

IMMANUEL CHURCH BRENTWOOD: WHAT WE BELIEVE

Immanuel is a friendly Bible-teaching church. We're about eight years old. We welcome people at every stage of life—young or old. We're glad to have those investigating Christianity and those wanting to keep following Jesus.

We believe it is possible to say for certain that there is a God, because he has made himself known through Jesus, who we encounter in the Bible.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the key to how we can be forgiven for the way we've treated God, and how we can enjoy eternal life after we've died.

CONTACTING US

If you would like us to contact you please fill in any details you wish below. You can leave the form in the box by the door or with a steward. To contact us:

info@immanuelbrentwood.org / www.immanuelbrentwood.org

I would like to receive...

- information about the next Christianity Explored course
 general information about Immanuel Church Brentwood

Name:

Telephone:

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Carols for all ages



Sunday 19th December 2021

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME!

- this service will last just under one hour.
- a staffed crèche is available for our youngest children. Please make yourself known to a steward at the rear of the hall if you would like to use it.
- there are worksheets for under 11s to use during the talk.
- toilets are located along the corridor at the rear of the hall.
- we will be taking a retiring collection for Barnabas Fund's relief fund, working with persecuted Christians around the world: www.barnabasfund.org
- for further assistance or information please ask one of the stewards.

Welcome to Immanuel Church Brentwood

Andrew Grey

Carol

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth!
Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with man is now residing:
see, there shines the infant light!

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
Brighter visions shine afar;
seek in Him the hope of nations,
you have seen His rising star:

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will share His Father's throne,
gather all the nations to Him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Bible Reading

Luke 2:1-7 The birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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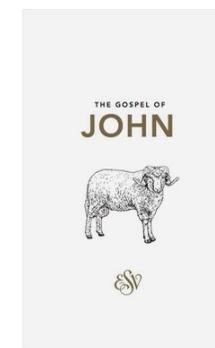
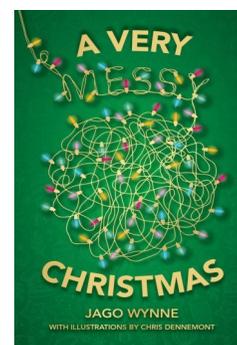
RESOURCES TO HELP YOU INVESTIGATE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

If you're a guest please browse our bookstall and take away some **free Christmas gifts**.

The best way to investigate the claims of Jesus is to read one of **the Gospels**—written by **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. They're not long—one would take less than two hours to read through.

On the bookstall you'll find other leaflets and books. These include Jago Wynne's *A Very Merry Christmas* which takes us to the first Christmas, to a God who broke into our world and entered into our mess and is able to fill us with joy.

There is also Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ*. This answers difficult questions which lots of us raise when we look into the Christian faith.



FOR 0-4S AND THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS

Little Rockets playgroup. With coffee and cake, toys, craft and fun, and a weekly children's Bible story.

On Friday mornings in term-time, from 10.00-11.30am at Hutton Free Church, Hanging Hill Lane. Re-starts Friday 7th Jan 2022.

Contact littlerockets@immanuelbrentwood.org for info.



**JOIN US AGAIN AT IMMANUEL CHURCH BRENTWOOD
MEETING AT BRENTWOOD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25th Dec. at 10.30am

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Church service at 10.45am

SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY

Fresh coffee & cake at 10.15am; Church service at 10.45am

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9.30am

Fresh coffee & cake at 10.15am; Church service at 10.45am

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Christianity Explored is a great way to find out more about Christianity or brush up on the basics. The course runs over several weeks, looking at the claims of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Each session involves a short talk, time for Q&A, and an opportunity to see how the Bible points us to true hope through knowing Jesus Christ.

You can come along to ask questions and discuss—or just sit back and listen to others.

If you would be interested in joining our next course (timing TBC) please fill out your details on the back page of this leaflet or drop us an email.



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED
WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Prayers—seeking God's forgiveness and help

Father, we have sinned against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible reading Luke 2:8-20 An angel brings good news

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

See Him lying on a bed of straw

A draughty stable with an open door
Mary cradling the babe she bore
The Prince of glory is His name

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord of love again
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of glory when He came*

Star of silver sweep across the skies
Show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world

Angels sing again the song you sang
Sing the glory of God's gracious plan
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
Be the Saviour of us all

Mine are riches from Your poverty
From Your innocence eternity
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me
Child of sorrow for my joy

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The Jubilate Group

Christmas address

Gavin Wright (Associate Minister, Immanuel Church)

Carol

O Little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him -
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

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Final prayer and blessing

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