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Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

28th February 2021

Return to Prayer

Scripture

Read [Matthew 26:36–46](#)

Reflection

These days, almost everybody has a mobile phone. Believe it or not, before mobiles were able to be used to take pictures, play games, and keep up-to-date with social media, they were actually designed for voice-to-voice conversations!

It is very important to be able to talk to your family and friends. God gave us the ability to talk to people so that we can have relationships with one another. We can't have much of a relationship with another person if we can't talk to him or her. God knew how important this would be for us. Even those who are not able to speak have ways to communicate with other people.

In the same way, God wants to have a relationship with you ... with everyone, actually. So, God decided that we needed a way to communicate with him. God gave us the gift of prayer to be able to talk to him. Our prayers don't have to follow any secret pattern or formula. God simply wants us to talk to him. This makes our relationship with him stronger. Sometimes we don't feel like talking to God. Sometimes we think he won't listen to us because we are not important enough to him. That's not true! Every time we pray, God listens because **we are very important to him**.

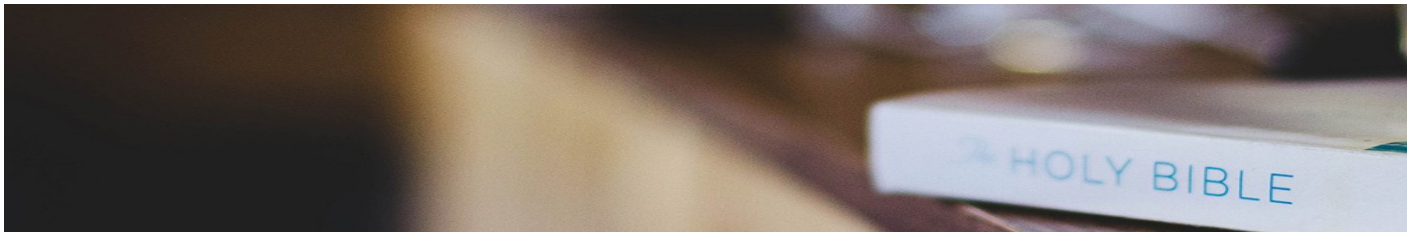
Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to pray, and his disciples wanted to know how to pray. So, Jesus gave them the words of what we now call the Lord's Prayer. It is the best prayer that we can say because it contains the words of Jesus.

God answers our prayers in his time and in his way. We may not always get the answer we want or as soon as we want it. But God will always hear you and answer you. Remember, God wants to have a close relationship with you and with all people. That is why he gave us the gift of prayer. Why not give God 'a call' now?

CPH Resource – Return to the Lord

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us the ability to talk with other people.
Thank you especially for teaching us, in your Word, how to talk with you in prayer.
Help us to talk to you any time and any place, whenever we need to,
and help us to want a relationship with you. In your Son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



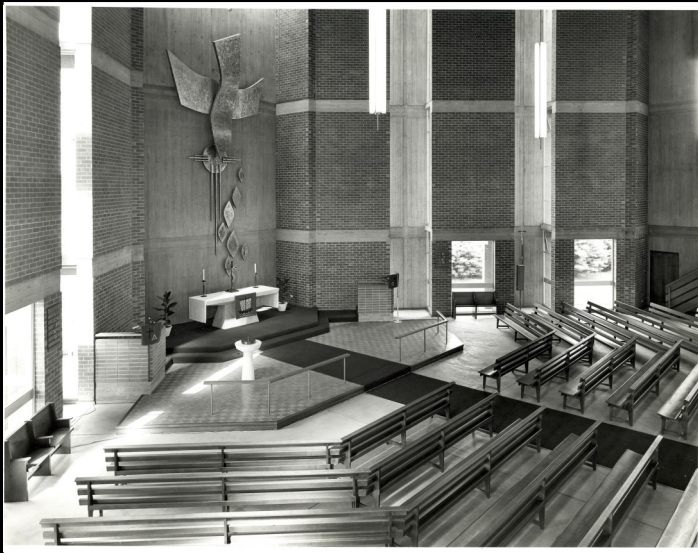
WE PRAY : 28 February 2021

Dear Lord, we pray:

- ♦ Thanks and praise to you for the privilege and blessing of worshipping in the Immanuel Chapel – today being the 50th anniversary of its Opening Ceremony. Thank you for the foresight and energy of all those Old Scholars who so passionately raised the funds to build the Chapel as a gift to the College. Guide and bless the arrangements for the formal celebration in August.
- ♦ Your blessing and protection over those Gideons involved in the university blitz this coming week. May they successfully distribute the 6000 New Testaments available, and may each person receiving a New Testament read it and encounter you.
- ♦ For our mid-week Lenten activities. May members of all SW Metro Zone congregations be motivated to participate, and may all who do participate receive a fresh understanding and inspiration to “Return to the Lord”.
- ♦ Thanks to you for continuing to protect Australia from the COVID-19 virus. Please guide all countries around the globe to bring their outbreaks under control.
- ♦ We thank you, Lord, for the miracles of modern medicine and we pray that would expedite the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines to enable the worldwide eradication of this virus.
- ♦ Lord, you create life, you give us life, and you teach us to treasure the sanctity of life. Bless us with the courage to take appropriate action to encourage our MPs to seek and follow your will as they debate and vote on the proposed Abortion Bill.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- ♦ The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister Scott Morrison, State Premier Steven Marshall, and all our local government leaders.
- ♦ The leaders you have appointed over our church nationally (LCA Bishop John Henderson, Assistant Bishop Andrew Pfeiffer, and the College of Bishops), and locally (District Bishop, David Altus, and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- ♦ The Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region. In particular, we pray for Debra Smith at Darlington Primary, and praise you for the Breakfast Club.
- ♦ The pastors and parishes, principals, and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for Pastor Tim Ebbs and the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenelg
- ♦ The teachers, staff, students, and families of Immanuel Primary School and Immanuel College and their Principals Bec Clements and Kevin Richardson.
- ♦ ILC's collaboration with the Glandore/Underdale congregation.
- ♦ The chaplains you have called to serve in the universities, prisons, and hospitals around our state.
- ♦ The sick, the frail and the distressed in our congregation. We pray for Avis R, Barb K and her sister Rae, Barb S, Jason W, Kathy J, and Nikki Hernan, and their carers.



