

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 3rd Febrary 2019 ~

Presentation of the Lord in the temple ~ Candlemas
(transferred from 2nd) ~ 10.00 am Holy Communion

President ~ Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.,

Preacher ~ Mr David Gray

Readings ~ Malachi 3:1-5 OT page 904
Hebrews 2:14-18 NT page 216
Luke 2:22-40 NT page 56

"They didn't
believe me!"



For your
prayer time ~
Thought 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 on:

Wednesday 30th January,

Sunday 3rd February

Monday 11th February

Sunday 17th February

We meet in the Chapel at 7:30pm **except** on Sundays when we gather at around 11:30am after the Service. For the time being we are planning to hold the Sunday meetings on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month - so **no meeting today**.

All are welcome! You don't have to pray out loud at the meeting - God hears silent prayer! Weekday meetings last about 45 mins.

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 27th January 2019 4th Sunday of Epiphany
(3rd Sunday after Epiphany) **10.00 am Holy Communion**

Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

OT page 449

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

NT page 170

Luke 4:14-21

NT page 58

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 that you will know how God desires you show His love to family, friends, neighbours and strangers.
- There are no Baptisms in January but please pray for those preparing for February and May.
- Pray for Revd Gareth Davies as he Preaches and Presides today to cover Elizabeth's post Christmas break.
- Pray for those that God is raising to be Treasurer and Churchwardens at Immanuel.
- Pray for Elizabeth as she returns to the parish tomorrow.

Diary Dates

January

- Sunday 27th January** ~ Today we welcome Revd Gareth Davies as our visiting priest this weekend.
- Monday 28th January** ~ Pupil, Parent & Community committee meets at school ~ 09.00 am
- Wednesday 30th ~** Staff group meets at 2.30 pm in chapel
- Wednesday 30th ~** Immanuel Prays ~ 7.30 pm in the chapel.
- Thursday 31st ~ CAIAS** ~ our Coffee at Immanuel and St. Andrew group for those over 60 meets in our Common Room at 10.30 am ~ theme ~ Knit & Natter

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.

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and shows us the way if we are faithful in prayer**

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Why not apply for the Traidcraft Catalogue for gift ideas and purchases. <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk>

Our monthly stall ceased to trade at the end of 2018 however Catherine will run a couple of sessions to sell off the remaining stock.

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Yet again God is blessing us as He opens our eyes to His Will and raises up the team to share the Office.

Please talk with Caroline about what is involved, pray and respond.

Further Prayer request

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