

NEXT WEEK

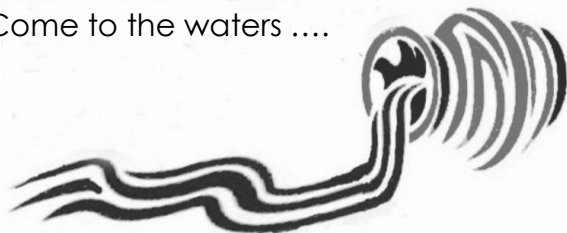
**Sunday 31st March 2019 ~ Mothering Sunday
(Fourth Sunday of Lent) ~ 10.00 am Holy Communion**

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

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Readings	1 Samuel 1.20-28	OT page 252
	2 Corinthians 1.3-7	NT page 175
	John 19.25-27	NT page 111

Come to the waters



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

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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:

Monday 25th March
Sunday 7th April

Monday 1st April
Wednesday 10th April

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 **1st and 3rd 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

**Sunday 24th March 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~
10.00 am Holy Communion**

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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

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 *recognise the difference between faith and faithfulness* 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. Give thanks for those standing down this year.
- Pray for those who will find Mothering Sunday hard, especially if they celebrate it as *Mother's Day* and no longer have their mother living.

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 each week - when full, please put them in the collection. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thursday 28th 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!

Saturday 30th March ~ 10.00 am in chapel ~ preparation of flowers for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 31st March ~ Mothering Sunday Celebration Communion ~ who are you going to invite to celebrate the *mothering gifts* that they show in their lives?

~ PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY NOW ~

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Monday 15th – Thursday 18th April ~ 8 pm
HOLY WEEK

Friday 19th April ~ 2pm ~The Good Friday Watch

Easter Sunday Afternoon ~ Parish Celebration

APCM ~ Sunday 28th 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 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, during term time, whenever possible.

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