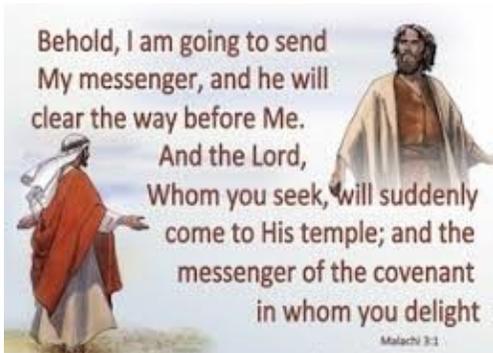


**Sunday 16th December 2018**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**10.00 am Holy Communion Year C**

President & Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 OT page 891  
 Philippians 4:4-7 NT page 196  
 Luke 3:7-18 NT page 57

**5.00 pm Carols for Christmas. See Diary Dates/inside for details**



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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**SUNDAY 9th December 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**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

### Diary Dates

- Wednesday 12th December** ~ 2.30 pm Staff Group meeting in the Chapel.
- Thursday 13th December - CAIAS** - Out to dine ~ Christmas Celebration
- Thursday 13th December** - 7.00 pm Memorial with carols ~ We welcome Maxwell Brothers for their annual Service
- Saturday 15th December** ~ 2.30 pm Senior junior Church making Christingles in the Common Room
- Sunday 16th December** ~ 5.00 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 on:

Sunday 9th December	Monday 17th December
Monday 7th January	Sunday 13th January

No meetings in the weeks commencing 23rd & 30th December.

Weekday (Monday) meetings are at 7:30pm in the Chapel. The Sunday meetings are at 11:30am after the 10:00am Service.

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 ~  
please 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 Gwyneth on the death of her sister Aba Dawes Polson and her family in Jamaica. For the Memorial Service at Immanuel on Thursday 13th December hosted by Maxwell Brothers for Dignity.

## Help Needed !

**08.30 am Wednesday 19th December 2018**

We are delighted that school wants to come and worship in church for Christmas and their Service this year is at 09.00 am on 19th December, 2018. **BUT** we need help to open up the hall and put out all the chairs so that everyone can fit in and then put them all away again an hour later!

**Please ~ if you can help then let Elizabeth know so she doesn't have to do it on her own!**

## 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 and 9<sup>th</sup> December (7pm). All at Felicity's House. Talk to Felicity or Clair if you'd like to be involved.

We can sort transport if that is needed.



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