



For your prayer time ~ a thought for reflection found in the Seasons



Epiphany invites us all to follow the star ~ to find meet our Saviour and give Him praise.



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Our weekly newsletter for you to take home



## Immanuel and St Andrew

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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.

Our last meeting before Christmas is in the Chapel on Monday 17th December

There are no meetings in the weeks commencing 23rd and 30th December.

The next meetings will be in the Chapel on:

Monday 7th January 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.

### CAIAS

CAIAS returns on Thursday 10th January where the topic will be - Welcome Back - sharing and reflecting

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.,  
We welcome Revd Gareth Davies as deacon for our worship

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

**Carols for Christmas  
with Blessing of Crib**

**in Christingle Light ~ 5 pm**

Followed by festive refreshments

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

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

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a OT page 880  
Hebrews 10:5-10 NT page 221  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) NT page 54

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**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Christmas Eve ~ 11.30 pm  
First Communion of Christmas**

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

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10 OT page 693  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) NT page 215  
John 1:1-14 NT page 88

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**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Christmas Day ~ 10.00 am  
Family Holy Communion**

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

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7 OT page 648  
Titus 2:11-14 NT page 212  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) NT page 55

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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

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

Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 OT page 254  
Colossians 3:12-17 NT page 199  
Luke 2:41-52 NT page 57

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 ~ Epiphany Sunday**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

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

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 OT page 700  
Ephesians 3:1-12 NT page 190  
Matthew 2:1-12 NT page 1

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**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.
- Throughout Christmastide 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.

**Junior Church**

Our Junior Church takes a break over Christmas to concentrate on sharing in church celebrations.

It will be running again in the New Year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month whenever possible.



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