



**IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH**  
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**Sunday 8th January**  
**2017 - Baptism of Christ**

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 Holy Communion

Our service starts with hymn number 49 and continues in the service book

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| 49  | As with gladness men of old                  |
| 282 | Hills of the north rejoice                   |
| 552 | O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness |
| 419 | Shine, Jesus shine                           |

Set Readings for today: Isaiah 42. 1-9  
 Acts 10. 34-43  
 Gospel: Matthew 3. 13-end

**Services next Sunday 15 January**

10.00 am Holy Communion

Set readings: Isaiah 49. 1-7

1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

Gospel: John 1. 29-42

**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**

Tuesday 10th January

7.15pm PCC meeting in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 11th January

9.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

11.00am Immanuel Tots in church

Saturday 14th January

Men's Breakfast club - details overleaf

**Prayer for the week**

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold, especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Thought for the week**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29: 11

**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.

**Goodbye - The Dean of Birmingham Cathedral, Catherine Ogle will preach and preside for the last time today before moving to be Dean of Winchester. Catherine says: "I am deeply grateful for the last six years in Birmingham. As I leave, following God's call, it is with this prayer: For all that has been - Thanks. For all that shall be - Yes!"**

**Refreshments:** Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the church hall after this service. Everyone is welcome. Please read the notice on page 2 which tells you about the new rota if you would like to help with this important part of our church life.





**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.

**Thank You** to everyone at Immanuel Church who sent us Christmas cards and gifts.  
 We wish you all a peaceful and blessed New Year.  
 Revd Rebecca and Brian.

**Many thanks** for your good wishes, cards and gifts over the Christmas period. I hope you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to whatever 2017 brings. God's blessing be with you and those whom you love. With much love, Revd Helen.



**Men's breakfast**

**Saturday 14th January.** Meet in the church car park at 8.15am. Good food. Good company.

**Holy Communion**

Several months ago we changed where we receive holy communion. This was to enable everyone to be able to access communion without having to negotiate going up the step.

I promised this would be reviewed in January.

On **January 22nd** after the 10.00 service there will be a short meeting in church to give people the opportunity to share their experiences and to discuss where we go from here. Revd 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.

**Tea and Coffee Rota**

The new tea and coffee rota for the first part of 2017 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 to those who have already signed to help.

**The Foodbank - Thank you for your continued support**

A reminder of food items suitable for the Foodbank:-  
*Milk (UHT or powered), Sugar (500g), Pasta sauces, Fruit juice (carton), Soup, Sponge pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned), Cereals, Rice pudding (tinned), Tea bags/instant coffee, Instant mash potato, Rice/pasta, Tinned meat/fish, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Jam, Biscuits or snack bars.*



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