



**IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH**  
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**Sunday 5th March  
 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**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**  
 Our service starts with hymn number 572 and continues in the service book

572	Praise to the holiest in the height
165	Father of heaven, whose love profound
379	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
<i>Hymn During Communion</i> 574 Purify my heart	
590	Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**Set Readings for today:**

Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7  
 Romans 5. 12-19  
 Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11

**Services next Sunday 12th March**

8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.00am All Age Worship  
 Set readings: Genesis 12. 1-4a  
 Romans 4.1-5, 13-17  
 Gospel: John 3. 1-17

**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.



**Junior Church**

Junior Church is for children age 4 years and upwards and meets today. After the first hymn the children will go with the leaders into the hall and rejoin us towards the end of our service in time for a blessing.

**This week**

**Tuesday 7th March**  
 2.00pm Short + Sweet service in church  
 7.15pm PCC Meeting in the Lady Chapel  
**Wednesday 8th March**  
 9.30am Holy Communion - Lady Chapel (see over)  
 2.15pm Lent course at Maypole Methodist Church (see overleaf for details)  
 n.b. There is no Immanuel Tots this week.

**Prayer for the week**

Creating God,  
 Help us to set aside time to pause and use the opportunity offered by the weeks of Lent.  
 Help me to listen to the small voice in the depths of my being,  
 Give me the courage to take the time to hear that whisper and respond. Amen.

**Thought for the week**

Are we ready for the journey into the wilderness?

**Prayer for Immanuel Church**

Heavenly Father  
 We are the family of Immanuel.  
 We pray for all our family members both young and old and help us to use every opportunity to care for each other,  
 May we always welcome newcomers and strangers into our Church and may your limitless love shine out in all we strive to do.  
 Help us to remember that you are Immanuel – God with Us. Amen

Sue Rawlings is starting a **house group** which will meet once a month at her home. The first meeting will be Friday, 17th March from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon. Please see Sue for further information and directions.

**Dennis Kent RIP**

Dennis' funeral is taking place at Robin Hood Crematorium on Thursday 16th March at 11.30am.  
 Please continue to hold Jean, Lisa and Matt, and all Dennis' grandchildren in your love and prayers.  
 May Dennis rest in peace and rise in glory Amen.



**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
- Florence and Daniel Jackson
- Gary Hobbs

**Lent at Immanuel and across the Cluster churches:**

Starting on Monday 13th March, I'll be saying Evening Prayer in church at 4.30 every Monday in Lent if anyone wants to join me. Revd Rebecca.

9.00am Tuesday mornings Cluster Morning Prayer at Christ Church Yardley Wood.

9.30am Wednesday morning Holy Communion and the opportunity to be anointed and blessed with holy oils - Lady Chapel.

As part of our Lenten Journey each Sunday at our 10.00am service we will have the opportunity to be anointed and blessed with holy oils.

**The Man on the Bench Sculpture.**

The man on the bench needs a home during Lent. If you would like to offer him a home for a week please sign the list at the back of church. Whoever takes him for a week offers a prayer every evening and then brings him back the following Sunday and he then moves onto the next house.

**Prayer for the Man on the Bench**

Lord, I ask you to increase my charity for those who are deprived of a secure and acceptable dwelling. Help me to consider the needs of those people who don't have a safe place to sleep and live. Amen.

(Prayer written for The Year of Mercy 2016 by The Catholic National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham)

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.

**Lent Group**

Immanuel and Maypole Methodist Church are joining again for the Lent course. We will meet at Maypole Methodist church for 6 weeks starting on Wednesday 8th March (2.15 - 3.30pm).

The course is compiled by the 'All we can' branch of the Methodist Church and examines the lives and hardship of people in the African country of Cameroon. We will look at various values and assumptions that contribute to our sense of justice.

Please let Revd Helen or Deacon Jan (tel 406 1013) know if you would like to attend.

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The deadline for notices to be included in the pew sheet is 5.00 pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday.

**Refreshments:** Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the church hall after this service. Everyone is welcome.



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