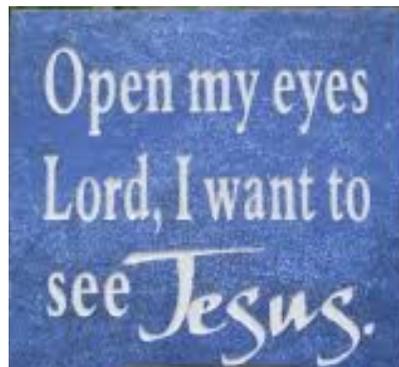


Sunday 4th November 2018
4th Sunday before Advent ~ All Saints Day (transferred)
10.00 am Holy Communion

Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 printed
or Isaiah 25:6-9 OT page 662
Revelation 21:1-6a NT page 257
Reader: please note change in readings
John 11:32-44 NT page 102



For your prayer time ~
thought for
reflection found in
the readings today

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Last Sunday after Trinity
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Readings: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 OT page 499
Hebrews 7:23-28 NT page 219
Mark 10:46-52 NT page 45

Diary Dates

- Monday 29th October - Immanuel Prays** - our prayer group meets at 7.30 pm in the Chapel.
- Thursday 1st November - CAIAS** - 10:30 am in the Common Room. This week's topic: Blanket Project contd.!
- Friday 2nd November** ~ Funeral of Loretta Reddish in church at 11.00 am then at Figges Marsh (2.00 pm) Reception in our hall.
- Sunday 4th November** ~ 7.00 am for 7.30 am Breakfast for Veteran Car Run spectators and participants.
- Tuesday 6th November - Memorial and Thanksgiving Service**
- Sunday 12th November** ~ Remembrance Service & Refreshments
- Saturday 17th November** ~ International Games evening 7.00 for 7.30pm ~ tell us if you are coming!
- Wednesday 21st November - PCC Meeting** - 8:00 pm in the Common Room.

Immanuel Prays!

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

Monday 29th October Monday 12th November
Monday 19th November

(No meeting in the week of 5th November - instead we have the Memorial and Thanksgiving Service - see below.)

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.

Our Gift Day ~ you can still make your offering!

The three charities we are supporting this year are St. Michael's Fellowship, Streatham, Refugees Welcome Lambeth and the Church Mission Society (through which we support our Mission Partners, Tony and Katherine Paton in South East Asia and Katy and Ben Ray in Tanzania).

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. The envelopes will be available up to mid-November; please be sure you make your donation by then - thank you.

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.
- Pray for the work of our chosen Mission charities and ask God for a generous heart as you consider your Gift Day Offering.
- Give thanks for our school and all who contribute to its life. Pray that God will raise up a replacement foundation Governor for Clair who steps down in December and thank God for all Clair has done.
- 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 mourning Michael, Angie Grant and her family mourning Loretta Reddish, and for those who minister to them
- Pray for the impact our serving breakfast butties at the Veteran Car Run will have on those we meet as they are invited to be 'fed' here week by week!

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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THIS MORNING
SUNDAY
28th OCTOBER
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The Pumpkin Prayer

