

Notices**11-14s Youth Group tonight 6.30-8pm**

At Max and Lauren Fenn's home

**Church Members' meeting and prayer meeting: THIS Wednesday 4th May at 8.00pm**

We're going to (i) pray for each other; (ii) welcome new members; (iii) talk and pray about the results of our recent church culture survey.

- Who should come? If you ARE a church "Member" please try to come. If you're NOT yet a member please also come along!
- When? Wednesday 4th May. Coffee from 7.30pm. We'll start at 8.00pm.
- Where? At Hutton Free Church, on Hanging Hill Lane. With Zoom livestream too.

**Finding fulfilment: in elite sport? in life? in Jesus? – This Thursday 5th May**

A conversation with international squash player Phil Nightingale. About the reality of top-level sport, and finding faith in Jesus Christ. With drinks and brewery tour.

- At Brentwood Brewery: Calcott Hall Farm, Ongar Road, Brentwood, CM15 9HS.
- Thursday 5th May at 8.00pm. £10 ticket.
- To reserve a place please email [admin@immanuelbrentwood.org](mailto:admin@immanuelbrentwood.org)

**Exam prayer diary**

If you, or your child, are taking exams this summer and would appreciate prayer, please drop an email to [admin@immanuelbrentwood.org](mailto:admin@immanuelbrentwood.org) with details of papers and dates that we can share in a prayer diary.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@immanuelbrentwood.org)). You can contact Thirtyone:Eight (a national safeguarding advice service) by calling 0303 003 11 11. A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available at the back of church.

**If you're new to the church or have a question...**

Speak to one of the team; send an email to [info@immanuelbrentwood.org](mailto: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****Dave Riisnaes**

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort" 2 Corinthians 1:3*

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,**

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

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**He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater**

He sends us more strength as our labours increase  
To added afflictions He offers more mercy  
To multiplied trials He multiplies peace

When we have exhausted our store of endurance  
When our strength has failed and the day is half done  
When we've reached the end of our earthly resources  
Our Father's full giving is only begun  
Our Father's full giving is only begun

*So lean hard, lean hard  
Lean on the everlasting arms  
So lean hard, lean hard  
Lean on the everlasting arms  
Lean on the everlasting arms*

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure  
His power has no boundary that's known unto men  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth and giveth and giveth again  
He giveth and giveth and giveth again

*You lead me beside still waters  
Your goodness restores my soul  
I know that you'll never leave me  
I know that you won't let go*

*So lean hard, lean hard  
Lean on the everlasting arms  
So lean hard, lean hard  
Lean on the everlasting arms  
Lean on the everlasting arms*

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**Final prayer and blessing**

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**What a friend we have in Jesus,**  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
what a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear -  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness -  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
thou wilt find a solace there.

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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.*

#### **Confession and assurance of forgiveness**

Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you, confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking and speaking;  
the harm I have done to others;  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Congregational Bible reading**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (Page 965)**

#### **Prayers of intercession**

##### **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

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

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...*

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**Here is love vast as the ocean**

Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom  
Shed for us his precious blood  
Who his love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing his praise  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

Through the years of human darkness  
Shone the lamp the prophets trimmed  
Making known redemption's story  
Of the love of God undimmed  
Christ for every tongue and nation  
All must come beneath his sway  
His the everlasting kingdom  
That shall never pass away.

When the stars shall fall from heaven  
And the sun turn black as night  
When the skies recede and vanish  
And the elements ignite  
Then the Son of Man in glory  
Coming as the Morning Star  
Shall return to claim his loved ones  
Gathered in from near and far

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**Bible reading and sermon Psalm 25 (page 459)**

**Andrew Grey**

*A children's learning sheet is available for under 11s to use during the sermon.*

**Getting our bearings in Psalm 25...**

**An "A-Z": everything is here... order amid chaos**

**Covenant relationship: I will be your God, you will be my people**

"Lord" (vv1,4 etc) = Yahweh (see Exodus 6:2-9)

"Steadfast love" (vv6,7,10)

"keep covenant" (v10)

**Learning to pray Psalm 25...**

**Verses 1-3: Rescue me from my enemies**

**Verses 4-5: Help me to know you better**

**Verses 6-11: Pardon my sins and lead me in what is right**

**Verses 12-14: I want to know you more!**

**Verses 15-22: My heart and my life are full of pain**

You can listen to Sunday sermons online—[www.immanuelbrentwood.org](http://www.immanuelbrentwood.org)  
Next Sunday we will be studying Mark 4:35-41