

Notices**Our monthly church prayer meeting is on Wednesday 5th January 2022**

At Hutton Free Church on Hanging Hill Lane. Coffee from 7.30pm, prayers at 8pm

Fellowship Groups next meet on Tues 11 / Wed 12 / Thurs 13 January 2022

To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

Next Sunday, 2nd January

No Sunday school (restarts 9th January)

Coffee and cake from 10.15am, service at 10.45am

Looking into Christianity?

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 drop us an email. info@immanuelbrentwood.org

New Year's Day walk

Our friends at Christ Church Romford are having a New Year's Day walk, to which we are cordially invited! Saturday 1st January, Hornchurch Country Park (Address: Squadrons Approach, Hornchurch, RM12 6TS). Meet at 10.00am near to the playground/visitors centre which is right by the car park. The car park is free and there's a path which is suitable for prams. More info from Jess Fenn – email jessmoxley89@gmail.com

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.

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

*"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever." (Psalm 111:1-3)*

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
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.

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Joy has dawned upon the world

Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Saviour what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

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Final prayer and blessing

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Sermon notes

You can listen to Sunday sermons online—www.immanuelbrentwood.org
Next Sunday we will be looking at Luke chapter 2:40-52

Confession and assurance of forgiveness

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may act justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head; indeed,
all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing
and ready from now on to live for him.**

The Heidelberg Catechism

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
 It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
 Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,
 Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.
 True Son of God, yet bearing human feature,
 He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.
 In towering grace, He laid aside His glory,
 And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.
 Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Come, then, to Him Who lies within the manger,
 With joyful shepherds, proclaim Him as Lord.
 Let not the Promised Son remain a stranger;
 In reverent worship, make Christ your Adored.
 Eternal life is theirs who would receive Him;
 With grace and peace, their lives He will adorn.
 Fall on your knees! Receive the Gift of heaven!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born
 O night, O holy night when Christ was born

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Congregational Bible reading

Psalm 119:145-152 (page 515)

God rest you merry gentlemen
 Let nothing you dismay,
 For Jesus Christ our Saviour
 Was born upon this day;
 To save us all from Satan's power
 When we were gone astray...

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy!
 O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2. From God our heavenly Father
 A blessed angel came,
 And unto certain shepherds
 Brought tidings of the same,
 How that in Bethlehem was born
 The Son of God by name...

Prayers of intercession

Jesus joy of the highest heaven
 Born as a little baby
 Under a wondrous star
 Like us crying he takes His first breath
 Held by His mother helpless
 Close to her beating heart
 Jesus laid in a lowly manger
 Facing a world of dangers
 Come to turn me a stranger
 Into a child of God

3. The shepherds at those tidings
 Rejoiced in heart and mind,
 And on the darkened hillside
 They left their flocks behind
 And went to Bethlehem straightway
 This holy child to find...

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
 Where Christ the infant lay,
 They found Him in a manger
 Where oxen feed on hay;
 His mother Mary kneeling
 Unto the Lord did pray...

5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
 All you within this place,
 And with true love and brotherhood
 Each other now embrace
 This holy tide of Christmas
 Because of Jesus' grace...

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Jesus King of the highest heaven
 Learning to take His first steps
 That He might bring us life
 Like us knowing our smiles and sorrows
 He showed the way to follow
 A way that is true and right
 Jesus take away every darkness
 Steady my simple footsteps
 That I might in Your goodness
 Live as a child of God

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