

IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH
<http://www.immanuelhightersheath.com>
20th December 2015 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Today Service 10am
Welcome to Immanuel especially if this is your first visit



Services at Immanuel Today

10am – Holy Communion and Children's Nativity begins with hymn and continues on page 1 of the Advent Service Book

Hymns

See Separate Sheet

Response to prayer for Advent Wreath:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.

Set Readings Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrew 10:5-10; John 12:1-11

Next Sunday 27th December John, Apostle and Evangelist

10am Holy Communion

Set Readings: Exodus 33:7-11a; 1 John: 1; John 21:19b-end

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, next to the car park.

Refreshments: Come and have a cuppa with us in the church hall after this service. All welcome!

This Week

There is no Holy Communion on Wednesday 23rd December or the 30th December. Holy Communion starts again on Wednesday 6th January

Christmas Services

Thursday Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle
Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm
Friday Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion
Please invite family and friends to join us during this festive season.

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)

New Prayer for Immanuel Church

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rich diversity of our fellowship here at Immanuel Church, particularly our children and families. Help us all to support one another and to experience the inner peace which comes only from knowing you.

Continue to give us courage to share our faith with all whom we meet.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for Ollie being baptized today.

Pray for his parents Stephen and Kelly and older brother Regan.

And for Owen and Sharon who were married here yesterday.

Revd Rebecca and Brian send their good wishes to everyone at Immanuel for a very happy and blessed Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Please take this sheet home with you

Please Pray for those who
are ill

Alan Campbell
Beryl Finn
Nigel

Ken and Pauline Farley
Sandra Wood
Olive Carson

Malcolm Summerhayes
Trevor Grimley
Barry Checketts
The Hough Family

Aiden Sahota (aged 8)
Elaine Summerhayes
Josh (aged 5)

Freda Traylor

Joseph Lockington
Edna McFadyen

Norma Billington
Alf Traylor

Wendy Kirby

Winston Hall

Richard and Wendy
Harding

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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 Holy Communion Service. Once those prayers have been offered, I will take all the names off the list, so we can begin again. However, if there are some people on the list who need to be there longer, then can folk please let Lynne know and she will put their names back on. Revd. Rebecca

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## NOTICES

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the fund raising activities over the last two Sundays.

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| Grid Proceeds | £30.00  |
| Donation      | £10.00  |
| Sale of Cards | £10.90  |
| Sale of Cakes | £12.40  |
| Raffle        | £116.00 |
| Total         | £179.30 |

In addition to the sums above, £50 has been raised from the sale of books in the Narthex and £12 from an item sold on ebay.

### Churches Together Food bank

Christmas food collected by Immanuel was delivered to Yardley Wood Food bank this week. Donations weighed 5.5Kg enough for 156 meals. All the Christmas food, the mince pies etc. Were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support.

### Immanuel Charitable Giving

We have recently emptied the tea and coffee donation tin. It contained £207.34. This has been split equally between The Leprosy Mission and The Samaritans. The tin emptied earlier in the year contained £206.33 which was split equally between The Malawi Fund (Birmingham Diocese) and Back-up, a local charity supporting brain damage in children. During 2016 donations in the tea and coffee tin will be retained by us as part of our own fundraising activities. Once again, thank you for your generosity when making donations for refreshments. Christine

### Tea and Coffee Rota

The new tea and coffee rota for the first part of 2016 is ready.  
PLEASE SIGN TO HELP.

Two people are needed each Sunday to set up the mugs, ensure the water heater is switched on at the appropriate time, serve the refreshments after the service and then wash up. It is a very pleasant task - no previous experience is necessary. If you have not helped before, there are a lot of people who can show you what to do and an explanation is also printed on the reverse side of the rota calendar.

Sharing tea/coffee and fellowship after the service is an important part of our church life. It offers an opportunity to meet with everyone, including visitors to our church and ensuring they are made to feel welcome. Please consider helping with this. Thank you.

### Stamps

There is a box at the back of church for used stamps. There are given to the Bible Lands via the Cotteridge Church and used for various charities. Thanks Valerie

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