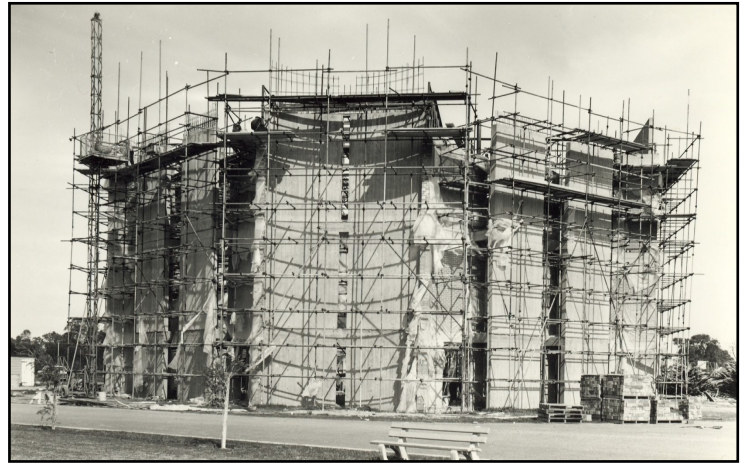
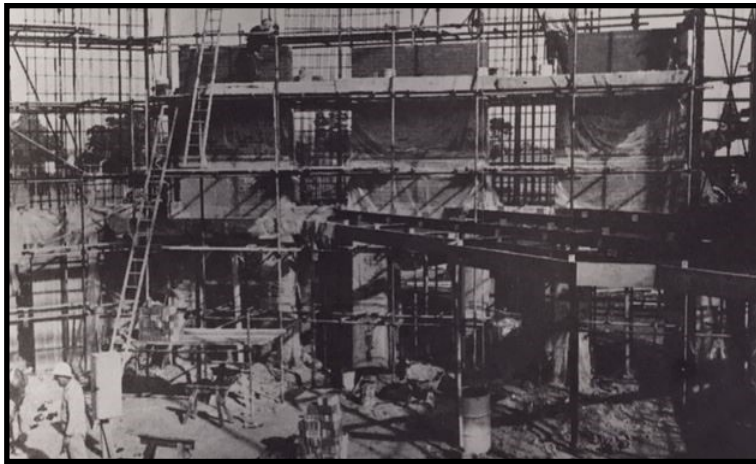
IMMANUEL CHAPEL CELEBRATES 50TH BIRTHDAY!

Today marks 50 years to the day that Immanuel Chapel was opened.

Preparations to commemorate the milestone have been in progress for well over 12 months, with significant refurbishment of the Chapel foyer, lights, carpets and décor being planned.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 lockdown last year postponed the delivery of numerous resources so the refurbishment has not been able to be completed before the anniversary today.

The official celebration will now take place as part of the annual ICOSA Worship Service in August this year.



Mid Week Lenten Bible Study

Return to Prayer

Lead by Pastor Tim Klein

Wednesday 3 March—7:30pm—ILC Room

Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021

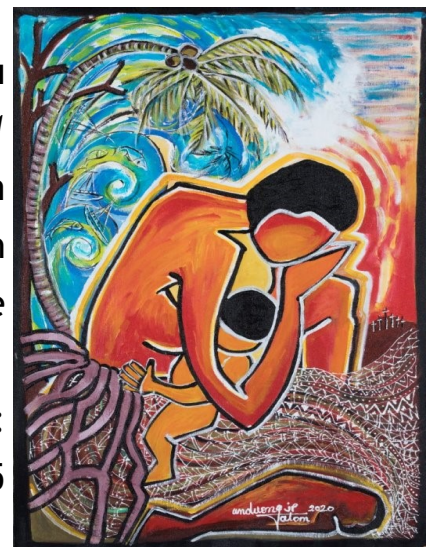
Friday 5th March 2021 10:00am

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COMING UP

Sunday 28 February	9:30am	Lay Reading Service
Wednesday 3 March	7:30pm	Mid-week Lenten Bible Study—ILC Room
Thursday 4 March	9:00am	Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel
Sunday 7 March	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

SWLMN

The South West Lutheran Ministry Network is a partnership between Faith LC Warradale, St Pauls LC Glenelg, St Marks LC Underdale, Calvary LC Glandore and Immanuel LC Novar Gardens.

Here are some of our shared ministries:

Men's Breakfast - at Warradale, 8am 3rd Saturday of the month.

Contact Warradale church for more information: 0409496462

Youth at Warradale. Contact Warradale Lutheran Church for more information.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-30

Jacob wrestles with God

Psalms 121

Romans 8:22-28

The Spirit praying for us

Matthew 26:36-46

Gethsemane