

IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

<http://www.immanuelhightersheath.com>

21st December, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Today's Service 10am

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

10am Parish Communion with Children's Nativity begins on the Order of Service sheet

Set Readings 2Samuel 7:1-11,16;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY 28th December
Holy Innocents Day

10am Parish Communion

Set Readings Jeremiah 31:15-17; 1
Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2:13-18

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

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve 4pm
Christingle and Blessing of the Crib

Immanuel Church

11.30 pm - Midnight Holy Communion

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Christmas Day 10.00am - Holy Communion Immanuel Church

Please pray many will come to our Christmas Services and find Christ amongst us and will want to come to church more often

A Christmas Message and Prayer written by Ben Hadland Age 7, Hollywood Primary School.

Remember to spread peace yourself at Christmas.

Dear God, Please help everyone to have a peaceful Christmas and help everyone in the world to enjoy everything.
Please help us to make peace everywhere,
Amen.

Prayer for Immanuel Church

Heavenly Father, we pray for the community of Highters Heath and thank you for the opportunities you have given us to reach out into it.

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit as a worshipping community to encourage and find ways of bringing more people into your church.
May all who come through the door, discover a life of peace and joy through worshipping you.
Amen

There is no Totstime or Junior Church until after the Christmas holidays.

There is also no 9.30am Holy Communion on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve

Rebecca and Brian wish everyone at Immanuel a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please take this sheet home with you

**Please Pray for
those who are ill**

**Edna McFadyen
Kirsty Lowe
Terry Chetland
Aidan Sahota
George and Molly Moody
Hilary Astley
Josh(age5)
Bob and Norma Billington
Alf Traylor
Wendy Kirby
Winston Hall
Richard and Wendy Harding**

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

Pray for Peace

Please hold in prayer all places in our world where there is violence and war especially in Syria and pray for a peace between Palestine and Israel

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NOTICES

Our Mission Statement

Please read this and pray about it over Advent. It's quite a challenge! Immanuel means 'God with us.' To live this, we encourage and nurture those of all ages and race who seek with us the opportunity to hear and understand the Good News of forgiveness that Jesus brings, through worship and fellowship. Above all, Immanuel is where love for God and for our neighbour can be found.

Tea and Coffee 2015

The list showing dates for the helping with tea and coffee for 2015 is now on the table at the back of church. A reminder that we need 2 people each Sunday to set up the mugs, jugs and teapots before the service and then after the service, serve the drinks and wash up. You don't have to bring anything, as provisions, including milk are provided.

It was lovely that in 2014 so many people volunteered to help. The task has been made very easy following the installation of the water heater. If you haven't helped before and want to know what to do, have a word with Barbara Poulton. Instructions are also on the reverse of the notice with the 2015 dates.

Joining together after the service is a very important part of what we do. Having an opportunity to chat with other people - both those we know and those who are new. Please look at the dates and see where you are able to help. Thank you. Christine

Flower donations 2015

Please let me know as soon as possible if you **DO NOT** wish to have your name carried forward onto the 2015 Flower Donations list.

Also let me know if you want to change a date/add a date.

Please be aware that donations made in Lent and Advent, when traditionally there are no flowers in Church, will be put towards the flowers for Easter Day or Christmas Day. Barbara Rose

Churches Together Foodbank

Food donations delivered to Yardley Wood Baptist Church this week totalled 34.3Kg which is sufficient for 31 meals, many thanks for your donations.

Tea and Coffee

The tea and coffee tin has been emptied three times this year. The total banked is £528.78. This will be split equally between Immanuel and the DEF Ebola appeal. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Flower Rota

It's time to draw up a new rota for the flowers for church. If you can spare 1 - 2 hours a month and would like to be involved please see Valerie.

Stamps

Just to remind you there is a box at the back of church for your used stamps. These are sent via the Cotteridge Church to the Bible Lands organisation

Please can all notices that are to be included in the pew sheet be sent to Lynne by 5pm on a Thursday,

Notices for the pew sheet contact Lynne lynneannewil19@yahoo.co.uk or Telephone Ian: 0121 474 4731 Please visit our website <http://www.immanuelhightersheath.com>