



IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH
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**Sunday 11th December
 2016
 3rd 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
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Our **Gift** service begins with hymn 88 and continues in the All Age Worship Service book.

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| 88 | Brother, Sister, let me serve you |
| 736 | When I needed a neighbour |
| 195 | From heaven you came, helpless babe (Servant King) |

Set Readings for today: Isaiah 35. 1-10:
 James 5.7-10
 Gospel: Matthew: 11.2-11

Services next Sunday 18th December
 10.00 am Holy Communion and Nativity
 Set Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16: Romans 1.1-7
 Gospel: Matthew 1. 18 - end

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.

Our Team:

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This week

Monday 12th December
 6.30pm Carols and Christmas Readings

Wednesday 14th December
 9.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
 11.00am Immanuel Tots in church

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

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed (Isaiah 40:5)

Carols and Christmas Readings

Please join us tomorrow, **Monday 12th December** for our annual service of Carols and Christmas Readings. The service starts at 6.30pm.



In addition to hearing the Christmas story our choir will sing carols and the choir from Hollywood School will also join us for this special service.



Commenting on the launch of the website for Christmas Services, Revd Arun Arora, Director of Communications at the Church of England, said: "We think a perfect Christmas includes a Church Christmas. No matter how good the dinner or how expensive the present, a deeper joy is to be found in Church at Christmas."



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
- Wendy Rawlings

Christmas Services 2016



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



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.

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



The draw for our Christmas Raffle will be made in the hall after our service today. It is not too late to buy a ticket - 50p - in the hall. The first prize is a luxury Christmas hamper, together with many other seasonal prizes. Please join us in the hall for refreshments as the winning tickets are drawn.



Christmas Concert

10.30am Wednesday
14th December
Carrs Lane,
Birmingham

Please come and support Ann Rose and the Hollywood School choir.

Everyone welcome.

On Thursday 6th December, the Church of England launched its #JoyToTheWorld Christmas campaign with www.AChristmasNearYou.org and four special videos. Over 27,000 services and events, ranging from the contemporary to traditional carols and nativity stories, have been added to a new website that enables the public to enter their postcode and find Christmas services and events happening near them. Our services are all shown on the site. Encourage your family and friends to join us during the Christmas season.



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 in any way.



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Making a donation to our Church is simple. You can text your gift by texting MAYP83 followed by the amount you want to donate to 70070.