

Notices**Fellowship Groups meet this week on Tues 22/ Wed 23 / Thurs 24 February 2022**

To join a group please contact Andrew Grey.

11-14s Youth Group tonight 6.30-8pm

At Max and Lauren Fenn's home.

Church Members' meeting – Wednesday 2nd March at 8.00pm

To welcome new Members, to discuss together and pray about important areas of the church's life, and to share news and updates. On Wednesday 2nd March. Coffee from 7.30pm. Meeting starts at 8.00pm. At Hutton Free Church, Hanging Hill Lane. If you would like to become a Member, please speak to one of the Elders after the service.

'Are you Sure?': An evening for non-believing friends and family – Thursday 17th March

Many of us have friends and family who say they're not sure about God. Andrew Sach is coming to give a short talk with Q&A on this really important topic, helping us to see that being unsure about God isn't necessary and can be really dangerous. Flyers are available at the back of church.

Sharing the good news about Jesus: a series of events in March, April and May

Please speak with one of the elders if (a) you've got ideas about what would make it easier for you to invite someone; (b) you could offer some practical help.

Danbury Women's Convention: Jesus in a chaotic world - Saturday 12th March

This promises to be a really encouraging morning for Christian women. For info see:
<https://danburymission.churchsuite.com/events/xt2ssiad>

If you're planning to come could you book your own ticket and let Hilary Khoo or Charlotte Smithers know as it may be possible to share lifts and would be good to meet up once there.

Giving

Regulars wanting to support our work can give through a standing order supported by Gift Aid. Information available from the table at the rear of the hall or from our treasurer: treasurer@immanuelbrentwood.org

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 co-ordinator Caroline Evans (safeguarding@immanuelbrentwood.org). You can contact Thirtyone:Eight (a national safeguarding advice service) by calling 0303 003 11 11.

Weekly update e-mail and online address book:

To be included please ask Caroline Evans (admin@immanuelbrentwood.org) for a form.

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.

While you are waiting for the service to begin, please familiarise yourself with the nearest emergency exit.

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.

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

Speak to one of the team; send an email to 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

In completing this form, you agree that Immanuel Church Brentwood may store and use any personal details with which you supply us for the purpose of providing you information about Immanuel Church Brentwood.

Welcome and call to worship**Mark Smithers**

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:17-18)

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God almighty
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy,
though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy,
there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power and love and purity

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
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Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Every island, sea, and mountain,
Heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate Him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come away!

4. Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

5. Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down!

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Final prayer and blessing

Sermon notes**1. Suffering for Jesus is normal****2. Suffering Christians are called to be holy**

- **love one another** (verse 8)
- **turn away from evil** (verses 9-13)
- **be ready to answer** (verses 14-17)

3. Jesus is victorious , so suffering Christians are safe

- **He has brought us to God** (verse 18)
- **He is preaching when we speak** (verses 19-20)
- **He saves us from the coming judgement** (verses 21-22)

1. Amazing grace – how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace*

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

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Confession and assurance of forgiveness

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
O Lord have mercy on us pitiful sinners.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who truly repent,
as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous, and disciplined life,
to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

By faith we see the hand of God

In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise

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Congregational Bible reading

Psalm 68:1-18 (page 481)

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,
the agonies of Calvary.
You the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son,
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank you.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank you.
Once your enemy, now seated at your table, Jesus, thank you.*

By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy you've made your friend.
Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace,
your mercy and your kindness know no end.

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