

Notices

Fellowship Groups re-start this week on **Tues 11 / Wed 12 / Thurs 13 January**

To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

11-14s youth group tonight 6.30-8pm

At Max and Lauren Fenn's home.

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

Christianity Explored

This is a great way to find out more about Christianity or brush up on the basics by looking at the claims of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. 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.

Safe-guarding

If you have any concerns or queries please contact safeguarding@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:

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.

During church today we will share the Lord's Supper

Who is the Lord's Supper for? We welcome to the Lord's Table to receive bread and wine all who know and love the Lord Jesus for themselves; who are today turning away from sin; and who are trusting Jesus for forgiveness.

Parents, it is up to you to instruct your **children** appropriately as you want. We permit believing children to receive bread only or both bread and wine.

If you are **not yet a Christian believer** please don't take the bread or wine.

As you enter church please collect a cup of wine with a wafer from the stewards. Follow instructions from our minister on when during the service to eat and drink. We use non-alcoholic wine. Cups can be disposed of at the end of the service.

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.
- Proceed quietly and calmly in order to hear any additional instructions.

Welcome and call to worship

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3)

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise

My great Redeemer's praise

The glories of my God and King

The triumphs of His grace!

2. Jesus! The name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease;

That bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life and health and peace.

3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,

He sets the prisoner free;

He sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean;

His blood availed for me.

4. He speaks, and, listening to His voice,

New life the dead receive,

New life the dead receive,

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

The humble poor believe.

5. My gracious Master and My God,

Assist me to proclaim,

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad,

The honours of Thy name.

Confession and assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,

in thought and word and deed,

in the evil we have done

and in the good we have not done,

through ignorance, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty,

Hold me with thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven

Feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through:

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer;

Be thou still my strength and shield;

Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. Lord, I trust Thy mighty power,

Wondrous are Thy works of old;

You delivered us from slavery,

Into which ourselves had sold:

You have conquered, you have conquered,

Sin, and Satan and the grave;

Sin, and Satan and the grave.

4. When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to Thee;

I will ever give to Thee.

CCLI Song # 4330754

Jeremy Casella | John Hughes

© Words: Jeremy Casella Music (Admin. by Jeremy Casella)

Music: Public Domain

Final prayer and blessing

The Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:23-26)

**We do not presume to come to this your Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

While the bread and wine is taken please remain seated—singing, listening or praying.

1. Jesus said that if I thirst

I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

2. Jesus said if I am weak

I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

3. Jesus said that if I fear

I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

4. Jesus said if I am lost

He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind*

For the Lord is good and faithful...

CCLI Song 7139992
C Buchanan / J Robinson / M Farren /
R Thompson, © 2019 CityAlight Music

**The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,
the agonies of Calvary.
You the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son,
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.**

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank you.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank you.
Once your enemy, now seated at your table, Jesus, thank you.*

By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy you've made your friend.
Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace,
your mercy and your kindness know no end.

CCLI Song 7139992
C Buchanan / J Robinson / M Farren / R Thompson
© 2019 CityAlight Music

Prayers of intercession

Now in reverence and awe

we gather round your Word;
in wonder we draw near
to mysteries that angels strain to hear,
that prophets dimly saw:
so let your Spirit
shine upon the page and teach me;

*Open up my eyes, with truth to free me,
light to chase the lies.
Lord Jesus, let me meet
you in your Word;
Lord Jesus, let me meet
you in your Word.*

Lord, your truth cannot be chained;
it searches everything
my secrets, my desires.
Your Word is like a hammer and a fire
it breaks, it purifies:
so let your Spirit
shine into my heart and teach me;

*Open up my eyes, with truth to free me,
light to chase the lies.
Lord Jesus, let me meet
you in your Word;
Lord Jesus, let me meet
you in your Word.*

Graham Kendrick ©1991 Make Way Music
CCLI Song Number 4930752

1. God's people do not fit in

We're strangers in the world (1:1, 1:17, 2:11, 5:13)

We face significant opposition (2:12, 2:15, 4:4)

2. Live as godly exiles

Wrong responses: infuriated... intimidated... enculturated...

Stand firm in God's grace (5:12)

You can listen to Sunday sermons online—www.immanuelbrentwood.org
Next Sunday we will be looking at 1 Peter 1:3-12