

# IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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7<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 Second Sunday of Advent  
Today's Service 10am

## WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

**10am** Parish Communion begins with hymn **282** and continues on page 1 of the Green Advent Service Book

### HYMNS

**282** – Hills of the north, rejoice

**372** – Judge eternal, throned in splendour

**128** – Come, thou long expected  
Jesus

**428** – Love divine, all loves excelling  
Communion – **691** – Thy kingdom come, O God

**Set Readings** Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:9-15a; Mark 1:1-8

**NEXT SUNDAY** 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10am Christmas Gift Sunday

**Set Readings** Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

### **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!**

### **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

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion**

**9.30am** Immanuel Lady Chapel

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Tottime Service**

Immanuel Church 11am -12noon

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December Men's Breakfast**

8.15am in car park

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December Messy Church**

Immanuel Church 2pm

### **Prayer of the week**

God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season and draw us ever closer as we journey together towards the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour.  
Amen

**Thought for the week** Be filled with expectation this Advent season

### **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



## **CHRISTMAS GIFT SUNDAY 14 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## **TRIO CAMPAIGN**

I am delighted to tell you that we have increased our weekly giving figure by **£123.50** per week. Part of that will attract Gift Aid of an additional £29 per week, our grand total increase so far, with still a few more responses to come is **£152.50** per week. Well Done Immanuel!! Thanks Be To God  
Barbara Rose Stewardship Secretary

Please take this sheet home with you

## **Please Pray for those who are ill**

**Kirsty Lowe  
Terry Chetland  
Doreen Evans  
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

Revd Rebecca Clarke Vicar,  
Revd Helen Glithero Curate  
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**Please can all notices that are to be included in the pew sheet be sent to Lynne by 5pm on a Thursday,**

## **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

### **Thanks**

Wendy Kirby sends her love and thanks to everyone who has sent her messages and prayers. They are all very much appreciated and she can't wait to be back among her church family

### **Churches Together Foodbank**

Food delivered to the Foodbank warehouse amounted to 88.2kg. Thankyou for your continuing support. Can I remind people non-perishable foods only please.

### **GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!**

Sandra Langston has received a letter from Bishop David to confirm he will be licensing Sandra as a Reader on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 11.00 in Birmingham Cathedral. Put the date in your dairy! We give thanks for Sandra as she has responded to God's call in her life and we continue to pray for her in her ministry here at Immanuel church and within the wider parish. To God be the Glory. Revd Rebecca

### **Locking Up!**

Can everyone who has a key please make sure they lock the door when they finish in church. There have been several occasions when the church has been left open! Many thanks Revd Rebecca

### **Christmas Flower Arrangement Demonstration**

Many thanks to all who supported this lovely afternoon. It was really good to see so many from the community there. We raised £273 for the disabled access appeal. Thanks Valerie

### **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.

### **Christmas Services**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm - Messy Church including:

Christmas Crafts, story, food and fun for all the family.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am - Gift Service

bring a new toy as a gift for needy children in our area.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm - Carols and Christmas Readings.

Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am - Children's Nativity.

Christmas Eve 4.00pm - Christingle and Blessing of the Crib.

11.30 pm - Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10.00am - Holy Communion.

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

### **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.

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