

Notices**Fellowship Groups next meet on Tues 15/ Wed 16 March 2022**

To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

14s-18s Youth Group

Parents will have received an email with info on today's youth group meeting.

'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.

Sharing the Gospel: dates for your diary

- **Easter: Fact or fiction?** - For anyone who would like to investigate the evidence of Jesus' death and resurrection for themselves. For three evenings in the run-up to Easter, examine the central event at the heart of the Christian Faith in the closing three chapters of Luke's Gospel. Each one-hour session involves time for discussion and questions (8pm on Tuesdays 22 Mar, 29 Mar, 5th April)
- **Easter Family Fun** - Bank Holiday Monday 18th April 10am at Brentwood County High.
- **Fulfilment in sport? In life? In Jesus?** - Thursday 5th May at Brentwood Brewery.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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**Dave Riisnaes**

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!" (Psalm 34:1-3)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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Jesus, I my cross have taken,

All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
From here on my all is you.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
You are not, like them, untrue.
O while you now smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show your face and all is bright.

3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain;
In your service, pain or pleasure,
With your favour, loss is gain.
I have called you Abba Father,
I have fixed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

4. Take, my soul, his full salvation,
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within us,
Think what Father draws us near,
Think that Jesus died to win us,
Child of heaven, do not fear.

5. Haste me on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before me,
God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close our earthly mission,
Soon shall pass our pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*Original words Henry Lyte,
revised A. Witchalls.
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Final prayer and blessing

Sermon notes

Summary of God's Law (from Exodus 20)

God spoke all these words saying: I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no gods other than me.
You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.
Honour your father and mother.
You shall not commit murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
You shall not covet.

Confession and assurance of forgiveness

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

1. I hear the Saviour say
thy strength indeed is small
child of weakness watch and pray
find in me thine all in all

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
can change the leopard's spots
and melt the heart of stone

*Jesus paid it all
all to Him I owe
sin had left a crimson stain
he washed it white as snow*

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garment white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
my lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all...

Thanksgiving to God for Joshua and Tabitha Gowland

We begin with personal testimony, Bible readings and thanksgiving. Then the parents will make public declarations and promises.

Minister: You are now to declare before God and his Church the Christian faith into which you will help Joshua and Tabitha to grow.

Minister:	Parents:
Do you turn to Christ?	<i>I turn to Christ.</i>
Do you repent of your sins?	<i>I repent of my sins.</i>
Do you renounce evil?	<i>I renounce evil.</i>
Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?	<i>I believe and trust in him.</i>
Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?	<i>I believe and trust in him.</i>
Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who enables us to repent and believe the Gospel?	<i>I believe and trust in him.</i>

Minister: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith: we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Minister: Simon and Abi, will you raise Joshua and Tabitha in godly instruction, loving discipline and with every reasonable effort build in them the character of Jesus Christ through the Word of God and prayer?

Parents: With the help of God, we will.

Minister: Will you encourage Joshua and Tabitha to grow in the faith with hope and expectation that they will confess Christ as their own Lord and Saviour, just as you have done?

Parents: With the help of God, we will.

Minister: A Christian family is part of a Christian community and we, the Immanuel church family, share a responsibility and stand in partnership with these parents. For so long as this family remains in fellowship here, do you promise that you will support and encourage Simon and Abi as they bring up Joshua and Tabitha to follow and serve Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Lastly, we pray for God's blessing upon the Gowland family.

Congregational Bible reading

Psalm 69:19-36 (page 483)

Prayers of intercession

God is a holy God (God is a holy God).
We can't be friends because of our sin.
(We can't be friends because of our sin).

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*Jesus died to wash us clean
When we put our trust in Him.*

God opens His arms and welcomes us in.
(God opens His arms and welcomes us in).

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Prepare our hearts, O God

Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

*Show us Christ, show us Christ...
Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life*

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