

Notices

Fellowship Groups meet on Tues 23 / Wed 24 / Thurs 25 November.

To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

14-18s youth group tonight 7.00-8.30pm

Please note venue for this week: Andrew and Jill Brooks' home. Contact Andrew Brooks on 07834 721769 for details.

December and Christmas Dates...**Monthly church prayer meeting Wednesday 1st December, 8pm**

(not an Advent Service as previously advertised). Venue TBC.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 4th December

From 8.30-9.30am at Konch's cafe (near St Thomas' church). £5 per head for full English or vegetarian (includes hot drink). Email steven.durrant4@gmail.com to book a place.

Great for friends and visitors: publicity available soon

Saturday 18th December 10am — Christmas Family Fun

Sunday 19th December 10.45am — All Age Carol Service

Sunday 19th December 6.30pm — Traditional Carol Service

Christmas weekend

Saturday 25th December 10.30am ^{Note time}— Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 26th December 10.45am—Boxing Day Service

Bookstall

There are books for sale at the back today and in the run up to Christmas—with lots of different titles, which we hope will be good for us and to buy for others. Do bring cash!

Food for hungry Christians

A great new Barnabas Fund project, seeking to help Christians in some of the poorest parts of the world, where faith in Jesus makes daily survival even harder. For more information see <https://www.food.gives/>

Giving

Regulars wanting to support our work can give through a standing order supported by Gift Aid. Information available from the table at the rear of the hall or from our treasurer: treasurer@immanuelbrentwood.org

Weekly update e-mail and online address book:

To be included please ask Caroline Evans (admin@immanuelbrentwood.org) for a form.

Welcome to Immanuel Church Brentwood

Welcome! It's great to have you here.

We meet at **9.30am** in different teaching groups for Sunday School. Fresh coffee and cake are served at 10.15am. Church begins at **10.45am**. We hope that **whole families** will enjoy church together. **For children** there is a separate **learning sheet** to help them make the most of the sermon. We don't mind that little ones make a bit of noise or wriggle around.

Toilets are located along the corridor on the ground floor. If you need assistance or information just ask one of the people who welcomed you when you came in.

If you're a **parent** please keep an eye on younger children before and after the service as the school is both a big and public space and we want everyone to stay safe. Please accompany your children to the toilet.

If younger children need a break there is a **crèche** nearby with toys and activities. Make your way to the back of the hall and you'll be shown where it is. You can leave your child there or remain with them.

While you are waiting for the service to begin, please familiarise yourself with the nearest emergency exit.

If there is an emergency during the service:

- Go to the muster point which is the field adjacent to the car park
- **If you have children in crèche**, they will be evacuated to the playground with the covered tables; please collect them from there, then proceed to the muster point.

If you're new to the church or have a question...

Speak to one of the team; send an email to info@immanuelbrentwood.org; or fill in your details below and put the slip in the box by the door to request information about:

Is there more to life? Christianity Explored Immanuel Church Brentwood

Your name and contact details

In completing this form, you agree that Immanuel Church Brentwood may store and use any personal details with which you supply us for the purpose of providing you information about Immanuel Church Brentwood.

Welcome and call to worship**Malcolm Peters**

Revelation 21:3-4 "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul...

You're rich in love,

and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Confession of sins and assurance of forgiveness

Lord God, we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul...

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By faith we see the hand of God

In the light of creation's grand design

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness

Who walk by faith and not by sight

We will stand as children of the promise

We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward

Till the race is finished and the work is done

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth

With the power of His promise in their hearts

Of a holy city built by God's own hand

A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith the prophets saw a day

When the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the power to break the chains of sin and death

And rise triumphant from the grave

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith the church was called to go

In the power of the Spirit to the lost

To deliver captives and to preach good news

In every corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith this mountain shall be moved

And the power of the gospel shall prevail

For we know in Christ all things are possible

For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise

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Final prayer and blessing

Prayers of intercession

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is an ancient and world-wide declaration of the Christian faith. We declare our commitment to this summary of "catholic" (or "universal") doctrine.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things, visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And we look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1. In heavenly love abiding

No change my heart shall fear
And safe is such confiding
For nothing changes here
The storm may roar without me
My heart may low be laid
But God is round about me
And can I be dismayed

2. Wherever He may guide me

No want shall turn me back
My Shepherd is beside me
And nothing can I lack
His wisdom ever waketh
His sight is never dim
He knows the way He taketh
And I will walk with Him

3. Green pastures are before me

Which yet I have not seen
Bright skies will soon be o'er me
Where darkest clouds have been
My hope I cannot measure
My path to life is free
My Saviour has my treasure
And He will walk with me

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The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.

*And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy.
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone.

*And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one.
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone.

*And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

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Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great high priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on his hands,
My name is hidden in his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No power can force me to depart,
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, sinless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die:
My soul is purchased by his blood,
My life is safe with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my saviour and my God.

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Sermon notes