

IMMANUEL CHURCH BRENTWOOD: WHAT WE BELIEVE

Immanuel is a friendly Bible-teaching church. We're about ten years old. We welcome people at every stage of life—young or old. We're glad to have those investigating Christianity and those wanting to keep following Jesus.

We believe it is possible to say for certain that there is a God, because he has made himself known through Jesus, who we encounter in the Bible. Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the key to how we can be forgiven for the way we've treated God, and how we can enjoy eternal life after we've died. To find out more why not consider...

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Christianity Explored is a great way to find out more about Christianity or brush up on the basics. The course runs over several weeks, looking at the claims of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Each session involves a short talk, time for Q&A, and an opportunity to see how the Bible points us to true hope through knowing Jesus Christ.



You can come along to ask questions and discuss—or just sit back and listen to others. If you would be interested in joining our next course (timing TBC) please fill out your details below or drop us an email.

CONTACTING US

If you would like us to contact you please fill in any details you wish below. You can leave the form in the box by the door or with a steward. To contact us:

info@immanuelbrentwood.org / www.immanuelbrentwood.org

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

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Carol Service



Sunday 19th December 2021 6.30pm

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

A warm welcome to Immanuel Church Brentwood and our Carol Service. Here is some information about this evening:

- the service will last just over one hour. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.
- toilets are located along the corridor at the rear of the hall.
- we will be taking a retiring collection for the work of Barnabas Fund, helping persecuted Christians around the world: www.barnabasfund.org
- For further assistance or information please ask one of the stewards.

Carol

Solo **Once in Royal David's City**
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir 2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all;
and His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All 3. For He is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us He knew;
and He feelth for our sadness,
and He shareth in our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see Him
through His own redeeming love;
for that child, so dear and gentle,
is our Lord in heaven above;
and He leads His children on
to the place where He is gone.

5. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by
we shall see Him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
where like stars his children crowned,
all in white shall wait around

C.F. Alexander

Welcome

Andrew Grey (Minister, Immanuel Church Brentwood)

Carol

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
come and behold Him, born the King of angels:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of light,

lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;

very God, begotten not created: *O come...*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,

Glory to God, in the highest: *O come...*

Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born that happy morning,

Jesu to Thee be glory given

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *O come...*

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Bible reading

Micah 5:2-5a, Isaiah 9:2-7

Jesus' salvation, prophesied

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace...

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

JOIN US AGAIN AT IMMANUEL CHURCH BRENTWOOD MEETING AT BRENTWOOD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS DAY

Church service at 10.30am

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Church service at 10.45am

SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY

Fresh coffee & cake at 10.15am; Church service at 10.45am

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9.30am

Fresh coffee & cake at 10.15am; Church service at 10.45am

FOR 0-4S AND THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS

Little Rockets playgroup. With coffee and cake, toys, craft and fun, and a weekly children's Bible story.

On Friday mornings in term-time, from 10.00-11.30am at Hutton Free Church, Hanging Hill Lane. Re-starts Friday 7th Jan 2022.

Contact littlerockets@immanuelbrentwood.org for info.

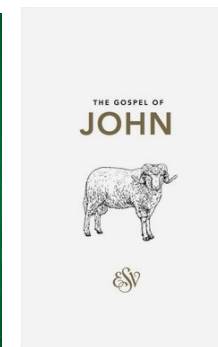
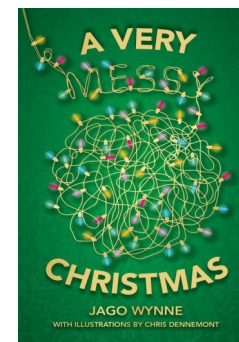
RESOURCES TO HELP YOU INVESTIGATE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

If you're a guest please browse our bookstall and take away some **free Christmas gifts**.

The best way to investigate the claims of Jesus is to read one of **the Gospels**—written by **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. They're not long—one would take less than two hours to read through.

On the bookstall you'll find other leaflets and books. These include Jago Wynne's **A Very Merry Christmas** which takes us to the first Christmas, to a God who broke into our world and entered into our mess and is able to fill us with joy.

There is also Lee Strobel's **The Case for Christ**. This answers difficult questions which lots of us raise when we look into the Christian faith.



Carol

Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb;
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel!
*Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of
peace, hail the Sun of righteousness;
light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
*Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

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Christmas Blessing

Please join us for refreshments after the service

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Choir

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven (Keith and Kristyn Getty)

Bible reading Luke 1:26-38 The angel announces the Gospel

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy-- the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Carol

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ
While fields and streams and hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Men No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;

Women He comes to make His blessings flow

All Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
The wonders of His love, The wonders of His love,
The wonders, wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts

Choir

Star Carol, (Hilary Khoo)

Bible reading Matthew 1:18-25 The birth of Jesus Christ

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Prayers of intercession

Carol

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Choir

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams Thy holy face
With the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Bible reading

1 John 1:1-4

Finding life, in a world of death

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Christmas address