



IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH
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**Sunday 4th December
 2016
 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to Immanuel - If you are new, you are especially welcome. If you have time, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Services today
 10.00 am Holy Communion begins with hymn 480 and continues in the Advent Service book.

480	O come, O come, Emmanuel
259	Hail to the Lord's anointed
447	May the mind of Christ, my saviour
<i>Hymn During Communion</i> 951 You are the centre	
221	God is working his purpose out

Set Readings for today: Isaiah 11.1-10
 Romans 15. 4-13
 Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12

Services next Sunday 11th December
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Gift Service
 Set Readings: Isaiah 35. 1-10: James 5.7-10
 Gospel: Matthew: 11.2-11

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 which is next to the car park.

Messy Church

**Saturday 10th December
 at 2.00pm**
 Craft, stories, and tea for all the family.
 Children, please bring an adult.



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This week

Wednesday 7th December
 9.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
 11.00am Immanuel Tots in church
Saturday 10th December
 2.00pm Messy Church (details in the services over the page and below)

Advent Wreath

The response to the prayer for lighting the advent wreath is:
ALL "Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen."

Prayer for the week

For the hope that lives each Advent
 of a love that has no end,
 prepare our hearts for Your coming.
 You are the vine, we are the branches
 Come and tend us, prune us, clean us,
 So we can talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us. Amen.

Thought for the week

Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel (Luke 3:4)

Gift Service

Sunday 11th December at 10.00am



Our Gift Service next Sunday is for **The Anawim project**.
 Revd Rebecca worked as an outreach worker in the project for four years before ordination.

The project supports women and children. Please bring your new children's toys/ or gifts of money to the service next week when they will be received with thanksgiving. **Please do not wrap the gifts.**

Reverend Rebecca is at St Stephens, Rednal today.



Please pray for those who are ill:

Rosemary Firth
 Adam
 Mark Shulz
 John Higgins
 Nigel Swinford
 Olive Carson
 Malcolm Summerhayes
 The Hough Family
 Aiden Sahota
 Elaine Summerhayes
 Freda Traylor
 Joseph Lockington
 Edna McFadyen
 Norma Billington
 Wendy Kirby
 Winston Hall
 Richard and Wendy Harding
 David Grimley
 Keith Waudby
 Sandra Wood
 Tony Martin
 Philip Armstrong
 Paul Spencer
 Danielle
 Dorothy Brown

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 am Holy Communion Service. Reverend Rebecca.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the Christmas raffle are on sale today. - 50p a ticket - available from Barbara Poulton. The raffle will be drawn after the service next Sunday, 11th December. Prizes are displayed at the back of church - take a look!

Curry evening

A curry meal at 'Monsoon' in May Lane, Hollywood is planned for Tuesday 13th December. If you are interested, please let Richard Johnson know today.

Fund raising

The sum of £113.80 for church funds has been raised at various sales over the last few weeks. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

Christmas Services 2016



Saturday 10 December

2:00pm - *Messy Church*
 Christmas crafts, stories and tea at Immanuel for all the family. Children please bring an adult!

Sunday 11 December

10:00am - *Gift Service - supporting The Anawim Project*

Monday 12 December

6:30pm *Carols and Christmas Readings*

Sunday 18 December

10:00am *Children's Nativity in the main service*

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

4:00pm *Christingle* - a lovely service especially for children which includes the Blessing of the Crib
 11:30pm *Midnight Holy Communion by Candlelight*

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day 10:00am Holy Communion

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to The Worcestershire Provincial Grand Lodges Tri-Centennial Fund, Freemasons for a generous cheque to Immanuel Church. Special thanks to Gerry who makes sure Immanuel has a high profile amongst all the other charities The Free Masons support.

Church grounds



Plans are in hand to remove the border alongside the church nearest to the church hall. Once the border has been cleared, the area will be turfed to form part of the existing lawn. The reason for this is that we do not have the manpower to maintain the gardens to the level we would like. Work will start shortly. If you would like any of the plants or shrubs from the border, please dig them up and take away this week. Any questions, please see Valerie or Richard.



Soup-a-Wednesday at Maypole Methodist Church, Sladepool Farm Road

Wednesday 7th December 11.30am -1.15pm

Soup and bread with a dessert for £2.00 (Christmas fare this month) plus a donation. Nett proceeds (nearly all the takings) go to a variety of charities over the year - ALL WELCOME.



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