

## NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent ~  
(Passiontide begins) 10.00 am Holy Communion**

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

Preacher: Ven, Simon Gates ~ Archdeacon of Lambeth

Readings Isaiah 43.16-21

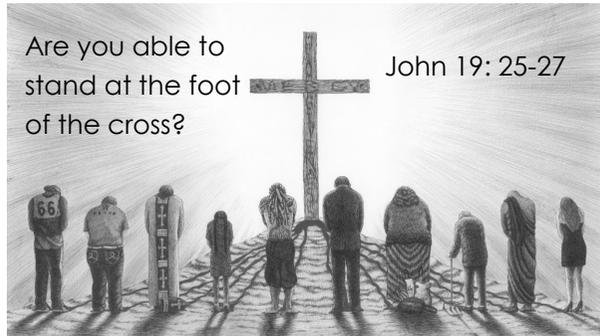
Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8

OT page 682

NT page 195

NT page 102



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

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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:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **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

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

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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

## 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.
- Pray for our Archdeacon's visit that we will hear the Word he has for us in his sermon.

## Ministry at home

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

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April ~ Faith Committee** in school at 09.00 am

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** ~ Elizabeth is out of area on a pre Easter preparation and mini break.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April ~ 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!

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

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

Reflection with Night Prayer

**Maundy Thursday 8 pm**

Holy Communion with the stripping of the church

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April ~ 11.00 am "What is good about Good Friday"**

Love Streatham ~ Open Air Service ~led by Southcroft Church ~

Preacher: Les Isaacs (Founder of Street Pastors).

**~ 2pm ~The Hour Watch**

**Easter Sunday Afternoon ~ Parish Celebration**

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

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** ~ Thank you to everyone who came

