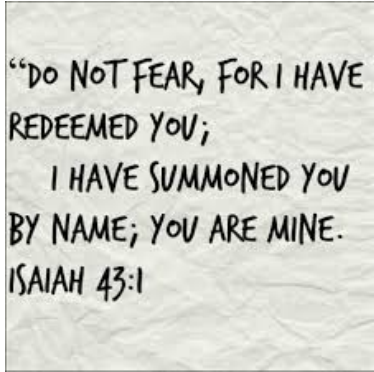


NEXT WEEK

Sunday 20th January 2019 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
10.00 am Holy Communion

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

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5 OT page 703
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 NT page 170
John 2:1-11 NT page 89



For your prayer time ~ thoughts for reflection found in our readings This week.



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Immanuel Prays!

Prayer underpins all that we do in faith and we believe it is important to gather regularly to pray and encourage one another in our church life and journey.

The next meetings will be in the Chapel or after morning Worship on:

Sunday 13th January
Monday 21st January

Meetings are at 7:30pm **except** for those on Sundays when we gather at 11:30am after the 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.

TODAY

**Sunday 13th January 2019 ~ Baptism of the Lord
10.00 am Holy Communion**

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Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7 OT page 682
Acts 8:14-17 NT page 123
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT page 57

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.
- As Christmastide continues through Epiphany, pray for all who are in need ~ the homeless, the sick, the lonely, victims of disasters and crime.
- Pray for God's Peace, through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that you will know how God desires you show His love to family, friends, neighbours and strangers.
- Pray for Penny Bramwell and her family as they grieve the death of Penny's Dad who passed away on Boxing Day.
- There are no Baptisms in January but please pray for those preparing for February and May.
- Pray for Revd Gareth Davies as he prepares to Preach and Preside on Sunday 27th January, 2019 to cover Elizabeth's post Christmas break.

Junior Church

We are glad that our Junior church is open again on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, during term time, whenever possible.

We are liaising with the diocese to organise the training and support they have offered those, now DBS checked, ready to assist and lead our groups. Gloria and Rebecca would be delighted to hear from you if you think you can join their team.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th January ~ Baptism Preparation Session in Common Room at 6.45 pm ~ **by appointment only** ~ please speak to Elizabeth or Maureen if you wish to attend.

Thursday 17th January ~ **CAIAS** ~ our Coffee at Immanuel and St. Andrew group for those over 60 meets in our Common Room at 10.30 am ~ theme this week ~

Saturday 19th January ~ Robes Project evening meal provision for St. Luke's Night Shelter ~ do hold all involved in prayer.

Thinking Ahead

Sunday 27th January ~ We prepare to welcome Revd Gareth Davies as our visiting priest this weekend.



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