

Notices**Fellowship Groups meet this week on Tues 8 / Wed 9 / Thurs 10 March**

To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

11-14s Youth Group tonight 6.30-8pm

At Max and Lauren Fenn's home.

'Are you Sure?': An evening for non-believing friends and family – Thursday 17th March

Many of us have friends and family who say they're not sure about God. Andrew Sach is coming to give a short talk with Q&A on this really important topic, helping us to see that being unsure about God isn't necessary and can be really dangerous. Flyers are available at the back of church—please take several and distribute in your neighbourhood.

Sharing the Gospel: dates for your diary—publicity to follow

Easter Family Fun - Bank Holiday Monday 18th April 10.00am at Brentwood County High.
Fulfilment in sport? in life? in Jesus? - Thursday 5th May at Brentwood Brewery.

Danbury Women's Convention: Jesus in a chaotic world - Saturday 12th March

This promises to be a really encouraging morning for Christian women. For info see: <https://danburymission.churchsuite.com/events/xt2ssiad> If you're planning to come do book your own ticket and let Hilary Khoo or Charlotte Smithers know as it may be possible to share lifts and would be good to meet up once there.

Men's breakfast Saturday 19th March 8.30am

At Konch's Café, Brentwood. If you would like to come please email Steve: Steven.durrant4@gmail.com along with your food order—full English or vegetarian.

Safe-guarding

We want to do all we can to make our church a safe place to be for everyone. If you have any concerns or queries please contact our Safeguarding Officer Caroline Evans (safeguarding@immanuelbrentwood.org). You can contact Thirtyone:Eight (a national safeguarding advice service) by calling 0303 003 11 11.

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**Andrew Grey**

"Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!" (Psalm 68:34-35)

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!

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.

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.

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.

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Beneath the cross of Jesus

I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

2. Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

3. Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

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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.**

Final prayer and blessing

1. See Him in Jerusalem

Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

2. See Him there upon the hill

Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

3. See Him there upon the cross

Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

4. See the empty tomb today

Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us!

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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.

Congregational Bible reading

Psalm 69:1-18 (page 482)

Prayers of intercession

Stand up stand up for Jesus

Ye soldiers of the cross
Lift high His royal banner
It must not suffer loss
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed

2. Stand up stand up for Jesus
The trumpet call obey
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day
Ye that are brave now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose

3. Stand up stand up for Jesus
Stand in His strength alone
The arm of flesh will fail you
Ye dare not trust your own
Put on the gospel armour
Each piece put on with prayer
Where duty calls or danger
Be never wanting there

4. Stand up stand up for Jesus
The strife will not be long
This day the noise of battle
The next the victor's song
To those who vanquish evil
A crown of life shall be
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally

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For the cause of Christ the King

We give our lives an offering
 'Til all the earth resounds
 With ceaseless praise
 To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go
 With joy to reap with faith to sow
 As many see
 And many put their trust in the Son

*Christ we proclaim
 The Name above every name
 For all creation
 Ev'ry nation
 God's salvation
 Through the Son*

For the King once lifted high
 To cries of rage of crucify
 Endured the cross
 As every sin was laid
 On the Son

To the King who conquered death
 To free the poor and the oppressed
 For lasting peace
 For life and liberty
 In the Son

Christ we proclaim...

Let it be my life's refrain
 To live is Christ to die is gain
 Deny myself take up my cross
 And follow the Son

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Sermon notes**1. The humble rule of Christ's under-shepherds**

a. The identity of the elder

b. The task of the elder

c. The manner of the elder

d. The reward of the elder

2. The humble service of Christ's people**3. The bold resistance of Christ's people**