

NEXT WEEK
Sunday 10th March 2019 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent ~
10.00 am Holy Communion

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

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 OT page 188
 Romans 10.8b-13 NT page 156
 Luke 4.1-13 NT page 58



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:

Today - Sunday 3rd March
 Sunday 17th March

Monday 11th March
 Monday 25th March

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 - see notice inside.

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 3rd March 2019 ~ Sunday next before Lent ~
10.00 am Holy Communion

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

Readings: Exodus 34.29-35 OT page 84
 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 NT page 177
 Luke 9.28-36[37-43a] NT page 67

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.
- Pray that you will know how God desires you show His love to family, friends, neighbours and strangers and that during this Lent our lives will reflect Jesus in such a way that others want to know Him 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 parents who are now waiting to hear if their child has a place in the school of their choice.

This coming Wednesday (6th March 2019) ~

8 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

This is a really special way to commence Lent ~ a time of reflection, repentance and forgiveness that allows us to create the space in our hearts for God's love for us and challenges us to reflect that love in our lives.

You don't need to give anything up during Lent. Instead, you need to recognise what you need to take on in the next 40 days to make a difference in your life to reflect that love.

Immanuel Prays ~ Prayer Picnic

Thank you to those able to stay for our first prayer picnic last Sunday ~ the time felt really positive.

Our next Prayer Picnic will be a bigger venture and will be in June, weather permitting, on the Common or up in the Rookery

Diary Dates

February

Monday 4th March ~ Immanuel Prays ~ see the front of this Open Door for details.

Tuesday 5th March ~ 09.00 am ~ Faith Committee in school

Wednesday 6th March~ 2.30 pm your Staff Group meets in chapel.

8.00 pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes takes place in church.

Thursday 7th March ~ **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!

~ PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY NOW ~

**Monday 15th – Thursday 18th April ~ 8 pm
HOLY WEEK**

Friday 19th April ~ 2pm ~The Good Friday Watch

Easter Sunday Afternoon ~ Parish Celebration

APCM ~ Sunday 28th April immediately after Service

Ministry at home

The sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Anointing are available, on request, for those unable to attend church due to illness or frailty.

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.

Gloria and Rebecca would be delighted to hear from you if you think you can join their team.

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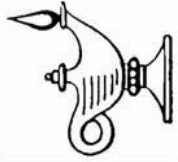
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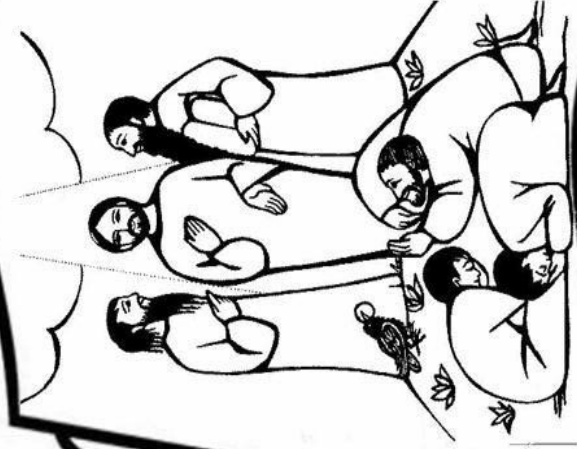
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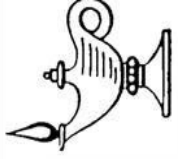
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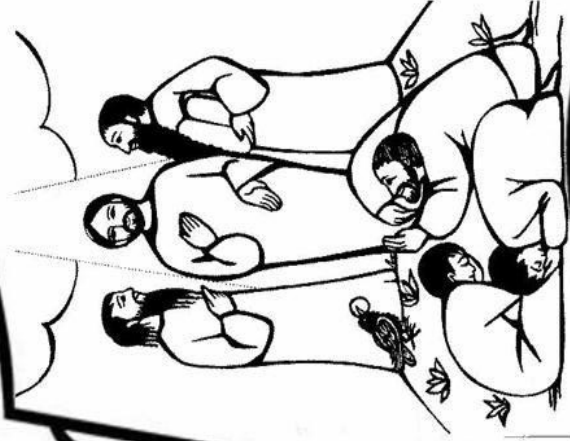
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