



# IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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Sunday 3rd December 2017  
Advent Sunday

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.

## Today 10.00 am - Holy Communion

Our service starts with hymn 480 and continues in the service book.

480	O come, O come Emmanuel
367	Jesus, where'er thy people meet
582	Restore O Lord

*During Communion:*

*691 - Thy kingdom come, O God*

405	Lo, he comes with clouds descending
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## This week

**Tuesday 5th December**

2.00pm Short + Sweet service in church

**Wednesday 6th December**

11.30am -1.15pm Soup & a roll and dessert  
Maypole Methodist Church. All Welcome.

**Saturday 9th December**

2.00pm Messy Church in church.

## 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)

## 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

## Set Readings for today:

10.00 am Holy Communion

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Isaiah 64: 1-9

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-end

## Services next Sunday 10th December

10.00 am - All Age Worship - Gift Service

Set Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

## Advent 1 – Hope

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

We light this candle to remember those who waited in hope for the Messiah.

We light one candle and hope that the brightness will grow as we travel through Advent to Christmas.

*Light the first candle.*

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,

for he who promised is faithful.

## 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.



Please pray for those who are ill:

Rosemary Firth  
 Adam  
 Mark Shulz  
 John Higgins  
 Nigel Swinford  
 Malcolm Summerhayes  
 The Hough Family  
 Aiden Sahota  
 Freda Traylor  
 Joseph Lockington  
 Edna McFadyen  
 Norma Billington  
 Wendy Kirby  
 Winston Hall  
 David Grimley  
 Danielle  
 Wendy Rawlings  
 Pat Burrage  
 Joshie  
 Annel Martin  
 Lynne Jones  
 Carol Jervis  
 Margaret Russon  
 Mary Sparkes

Father, we stand alongside all who are hurting in body, mind or spirit; all who need courage, support or practical help. Bring them your peace in their pain, your strength in their weakness and your comfort in their sadness. Amen.

**Contact details for our Reader**

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**Refreshments:**

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after this service.



**Donation for Flowers.**

A flower donation has been made by Dee Boobyer to remember Roland and Mary Robinson.



**IMMANUEL ANNUAL GIFT SERVICE  
 10 December 2017**

This year our gifts are going to Women's Aid, who support Women and Children from broken homes and violent relationships. Can you please bring UNWRAPPED new toys, books, scarves, gloves, socks etc for children of all ages in your usual very generous way. If you are unable to get to the shops, there will be a collecting box for your donations.

**Foodbank**

The last delivery to the Foodbank was 22 Kg, equivalent to 52 meals.



The variety of contributions is much appreciated and all lines are needed. We could do with Fruit Juice, either as juice or concentrated.

Thank you for your continued support. Michael.

**Messy Church**

Our next Messy Church will be on

**Saturday 9th December at 2pm**

Come and get Messy with craft, stories, and

tea for all the family. Children, please bring an adult. Messy Church Logo Copyright The Bible Reading Fellowship © 2016.



**Stewardship Appeal**

The envelopes have been opened and the weekly increase pledged to date is £64.

At a time when our future is a little unclear, thank you all for your support and commitment to our church.

**Thank you for your support**

Memoires of a Pantomime Dame, Raffle and sale raised £389.39 after payment of expenses. Wonderful! All funds to our church. Thank you.

**The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.**

The sum of £112.98 was raised in our collecting tin for the poppy appeal - Solihull Branch. Continuing to support those who served. Thank you.