

THE YEAR AHEAD AT IMMANUEL

Our mission field

The Lord puts us in many different places and calls us to serve him wherever we are. Brentwood isn't our only mission field. But it is the place where our church is gathered, and it is the town where most of us live.

So, what can we do *together* to make sure that our neighbours know that we're Christian people? What can we do *together* to help those non-believing folk on our street hear the wonderful and powerful Gospel of Jesus?

Did you know that...

- as of 2017 Brentwood's population was around 55,000 people, living in around 30,000 households?
- our church members are scattered all over the town (and a few further afield). If each church member gave a gospel to every house on their own street we'd reach around 4,500 households.
- quite a few church members live fairly near each other and in the same handful of postcode areas.
- for example: in the CM14 4 postcode area we have nearly 30 adult church members. On the roads they live on are nearly 1,000 households. This is a large... slightly scary... but also realistic and exciting number of people.

Gospel distribution: wouldn't it be brilliant if...

Just as a start, our whole church works together in getting a gospel into the hands of those 1,000 households

How might it work?

For a start we'll need to pray – perhaps harder than ever before – and to prepare. Then on a Saturday morning or two in November...

Some of us might just want to pop a gospel, leaflet and personal note through the door.

But best of all would be a knock on the door, a clear explanation of who we are, the gift of a Gospel, containing a bit of information about Immanuel and perhaps the name of a church member who lives nearby.

What next?

Scared... excited... up for learning more?! We're going to use our November prayer meetings to prepare and to pray. Come along if you can:

Tues 5 Nov at 9.15am or Wed 6 Nov at 8.00pm.

Mission week: 20 – 26 January

Christmas brings some great gospel opportunities. And we're hoping to follow it up with a mission week in January.

It's true that evangelism isn't bringing someone to an event. Certainly, evangelism isn't attracting someone with a gimmick or even the promise of a nice social occasion.

To help plan a genuinely useful week we would love to have your answer to this question:

What can Immanuel best do to help you get non-believing friends/neighbours/colleagues to hear a bit of the Bible?

What next?

If you'd like to talk, pray and plan together about the Mission week please come to the Khoo's home, 234 Warley Hilll:

Friday 11 October at 8.00pm.

2020 Immanuel Church Weekend Away

Just over an hour's drive from Brentwood and set in the beautiful Sussex countryside amongst three lakes and its own forest is Ashburnham Place. It is a fantastic escape from the world and well worth the drive to get there...

From 18-20 Sept 2020 we hope to gather there with the church family.

We're also looking forward to welcoming Andrew Sach to lead our main Bibleteaching sessions. Andrew is pastor of Grace Church Greenwich, a lecturer on the Cornhill Training Course, and author of several really excellent books.



There'll be programmes for our children, really excellent food, and space to enjoy the surroundings at Ashburnham and time with other church members.

We're really excited... and hope you're up for coming.

What will it cost?

The cost covers accommodation and food from Friday evening dinner to Sunday afternoon tea:

- For food + en suite bedrooms: £155 per adult, £63 per child/youth (aged 5-17), free for infants (0-4s)
- For food + shared bathroom facilities: £126 per adult, £51.50 per child/youth (aged 5-17), free for infants (0-4s)

Some church members will not be able to pay anything like this – and we have set aside funds in the 2020 budget to offer help. We don't want money to keep ANYONE from coming. Please don't be embarrassed in discussing this with one of Immanuel's Elders or Trustees.

Some church members WILL be able to pay in full. Some may even wish to make a contribution to HELP cover costs for others. (If that's the case, please contact our treasurer Denis Parsons: treasurer@immanuelbrentwood.org).

How do I reserve a place?

(1) Go to our Eventbrite registration page. It's here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/immanuel-church-brentwood-2020-weekend-away-registration-72152932363>

Please provide the information online that you're asked for. If you're not great with computers and can't do this yourself please ask another church member, elder or fellowship group leader to help you.

And at the same time please...

(2) Pay Immanuel a deposit of £15 per adult and per child/youth (infants, remember, are free). We'll then be in touch with you about accommodation options, costs, etc. How to pay?

- Via internet banking. Please state "*YOUR SURNAME* Wend Away" as a reference with your bank transfer. Immanuel Brentwood – account number 00024309 / sort code 40 52 40.
- Cheques payable to "Immanuel Church Brentwood" (please write "weekend away" on the back)
- We'd prefer church members not to pay in cash; but if you need to please put it in an envelope marked with your name and "weekend away", and pass it directly to Denis Parsons or Simon Orr. (Don't put loose cash in the offertory box!)

We very much hope you can be there with us!