

IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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6th December 2015 – 2nd Sunday in Advent Sunday

Today Service 10am

Welcome to Immanuel especially if this is your first visit



Services at Immanuel Today

10am – Holy Communion begins with hymn 259 and continues on page 1 of the Advent Service Book

Hymns

259 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed

265 - Hark The Glad Sound the Saviour Comes

299 - I am the Bread of Life

310 - I heard the voice of Jesus Say

Communion - 289- I am a new Creation

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: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Next Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent All Age Worship Christmas Gift Sunday

Set Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

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!

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

It's that time again folks!

In your usual generous way, can you please bring an unwrapped gift for a child of any age on Sunday 13th December, to be donated to the Sweet Project. There will also be a box for Donations if you are unable to make it to the shops.

This Week

Wednesday 9th December Holy Communion 9.30am in Immanuel Lady Chapel

Wednesday 9th December Totsttime 11am-12 noon Immanuel Church

Saturday 12th December Moseley Deanery Pilgrimage between 12 noon and 2pm

Saturday 12th December Messy Church 2pm Immanuel Church

Prayer for the week

For the hope that lives each Advent of a love that has no end, prepare our hearts for Your coming. You are the vine, we are the branches Come and tend us, prune us, clean us, So we can talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us. Amen

Thought for the week Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel (Luke 3:4)

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 Grace and her mum Nicole who are being baptised today and for all the family and friends who will gather in church for their baptism.

Christmas Fundraising

Join us in the hall after the service today for your opportunity to win £20. We have a Christmas Grid for you to choose a number for £1. The winning number wins £20 with the balance funds raised going to church funds. On the following Sunday, 13th December, we are having a Christmas raffle. The prizes are in church for you see today and tickets available for sale in the hall. Thank you for your support.

Please take this sheet home with you

*Please Pray for those who
are ill*

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

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

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

Access to Church

The PCC agreed the quote we were given by a local firm and we hope the work will begin after Christmas. A very big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard and given so generously over the last 18mths to raise money to pay for this much needed project. As well as raising a considerable sum ourselves from gift days, concerts, table top sales, etc a number of people from the local community have also given us money.

We will use the 'old' slabs which will be taken up from the path at the front of the church, to create a new footpath by the peace garden as the slabs there are broken.

The quote for the work at the front of the church is £7,975 and the quote for the footpath is £1,620. There is no VAT to pay and these quotes include replacing the three bollards.

Please pray all this work goes according to plan. Thanks be to God. Revd Rebecca.

Moseley Deanery Pilgrimage

The Moseley deanery Pilgrimage to the Cathedral is on Saturday 12th December between 12 noon and 2pm. There is a poster with more details but the basic format is to travel together into the city centre and then to take part in activities including a labyrinth, something to make and space for prayer and reflection. There will be a short act of worship and something to eat. I do hope some of you will be able to join the pilgrimage. Please let me know after the service if you hope to come so we have some idea of numbers. Revd Helen

Dementia Champion

I have recently become a Dementia Champion which means I can start to offer a short information session on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society to help people to become a bit more aware of dementia and to become dementia friends. I am keen to practice so have arranged my first session in Church this Thursday at 2pm. Please come along if you are interested. The session will last no more than an hour. Revd Helen

Sunday Sale

Many thanks to everyone who supported our red/green/Christmas sale last Sunday. The sum raised for funds was magnificent £262.60. Well done to all concerned.

Churches Together Foodbank Yardley Wood

Food requested by 12th December: Tinned Turkey, Cranberry sauce, Gravy granules and stuffing mixes, Mince pies, Custard, Christmas Puddings, Christmas crackers, Chocolate selection boxes. Of course the usual food can also be donated. Thank you for your continued support.

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