



IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH
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Sunday 18th February
 2018 - 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.

Today 10.00 am - Holy Communion

Our service starts with hymn number 584 and continues in the service book.

584	O praise ye the Lord
69	Be thou my guardian and my guide
420	Lord, thy word abideth
<i>Hymn during Communion</i> 574 - Purify my heart	
408	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
<i>The choir will sing the anthem Day By Day, by Martin How, after the sermon.</i>	

Services today

10.00am Holy Communion
 Set Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17
 1 Peter 3: 18-end
Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

Services next Sunday 25th February
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Holy Communion
 Set Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
 Romans 4: 13-end
Gospel: Mark 8: 31-end

Lent 2018

From **Tuesday 20th February**

1.30pm - 3.00pm

there will be a Lent Course taking place at Maypole Methodist Church entitled

"On the third day".

There are some leaflets available in church today.

From **Wednesday 21st February**, a series of Taizé meditation services at 2.00pm. at Immanuel Church.

Future dates are on the notice board.

Prayer for the week

Jesus, looks at us with love
 A love that sees through all the 'parts' of you,
 The parts that you don't like or feel ashamed of
 the parts or episodes that you want to forget,
 Loving you in all your littleness.
 Never forget Jesus loves you.
 Amen.

Thought for the week

Christ plays in ten thousand places
 (from Poems and Prose by GM Hopkins)

Prayer for Immanuel Church

Heavenly Father
 We are the family of Immanuel.
 We pray for all our family members both young and old. Help us to use every opportunity to care for each other through this season of change.
 May we always welcome newcomers into our Church and may your limitless love shine out in all we strive to do.
 We pray for the Diocese of Birmingham in these challenging times as they explore your will for the future ministry of your church.
 Help us to grow together and give us hope.
 Remind us that in our watching, waiting and listening,
 You are Immanuel – God with Us.
 Amen

Flower Donation

A donation has been made by Jean Kent to remember Dennis Kent.



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.



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 re-join us towards the end of our service in time for a blessing.

Toilets are in the church hall which is next to the car park.



Please pray for those who are ill:

Adam
Mark Shulz
John Higgins
Nigel Swinford
Malcolm Summerhayes
The Hough Family
Aiden Sahota
Freda Traylor
Joseph Lockington
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
David Barge

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

A date for your diary

The date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting is Sunday 22nd April at 11.45am. There will be more information nearer the date.

There are currently two vacancies for 3-year PCC members to be elected. If anyone is interested, please let Rosemary, Valerie or Richard know. If anyone wants to talk with someone about what PCC involves, before committing themselves, then they can talk to any member of the PCC. If you are interested, but unsure whether this is for you, then it is absolutely fine to commit to serving for one year and review how you feel at the end of the year.

Foodbank

I took the food into Foodbank last week - 24.9Kg, enough for 59 meals.



So far this year the Sparkhill group of foodbanks have been around 20% busier than this time last year and here at Yardley Wood we too have been very busy.

All gifts are very welcome but we could do with more tinned vegetables (carrots, peas and potatoes). Thank You.
Michael

Monthly sale in the Hall

We plan to have a sale in the hall on the first Sunday of each month. If you have any items which we can sell, please bring them to church where there will be a marked box to put them in. Thank you.

Immanuel Senior Strollers

We are hoping to continue our short walks this year (weather permitting).



If you are interested in the walks, please speak to Ann James or Barbara Poulton.

Everyone is welcome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Quite a few members of the congregation, who pledged to increase their giving, have not yet made any increase or have reverted back to the original amount being given before the Stewardship Campaign.

Please speak to Barbara Rose for any details of increases that you may have inadvertently forgotten.
Many thanks

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.

Everyone is welcome.

Please sign the tea and coffee rota to help with refreshments for us to enjoy after the service.

The rota is on the table at the back of church.

Making a donation to our Church is simple. You can text your gift by texting **MAYP83** followed by the amount you want to donate to **70070**.