

Notices

Monthly church prayer meeting this Wednesday 1st December, 8pm
(not an Advent Service as previously advertised). Venue TBC.

Fellowship Groups next meet on Tues 7 / Wed 8 / Thurs 9 December
To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

11-14s youth group tonight 6.30-8pm

At Max and Lauren Fenn's home

December and Christmas Dates...**Men's Breakfast next 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: flyers now available at the back of church

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.

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**Mark Smithers**

"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:7-8)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;

from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises:
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Final prayer and blessing

Sermon notes

You can listen to Sunday sermons online—www.immanuelbrentwood.org
Next Sunday we will be looking at Luke chapter 1:39-56

You're the Word of God the Father,
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice:
let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man;
and your cry of love rings out
across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea.
Yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

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Confession and assurance of forgiveness

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sin.
For not being ready for the return of Jesus
Father, forgive us.
For failing you by what we do, think and say
Father, forgive us
For living as if this world is all there is
Father, forgive us
For not looking forward to the return of Jesus
Father, forgive us. Amen

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

2. O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

3. O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

Gracious Saviour of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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Congregational Bible reading

Psalm 119:121-128 (page 515)

Prayers of intercession

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

1. O great God of highest heaven

Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

2. I was blinded by my sin

Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

3. Help me now to live a life

That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

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