

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday**  
**10.00am Holy Communion** (Year C)

President : Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.,  
Preacher: Marion Gray

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 OT page 904  
Philippians 1:3-11 NT page 193  
Luke 3:1-6 NT page 57



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



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## Immanuel and St Andrew

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1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 NT page 201  
Luke 21:25-36 NT page 82

### Diary Dates

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** ~ Immanuel Prays, 7.30 pm in Chapel
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** ~ 07.00 pm mince pies & mulled wine prior to 07.30 pm Carols under the Christmas Tree with Friends of Streatham Common. (Are you a member of FoSC ~ if not, please consider joining ~ there is a small annual fee.)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - CAIAS** - 10:30 am in the Common Room. This week's topic:  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** ~ Christmas meal ~ see Maureen.  
~ Please book in your diary ~
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** ~ 05.00 pm  
Carols for Christmas with the Blessing of the Crib in Christingle Light, followed by festive refreshments.  
**Who are you going to invite?**

## Immanuel Prays!

The next meetings will be in the Chapel on:

Monday 3rd December                      Sunday 9th December  
Monday 17th December                      Monday 7th January

No meetings in the weeks commencing 24th and 31st December

Meetings are at 7:30pm **except** the one on 9th December, which we are holding at 11:30am after the Service on Sunday.

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.

## 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 whenever possible. 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.

**15th December 2018 ~ Making Christingles ~  
2.30 pm in the Common Room**

Clair and Vanessa will be making Christingles with older members of our Junior Church for us to use at our

**Carols for Christmas,  
with the  
Blessing of the Crib in Christingle light  
~ the next day ~  
Sunday 16th December at 5.00pm  
Invitation to all our children**

All Nativity characters welcome ~ so do dress up for this evening.

## 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 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 for our preparations in Advent and our sharing of Christmas with our wider community.
- Pray for those who mourn. For the Memorial Service at Immanuel on Thursday 13th December hosted by Maxwell Brothers for Dignity.

## Bath Christmas Market : Saturday 1st December

Thank you to all who were involved in arranging and being part of this lovely aspect of our church life. ~ You missed a real treat if you were not able to come ~ so please watch out for the next trip and see if you can join in.

## Have you a gift in your voice & enjoy singing?

We need your voice so do come and share it with a group of the congregation and rehearse for our Carols for Christmas. We are meeting again this evening 2<sup>nd</sup> December (7pm) and 9<sup>th</sup> December(7pm). All at Felicity Smith's home. Talk to Felicity or Clair if you'd like to be involved. We can sort transport if that is needed.



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