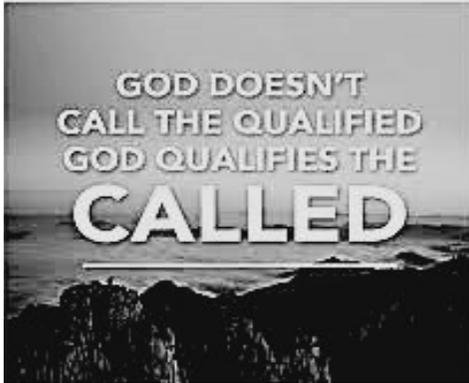


NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 17th February 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday before Lent ~
~ 10.00 am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism ~**

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

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10 OT page 730
1 Corinthians 15.12-20 NT page 173
Luke 6.17-26 NT page



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:

Monday 11 th February	Sunday 17 th February
Monday 18 th February	Sunday 24 th 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 - plus the picnics in February and June.

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 10th February 2019 ~ 4th Sunday before Lent ~ Ordinary
Time ~ 10.00 am Holy Communion.**

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

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) OT page 645
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 NT page 172
Luke 5:1-11 NT page 59

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 we change focus slightly and prepare for Lent, pray for all who are in need of knowing Jesus for themselves ~ those who deny God or consider faith irrelevant. Those who readily use the name of Jesus as a swear word.
- Pray that you will know how God desires you show His love to family, friends, neighbours and strangers.
- Please pray for those preparing for Baptism next week and in May and June. Give thanks for enquiring children as they explore faith for themselves.
- Pray for those that God is raising to be Churchwardens and to share the office of Treasurer at Immanuel from April. Also those preparing to serve on our PCC
- Pray for all clergy in Kingston Area who will be able to attend the Bishop's Symposium on Wednesday 15th February.

Sunday, 24th February 2019

Immanuel Prays ~ Prayer Picnic

Come and Join us in a new venture for our growing Immanuel Prays initiative.

We are extending the opportunity to pray together after the Service. Following the short time of concentrated prayer in church we hope to move to the hall and extend a time of prayer and sharing.

This is an informal time for all the church family and we hope that you will feel able to bring a small food contribution so that we can 'picnic', share in a time of getting to know each other better and offer prayer requests and thanksgivings together.

Diary Dates

February

Monday 11th February ~ Baptism Preparation meeting in the Common Room 6.45 pm, (by appointment only).

Tuesday 12th February ~ Year 2 in church with Elizabeth ~ exploring why Christians Baptise

Thursday 14th February ~ **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 ~ current project "hats for the homeless" but you don't have to be able to knit to join in the natter!

~ TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY NOW ~

Wednesday 6th March 2019 ~ 8 pm
Ash Wednesday Service

Monday 15th -Thursday 18th April ~ 8 pm
HOLY WEEK

Friday 19th April ~ 2pm
The Good Friday Watch

Easter Sunday Afternoon ~ Parish Celebration

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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