



# IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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Sunday 24th December 2017  
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.

**Today - 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am - Holy Communion**

Our service starts with hymn 128 and continues in the service book.

128	Come, thou long expected Jesus
182	For Mary, mother of our Lord
658	There is a Redeemer
<i>During Communion:</i> <i>326 In the bleak mid winter</i>	
486	Of the Father's love begotten

## Prayer for the week

Precious Saviour, breathlessly we wait for your Coming.

The house has been made ready.

The tree is trimmed with beautiful lights and sentimental ornaments.

Our hearts are filled to overflowing with love for you and for one another.

Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## Thought for the week

Come Lord Jesus Come

## Set Readings for today:

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 4 Love

We light the candles for hope, peace, and joy.

Before I was born the Lord called me.

**In the shadow of his hand he hid me.**

We light this candle to remember God's love for the whole of creation. God loves us into being and enfolds us safely forever.

God is love.

**Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in him.**

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## Tomorrow is Christmas Day

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.00am.

Carols for Christmas Day, using the Bethlehem Carol Sheet.

12	O Come all ye faithful
8	See amid the Winter's snow
16	God rest you merry gentlemen
11	Joy to the World

A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to everyone.

## Christmas Day

We light the candles for hope, peace, joy and love.

For to us a child is born,

To us a son is given.

We light this candle to celebrate Jesus, light of the world, born to be God with us. In him, our hope is fulfilled,

God's peace is given to us, our joy is complete, and the fullness of God's love is revealed.

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Whoever follows him will never walk in darkness, but will have the life of light.**

Services next Sunday 31st December

10.00 am Holy Communion



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

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.  
 Psalm 30:2

## Our Christmas Services



### Sunday 24th December

Later today, at 4.00pm we have our Christingle service.

Please note there is no Midnight Communion service this year.

### Monday 25th December 10.00am Holy Communion

### Christmas wishes

Warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas to you all. Thank you for all the cards and Christmas wishes you have given me. It's a pleasure to continue to have a connection with Immanuel. I pray that we will be richly blessed as a community of God's people in 2018. I am confident that through the love and gifts we share we will find our way forward. Much love to you all. Revd Helen

### Foodbank

I took the food into Foodbank on Wednesday. 29.3 Kg, was enough for 69 meals.



The Foodbank was busy the week before Christmas

Many thanks and blessings to all who have contributed.

Michael

### Raffle

The raffle raised £212. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets or helped organise the raffle.

Your efforts are very much appreciate. The proceeds will go to church funds.

### Short + Sweet

There will be no Short + Sweet service in January. The next date is Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 2.00pm.

### 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?

### Contact details for our Reader

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### 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.

### Donation for Flowers.

A flower donation has been made by Rosemary Rivett to remember family members.

