



IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH
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**Sunday 18th December
 2016
 4th 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 and Nativity



Today we will be using the Nativity Carol sheet for our Carols and order of service.

Our first Carol is:

O Little Town of Bethlehem

This week

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Please note there is no 9.30am service on Wednesday. The next service will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 11th January 2017.

Set Readings for today: Isaiah 7.10-16
 Romans 1.1-7
 Gospel: Matthew 1. 18 - end

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."

Services next Sunday 25th December

10.00 am Holy Communion

Set Readings: Isaiah 52. 7-10

Hebrews 1.1-4

Gospel: John 1. 1-14

Prayer for the week

God of the waiting, turn conflict into peace.
 We pray for those who have given up on the coming of hope,
 because they feel they wait in vain
 at checkpoints, at borders, for jobs, for shelter,
 for food,
 and for all those whose lives are crushed under the structures and systems of injustice. Amen

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.

Thought for the week

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21).

Our Team:

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Gifts to The Anawim Project

Dear All

Thank you for your generous gifts for the families at Anawim. I delivered the toys and gifts last Tuesday and the staff were a bit overwhelmed by your generosity.

They asked me to pass on their sincere thanks.
 Revd Rebecca



Refreshments

Please join us in the hall after the service today for Mulled wine and mince pies. As usual, tea and coffee will also be available. We look forward to seeing you.



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

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.

Donations for flowers

The new calendar for 2017 is now on the table at the back of the Church.

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING THE BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL TO YOU BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A FLORAL DISPLAY.

Just fill in the appropriate date on the calendar and make a donation in the envelopes provided.

Thank you.
 Barbara Rose.

Thank you to those who supported the curry evening on Tuesday. It was good to spend time together. Good food and excellent company!
 Richard.

Christmas Services 2016

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

The History of Christingle

Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and is a symbol of the Christian faith. Lots of churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services began in Germany in 1747. It was introduced to the Anglican Church in England in 1968.



Over the years the symbolism of the Christingle grew into what is known as a Christingle today. Here is what the different parts of the Christingle represent:

- .. The orange is round like the world.
- .. The candle stands tall and straight and gives light in the dark like the love of God.
- .. The red ribbon goes all around the 'world' and is a symbol of the blood Jesus shed when he died for us.
- .. The four sticks point in all directions and symbolise North, South, East and West - they also represent the four seasons.
- .. The fruit and nuts (or sometimes sweets!) represent the fruits of the earth, nurtured by the sunshine and the rain.

Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle by giving money for the hamper, or donating prizes. The response was excellent and resulted in the sum of £195.50 being raised for church funds.



A list of prize winners is available in church.

Tea and Coffee tin

The contents of the tin have been emptied and counted. It contained £143.64 which will form part of our fund raising for this year. Thank you all for your support.



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