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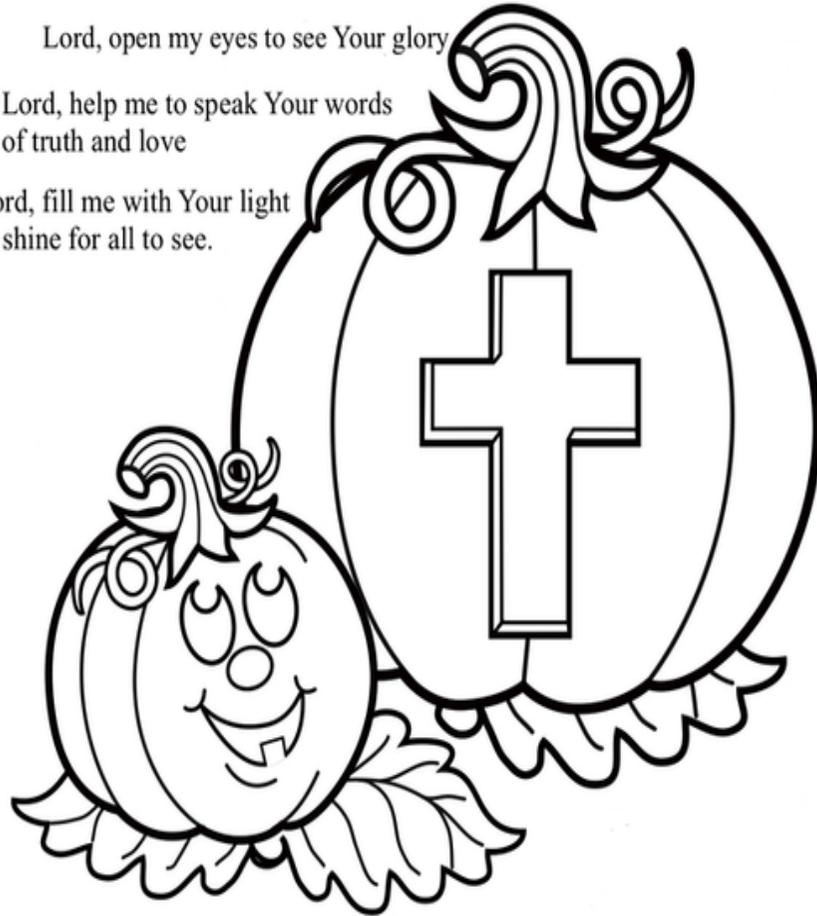
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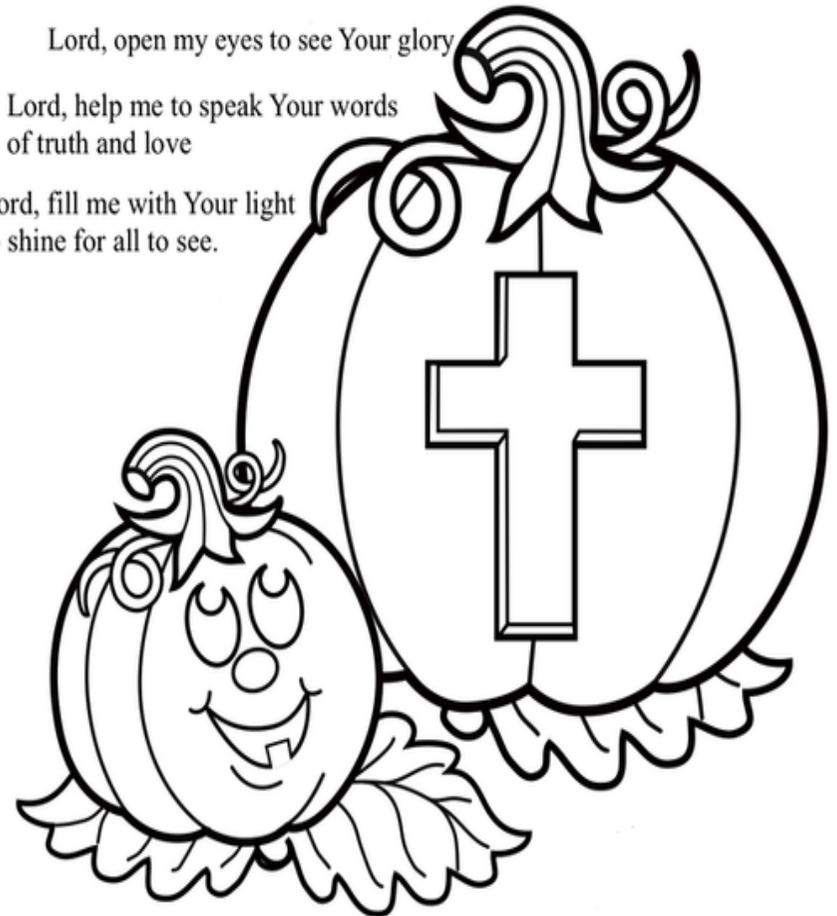
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