

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~**  
**10.00 am Holy Communion**

President: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

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Readings:	Isaiah 55: 1-9	OT page 696
	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	NT page 168
	Luke 13: 1-9	NT page 72



For your  
 prayer time ~  
 Thought for  
 reflection found  
 in our readings  
 this week.

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# OPEN DOOR

Our weekly newsletter for you to take home



## Immanuel and St Andrew

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### Immanuel Prays!

Prayer underpins all that we do in faith and we believe it is important to gather regularly to pray and encourage one another in our church life and journey.

The next meetings will be on:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

We meet in the Chapel at 7:30pm **except** on Sundays when we gather at around 11:30am after the Service. For the time being we are planning to hold the Sunday meetings on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays** of each month.

All are welcome! You don't have to pray out loud at the meeting - God hears silent prayer! Weekday meetings last about 45 mins.

If you are unable to attend but would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please contact either Lorraine Thomas or Marion Gray

### TODAY

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Preacher: Dr. Marion Gray

Readings:	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18	OT page 12
	Philippians 3.17-4.1	NT page 196
	Luke 13.31-35	NT page 73

## Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks for the family of God at Immanuel & St. Andrew and pray for God's continuing guidance for our ministry as, during Lent we '*rend our hearts, not our garments*' and seek to **know Jesus, and make him known**. Give thanks for all who are supporting us in our explorations.
- Pray that you will know how God desires you show His love to family, friends, neighbours and strangers and that during this Lent our lives will reflect Jesus in such a way that others want to know Him for themselves.
- Pray for those that God is raising to be PCC members, Churchwardens or to share the office of Treasurer at Immanuel from April.
- Pray for parents and children who now have a place in the school of their choice and those who are still awaiting an allocation.

## Ministry at home

The sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Anointing are available, on request, for those unable to attend church due to illness or frailty.

## Lent - a time for ACTION!!

Don't bother giving things up for Lent. **DO SOMETHING** instead, like...

- Spend a little time each day reading, studying and praying. There are some books to help you — please see the separate leaflet for details. Further information from Marion Gray.
- Put aside a small (or not so small) amount of money each week (like the cost of a meal) to give to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Please see the separate leaflet for details. Special envelopes for your gifts are available from 17th March - when full, please put them in the collection. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** ~ 09.00 am ~ Faith Committee working party in school ~ expressing our Christian Identity.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** ~ 8.00pm PCC meets in Common Room

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** ~ **CAIAS** ~ our Coffee at Immanuel and St. Andrew group for those over 60 meets in our Common Room at 10.30 am ~ theme ~ Knit & Natter ~ current project "hats for the homeless" but you don't have to be able to knit to join in the natter!  
Love Streatham, Church Leaders and Trustees dinner.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** ~ 09.00 am Archdeacon's Visitation to Immanuel & St. Andrew ~ (Inspection and Articles of Enquiry) postponed from last week.

**~ PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY NOW ~**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** ~ 10.00 am in chapel ~ preparation of flowers for Mothering Sunday ~ (31<sup>st</sup> March) ~ let Elizabeth know if you can help ~ the more the better please!

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April ~ 8 pm**  
**HOLY WEEK**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April ~ 2pm ~The Good Friday Watch**

**Easter Sunday Afternoon ~ Parish Celebration**

**APCM ~ Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April immediately after Service**

## MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS ~ DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers for Mothering Sunday ~ please place in envelope labelled 'Mothering Sunday Flowers' and place in a thanksgiving basket.

## Junior Church

Our Junior church is open on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, during term time, whenever possible.

