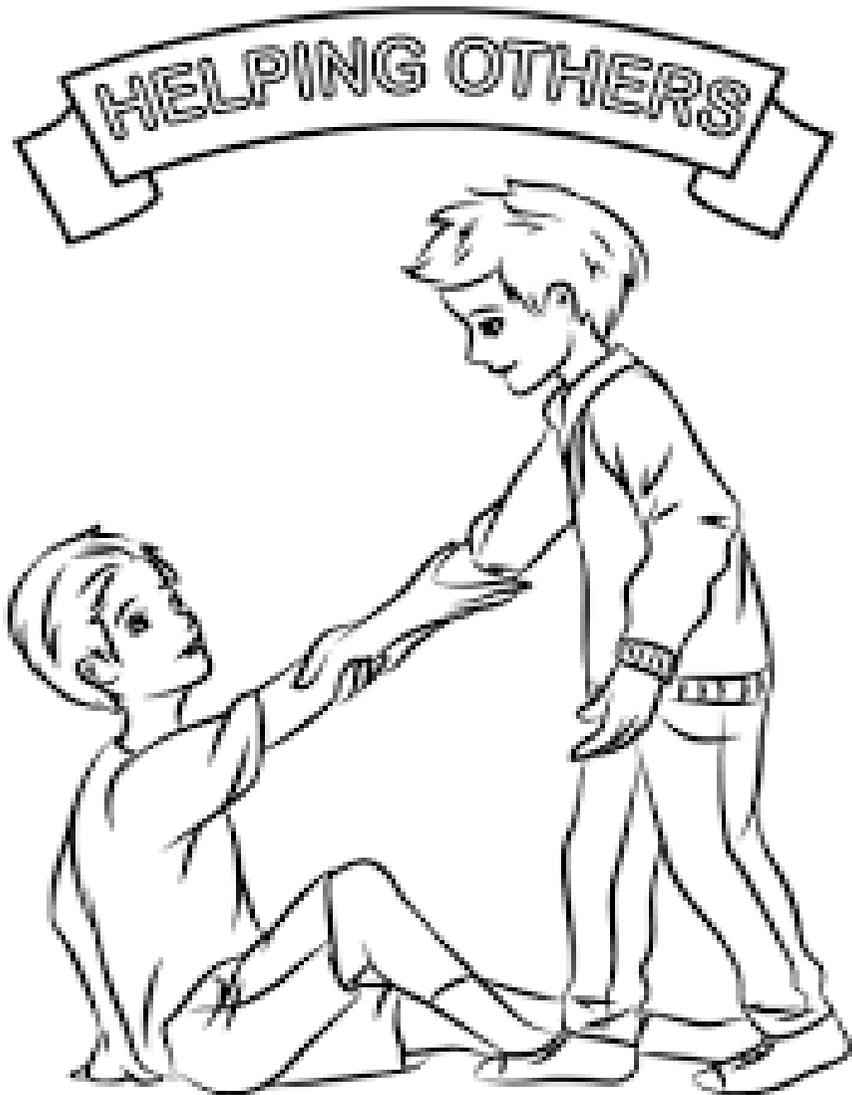
## Junior Church

We rejoice that our Junior Church has recommenced and it will be running on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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> .

~ Luke 10: 25-37 ~

How can you be a Good Samaritan



~ Luke 10: 25-37 ~

How can you be a Good Samaritan



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We are being helped to stop and refocus, through the Parish Renewal Pilot, and, because God values each of us, discovering a new enthusiasm for living our faith and sharing the gifts God gives us to help each other to do that.

As we got exhausted a few members of our church ended up doing the majority of what is needed to keep our church functioning and we need to release them from what has become duty rather than service! There are many levels to this and many opportunities arising for others to offer ‘to have a go’.

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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