

IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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13th December 2015 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Today Services 8am and 10am

Welcome to Immanuel especially if this is your first visit



Services at Immanuel Today

8am - Holy Communion in Immanuel Lady Chapel

10am – All Age Worship Christmas Gift Service starts with hymn 684 and continues on page 1 of the Rainbow Service Book

Hymns

684 - Thou whose almighty word

666 - Walk in the light (collection to be taken during this hymn please)

901 - This little light of mine

Let The Flame Burn Brighter (We'll Walk The Land)

Response to prayer for Advent Wreath:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.

Set Readings Zephaniah 3:14-end; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Next Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

10am Holy Communion and Children's Nativity

Set Readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrew 10:5-10; John 12:1-11

Children's Corner

If you have small children, and, they get a bit restless, please feel free to go with them and enjoy the children's corner at the back of church.

Toilets: Are in the church hall, next to the car park.

Refreshments: Come and have a cuppa with us in the church hall after this service. All welcome!

This Week

Monday 14th December Carols and Christmas Readings 6.30pm Immanuel Church

Wednesday 16th December Holy Communion 9.30am in Immanuel Lady Chapel

Wednesday 16th December Totstime 11am-12 noon Immanuel Church

Prayer for the week

Loving Father, Surround all children this Christmas with your everlasting love, May we always realise how blessed we are to hear the noise and laughter of children For those children who are not laughing because they are in danger no matter where and in what circumstances, hold them tightly in your arms, For those children, who are cold and hungry this Christmas, hold them tightly in your arms, keep all children safe. Amen

Thought for the week Your unquenchable light has overcome all our darkness (Quiet Spaces)

New Prayer for Immanuel Church

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rich diversity of our fellowship here at Immanuel Church, particularly our children and families. Help us all to support one another and to experience the inner peace which comes only from knowing you.

Continue to give us courage to share our faith with all whom we meet.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for Grendon and Hollywood School as they hold their Christmas Carol Service/Nativity in Immanuel Church next week.

Christmas Raffle

Please join us in the hall after the service today when the raffle will be drawn. Tickets will be on sale if you have not yet had an opportunity to buy yours

Please take this sheet home with you

*Please Pray for those who
are ill*

Alan Campbell
Beryl Finn
Nigel

Ken and Pauline Farley
Sandra Wood
Olive Carson

Malcolm Summerhayes
Trevor Grimley

Barry Checketts

The Hough Family

Aiden Sahota (aged 8)

Elaine Summerhayes

Josh (aged 5)

Freda Traylor

Joseph Lockington

Edna McFadyen

Norma Billington

Alf Traylor

Wendy Kirby

Winston Hall

Richard and Wendy

Harding

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Names on the pew sheet are continually prayed for. Alongside these prayers; everyone on the sick list, is prayed for on the first Wednesday of the month at the 9.30 Holy Communion Service. Once those prayers have been offered, I will take all the names off the list, so we can begin again. However, if there are some people on the list who need to be there longer, then can folk please let Lynne know and she will put their names back on. Revd. Rebecca

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## NOTICES

### Christmas Services

Monday 14th December 6.30pm Carols and Christmas Readings

Sunday December 20th 10.00am Children's Nativity

Christmas Eve 4.00 Christingle

Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day 10.00am Holy Communion.

Please invite family and friends to join us during this festive season.

### Immanuel Charitable Giving

We have recently emptied the tea and coffee donation tin. It contained £207.34. This has been split equally between The Leprosy Mission and The Samaritans. The tin emptied earlier in the year contained £206.33 which was split equally between The Malawi Fund (Birmingham Diocese) and Back-up, a local charity supporting brain damage in children. During 2016 donations in the tea and coffee tin will be retained by us as part of our own fundraising activities. Once again, thank you for your generosity when making donations for refreshments. Christine

### Access to Church

The PCC agreed the quote we were given by a local firm and we hope the work will begin after Christmas. A very big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard and given so generously over the last 18mths to raise money to pay for this much needed project.

As well as raising a considerable sum ourselves from gift days, concerts, table top sales, etc a number of people from the local community have also given us money.

We will use the 'old' slabs which will be taken up from the path at the front of the church, to create a new footpath by the peace garden as the slabs there are broken.

The quote for the work at the front of the church is £7,975 and the quote for the footpath is £1,620. There is no VAT to pay and these quotes include replacing the three bollards.

Please pray all this work goes according to plan. Thanks be to God.  
Revd Rebecca.

### Tea and Coffee Rota

The new tea and coffee rota for the first part of 2016 is ready.  
PLEASE SIGN TO HELP.

Two people are needed each Sunday to set up the mugs, ensure the water heater is switched on at the appropriate time, serve the refreshments after the service and then wash up. It is a very pleasant task - no previous experience is necessary. If you have not helped before, there are a lot of people who can show you what to do and an explanation is also printed on the reverse side of the rota calendar.

Sharing tea/coffee and fellowship after the service is an important part of our church life. It offers an opportunity to meet with everyone, including visitors to our church and ensuring they are made to feel welcome. Please consider helping with this. Thank you.

### Stamps

There is a box at the back of church for used stamps. There are given to the Bible Lands via the Cotteridge Church and used for various charities. Thanks Valerie

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