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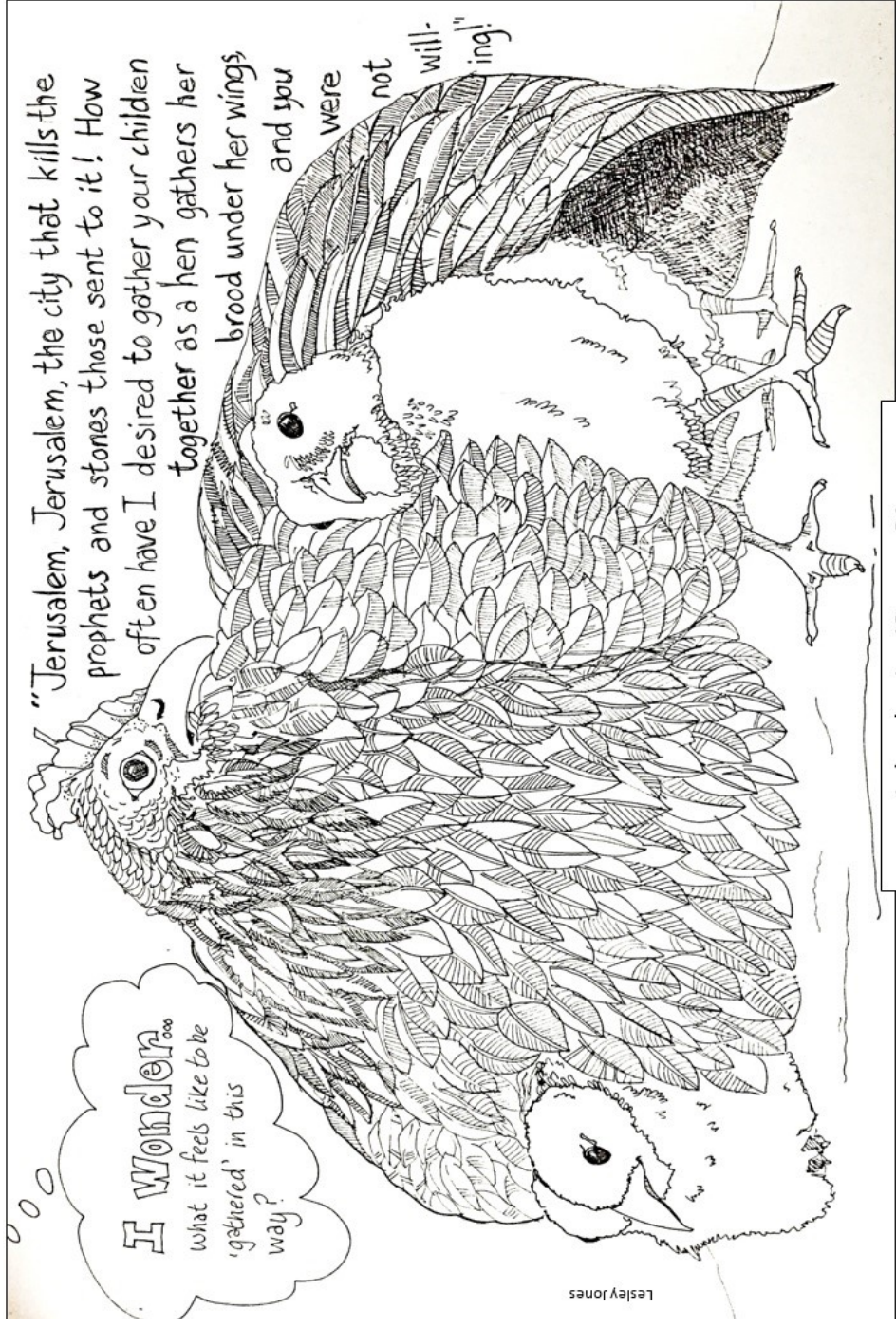
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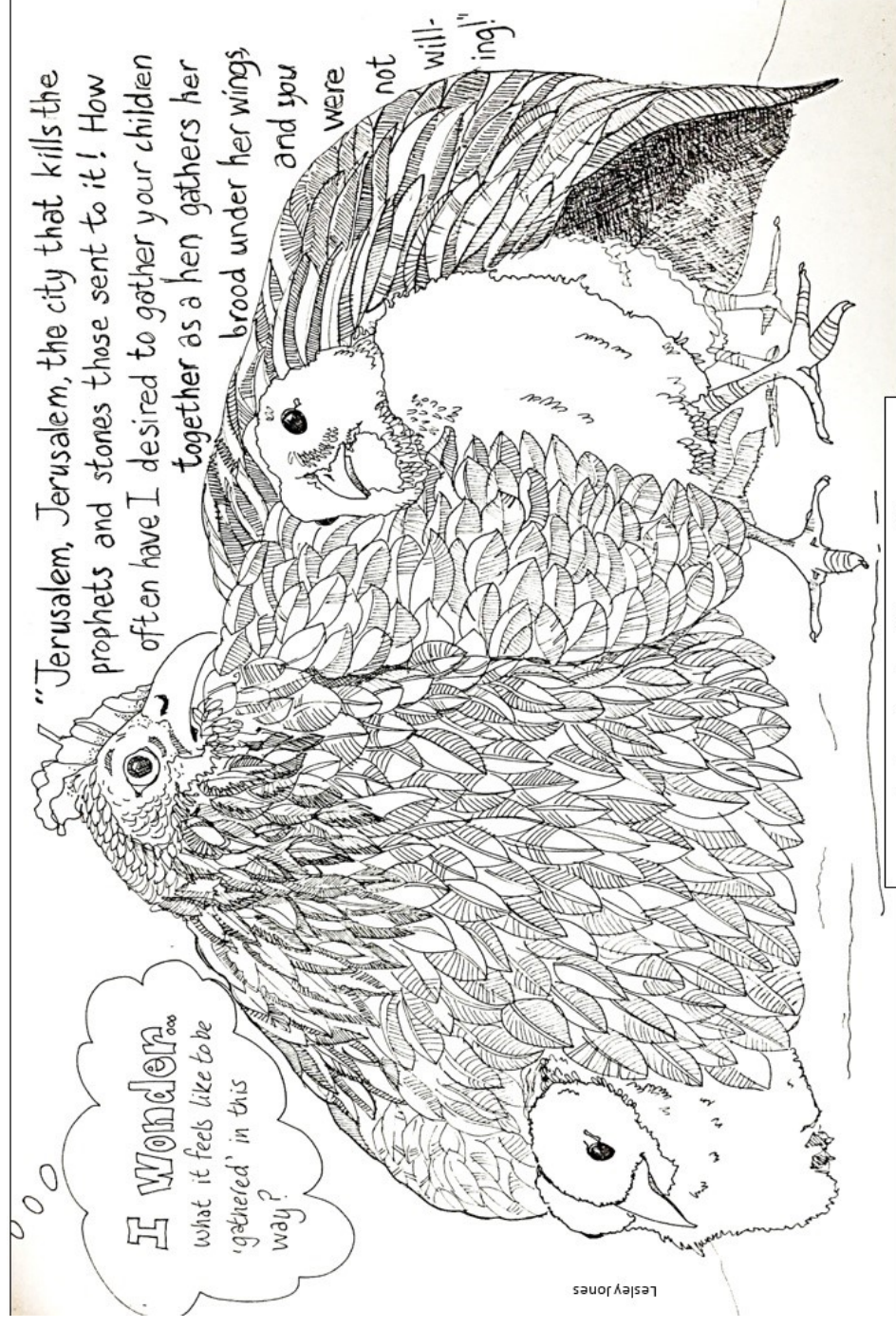
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