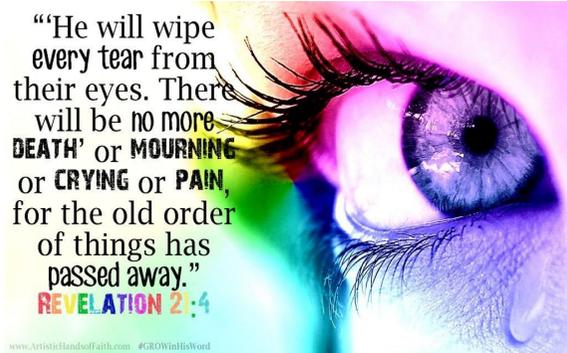


Sunday 11th November 2018
3rd Sunday before Advent ~ (Kingdom Season)
Remembrance Sunday
10.00 am Holy Communion

Readings	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	OT page 875
	Hebrews 9: 24-end	NT page 221
	Mark 1: 14-20	NT page 33



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

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

Readings:	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	printed
	Revelation 21:1-6a	NT page 257
	John 11:32-44	NT page 102

Diary Dates

- Monday** **5th November** ~ PPC committee ~ meets in school 9.00 am
- Tuesday** **6th November - Memorial and Thanksgiving Service ~ 8.00 pm** ~ in church
- Thursday** **8th November - CAIAS** - 10:30 am in the Common Room. This week's topic: Blanket Project contd.!
- Sunday** **11th November** ~ 10.00 am Communion and parishioners attending the Service at the War Memorial. Refreshments follow.
- Saturday** **17th November** ~ International Games evening 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm ~ tell us if you are coming!
- Wednesday** **21st November - PCC Meeting** - 8:00 pm in the Common Room.
- Sunday** **25th November** ~ Extra-ordinary APCM follows Service ~ 10 Minutes

Immanuel Prays!

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

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. Thank God for all Clair has done.
- Pray for any who are unwell or infirm, that they will know God's healing presence. Pray especially for Angharad this week.
- Pray for our Junior Church and its valuable ministry.
- Pray for Angie Grant and her family mourning Loretta Reddish,
- Pray for the impact our serving breakfast butties at the Veteran Car Run had on those we met this morning ~ invited to be 'fed' here week by week!

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.

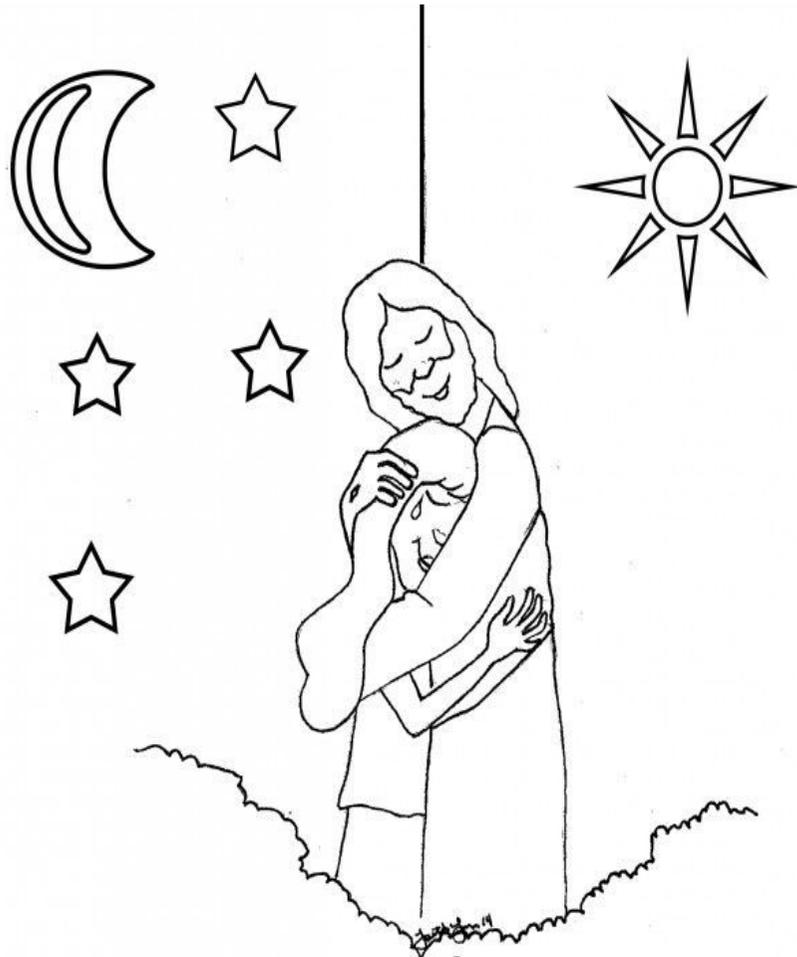
An inter Christian Muslim dialogue meeting ~

