

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

“Making Jesus known in worship, work & word”.

We hope you will feel at home worshipping with us. If this is your first visit, or if we can be of help in any way, please make yourself known to one of those who welcomed you on arrival.



Sunday 14th April 2024

10am Morning worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: Peace be with you

Reading: Luke 24:36 - 48



When indicated by the worship leader, children & young people are invited to go to: **Splat Group**. A crèche area & toys are available for very young children throughout the service.



Please stay after today's service for a cup of fairly traded tea or coffee and refreshments in the room to the rear of the building.



Cannot get to church? The URC has daily online devotions - follow this link www.devotions.urc.org.uk for access to podcasts or a transcript.

EMMANUEL DIARY

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Tue 16 April	10am – 12 noon	Coffee and Craft
	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 17 April	6:30pm	Mind Talk
Thu 18 April	12 noon	Lunch Club
Sun 21 April	10am	Morning worship Led by Revd Gerald England

DIARY NOTES

Coffee and Craft: Tuesday 16 April, 10am – 12 noon. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and possibly cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do (if you have one), or just come for a chat. Please speak to Rachel Parmenter or Angela Jones if you have any questions.



Mind Talk Group: This month on **Wednesday 17 April**, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Mental Health and Wellbeing group (usually meet on the third Wednesday each month). If you would like to know more, please speak with Rachel Cleary or send her an email: cleary1@sky.com



Harmony Singers Spring concert: Friday 10 May, 7pm. Tickets are available from Sue Martin from today! Absolute bargain price of £5 for adults and £3 for children, with delicious refreshments included in your ticket price. Proceeds towards church funds.



All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Email: lucygough1@btinternet.com Tel: 722346

NOTICES

Join us – Gerald is running a 2-part programme where we will discover a little more about the United Reformed Church: history, and what it means to be an active member of the church. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Emmanuel Church family, or simply finding out what that means, please put your name on the list in the creche area. Dates: **Tuesday 30 April and Tuesday 7 May**. It will be informal and there is no obligation to become a member at the end of the course.



The Big Help Out in Emmanuel Orchard: Saturday 8 June, 2pm – 4pm.

We will be tidying the Emmanuel outdoor spaces so that they are tidy and safe for everyone to enjoy including Splat, Rainbows, Brownies, and our older church.

- Please bring gardening gloves if you have them. If you feel able to trim back some brambles and have secateurs, please bring them along. All abilities are welcome - Kevin & the property team will be able to find you something to do.
- If you can help with teas & coffees (rather than get messy outside) please speak to Kevin & Sue.



Mowing Orchard grass: Kevin Martin has put a grass cutting rota onto the noticeboard in the crèche area with slots approximately every two weeks. The whole job takes up to 2 hours, but you can also sign up as a team of two to make the job easier & quicker. Training can be given in use of the exciting *RIDE-ON* lawnmower (aka *The Lawn Ranger* aka *The Mowlenium Falcon*). What an opportunity! Any questions, please speak to Kevin M.



Christmas Market Planning Team: Only 255 days until Christmas Day 😊 and 223 days until our church Christmas Market on **Saturday 23 November!** A good place to buy your Christmas gifts and have fun. If you are interested in being a part of the Christmas Market planning team, please give your name to Pat England. The first planning meeting will probably be in June.



Advance notice: Our minister, Gerald, will be taking a 3-month sabbatical from July to September. Gerald has arranged cover for all the Sunday services during his absence, including seven ministers from different churches across our Synod/area and some of our own members. Elders' meetings, church meetings and other events/activities will continue as usual. We will also have the support of Revd Robert Jordan from Immanuel URC, Upham Road, in case of pastoral necessity. If you have any questions, please speak to Gerald, our church secretary Rachel Cleary, or another member of the eldership team.



The Revd David Downing has been nominated to serve as Moderator of the URC South Western Synod. David has served in pastoral charge of local churches since his ordination in 1999, and currently serves as minister of Maidenhead and Marlow United Reformed Churches, along with Bracknell and Windsor. David started going to church as a teenager at St John's Hill URC, Sevenoaks, and grew up with FURY (the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth) serving it at local and national levels, including as a member of the National Youth Committee.

After a career in banking, he trained at Westminster College, Cambridge, before being ordained and inducted at Rectory Road URC. He also served at Claremont, Little Eaton, Central URC Derby, Chaddesden, as Chaplain at Derby University, Alvaston, Carlton Road, Mackworth & Repton.

Same sex weddings: the General Assembly of the URC agreed in 2016 that it would be for each local church to decide whether to register its building for marriages of same-sex couples. Emmanuel will be taking a vote on this at a church meeting later in 2024. A variety of books, leaflets and recommended websites are increasingly available from Rachel Cleary. Some of the books are shorter, easier reads if you are worried about being overwhelmed with information. If you borrow any of the books from church, please return them promptly as others may wish to read them too. If you have questions or would like to talk confidentially with Gerald, please contact him directly.

PRAYER

Prayer needs: If you have any requests for prayer through the week (for you or someone you know), you can email them through to Rachel P - rach@richardparmenter.plus.com Rachel will then share requests on a special Emmanuel prayer email group. Please also pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Luke, and for Tony's friends and family.
- Pray for the family of John Fitter, leader of Harmony Singers, who passed away.
- All in our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.