



IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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Sunday 17th December 2017
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.

Today 10.00 am - Holy Communion and Nativity Story



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

Nativity Story

Our Junior Church children will be presenting our Nativity story during today's service. Our thanks to them and their leaders.

Set Readings for today:

10.00 am Holy Communion

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Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Services next Sunday 24th December

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am - Holy Communion

4.00 pm - Christingle Service

Set Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Romans 16: 25-end

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Advent 3 - Joy

We light the candles for hope and peace.

Light the first and second candles.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

We light this candle to remember the joy of God's blessing. God invites us to the festival of the kingdom where there is no more death, sadness, crying or pain.

Light the third candle.

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

This week

Monday 18th December

6.30pm Carol Service

Please join us for this special service as we hear the story of the birth of Jesus in words and carols.



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

Thought for the week

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

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

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
 Florence Jackson

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.



Our Christmas Services



Monday 18th December
 6.30pm Carol Service

Sunday 24th December
 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Communion
 4.00pm Christingle service

Monday 25th December
 10am Holy Communion

Please note there is no Midnight Communion service this year.

Christmas Gifts

If you have bought your gifts this Sunday, we will ask you to bring them forward at the beginning of the Service before the Nativity Story begins.

If you have gifts at home, please let us know and we will collect them if we can. We will be arranging to deliver them to Women's Aid during the next week.

Barbara Rose

Raffle

The raffle will be drawn in the hall today after the service. It is still not too late to buy tickets. Please see Barbara Poulton. The tickets cost £1.00 each. There are a number of prizes for you to win. Thank you for your support.

Tea and Coffee rota

The new tea and coffee rota commencing 7th January 2018 is on the table at the back of church. Please have a look at the dates and see when you are able to help and sign your name. If you have not helped before, please give it a try and put your name down. Sharing refreshments and fellowship is an important part of what we do. Can you help please?



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Donation for Flowers.

A flower donation has been made by Christine Johnson to remember Vera Oliver.