Friday November 9th at 7.30p.m.
at The South London Islamic Centre,
8 Mitcham Lane.

Discussion to promote the better understanding of the differences and similarities between the Jesus of The Bible and the (Jesus) of The Quran. Speakers: The Imam of the mosque and Alex Lyell of Streatham Central Church.

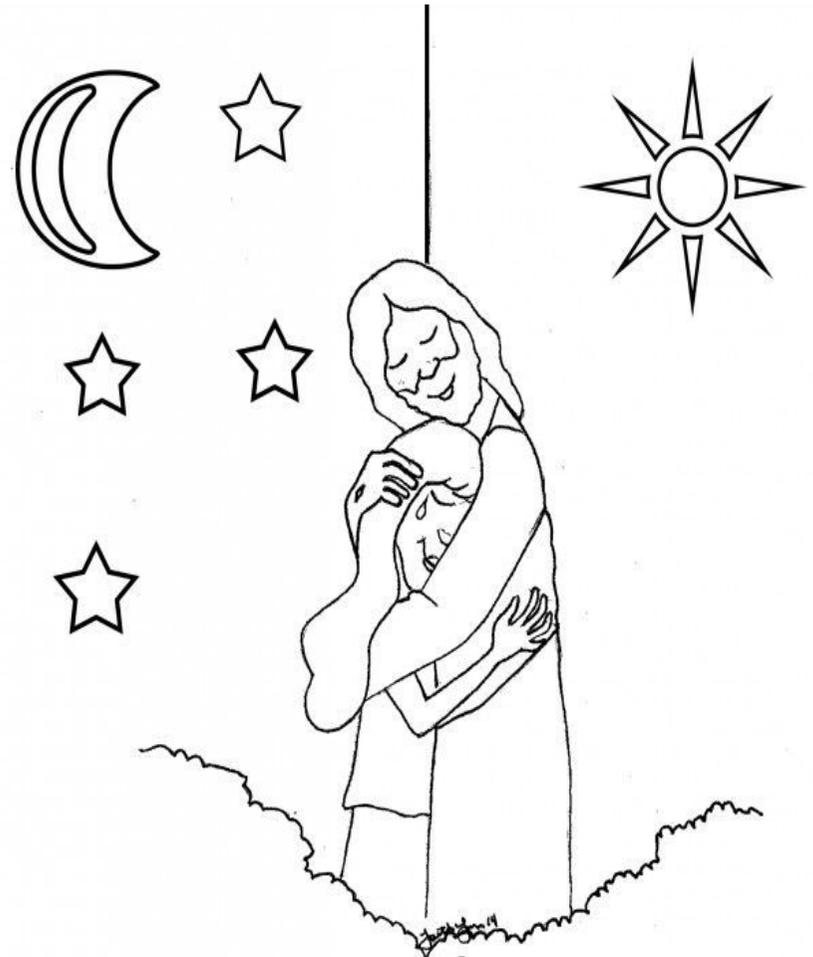
All welcome, refreshments provided.

Please contact Arthur Williams for further information



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