together yesterday morning and helped create the

Mothering Sunday posies for this morning.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS ~ DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers shared today ~ 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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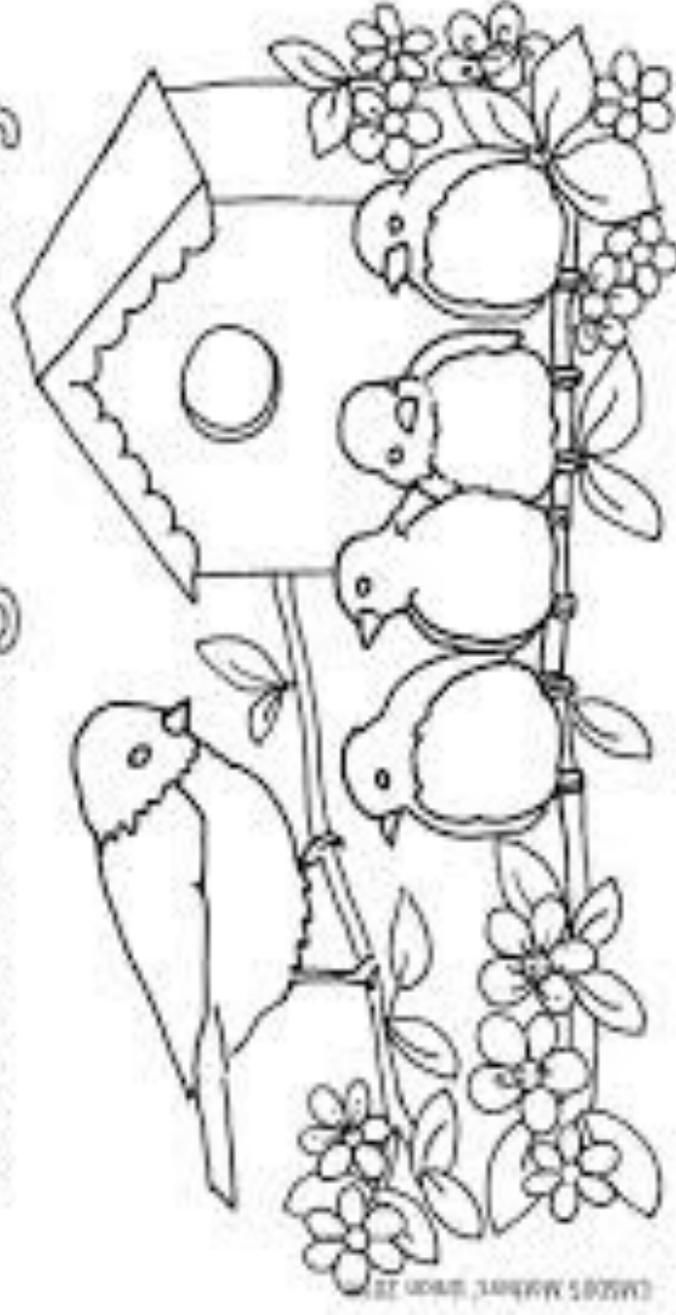
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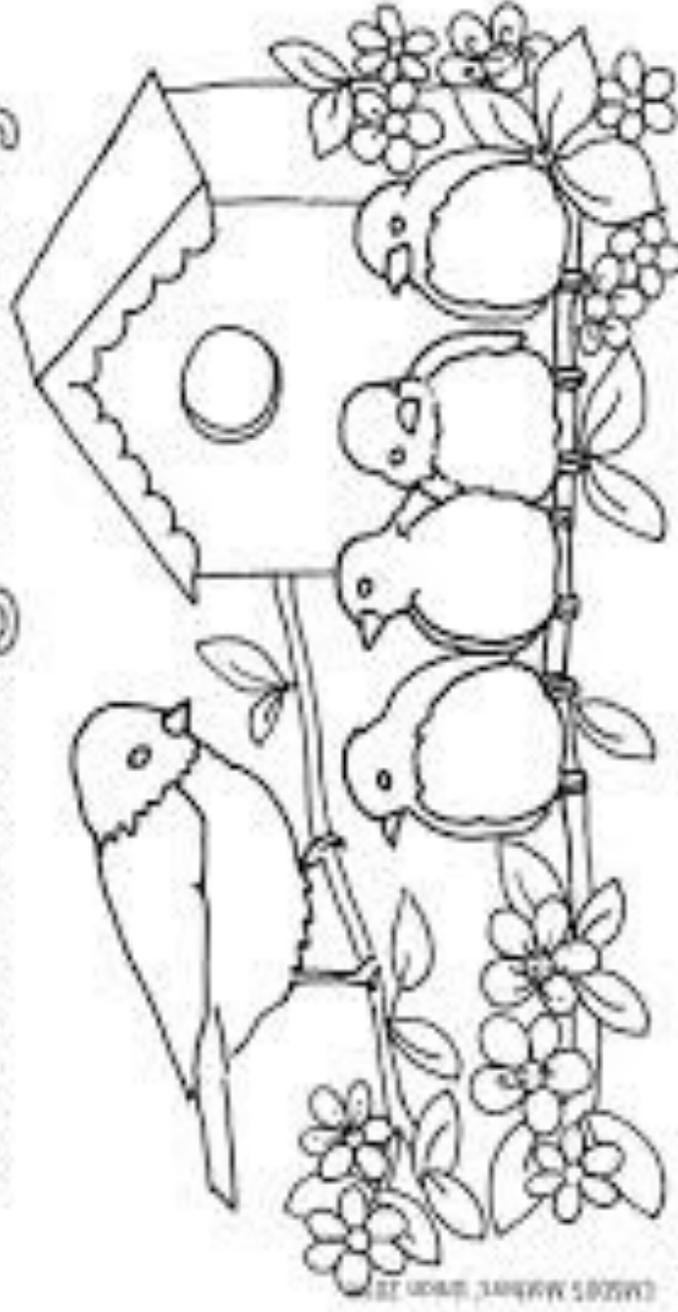
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Source: Lead Me, Guide Me (2nd ed.) #516

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