

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 10am Morning worship

Led by: Sue Martin

When indicated by the worship leader, children & young people are invited to go to: **Splat Group**. A crèche area is a bit “under construction” at the moment, but the creche toys are available in the sanctuary 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](http://www.devotions.urc.org.uk) for access to podcasts or a transcript.

### EMMANUEL DIARY

[www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelURC/>

<b>Tue 26 Nov</b>	5:15pm – 6:30pm 7 – 9pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Rainbows Guides & Ranger Guides
<b>Wed 27 Nov</b>	7pm	Whole Church meeting
<b>Thu 28 Nov</b>	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Brownies
<b>Sun 1 Dec</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Morning communion – Advent 1</b> Led by Revd Gerald England



**Next whole Church meeting: Wednesday 27 November** at 7pm. All are welcome, any age, members, and non-members. Minutes from the last meeting and other useful information will be on the noticeboard at the back of the worship area.



**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. Many URC churches have already decided to do this. Emmanuel will be taking our vote on it at our **Wednesday 27 November** church meeting. The vote will be a confidential ballot. If you would like a conversation with someone, Rachel and Gerald are available.

**Good Earth Café** will NOT take a break next month as previously reported in the bulletin. There will be a Café on **Saturday 7 December**, 11 – 1:30pm. The menu will be a bit simpler and Christmas themed. Please see Rachel Cleary or Julie Prestridge for more information or to help.



All items for this bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Tel: 722346



**Advent teas at the manse:** Gerald and Pat are going to be holding 2 Advent teas at the manse this December. The first will be on Monday 9th, and the second on Thursday 12th, from 10.30am to midday. If you would like to attend one of these, please sign up on the noticeboard in the creche area.

**Women's Fellowship: Monday 9 Dec,** 2pm, Carols and craft afternoon. See Linda Tinson for more info.

**Coffee and Craft:** next two date will be **Tuesday 10 December**, 10am – 12 noon. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and often cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do, or just come for a chat.



**All age Christmas service around tables** will be **Sunday 15 September**. 10am, An informal, interactive service, perfect for wearing Christmas jumpers and festive accessories. For our Christmas All-Age service, are inviting you to bring gifts for **Swindon Food Collective:**

- Baked beans
- 1 ltr bottles squash
- Long life milk
- Long life juice
- Small jars coffee
- 500g and 1kgs sugar
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned plum tomatoes
- Tinned puddings (rice, custard, semolina), angel delight, jellies



Please do not worry if you cannot come to the all age service on Sunday 15 December. Bring your gifts another time. Kathryn Walker will be making our next drop off to the food collective during the first week in December.

**Carols By Candlelight: Sunday 22 Dec,** 6pm. Followed by seasonal refreshments. Please invite and bring along friends & family who like a traditional carol service.

**Christmas Eve Christingle: Tuesday 24 Dec,** 4pm, A shorter service particularly suitable for children and the young at heart. A delightful way to get ready for Christmas with school friends, family and those who can't stay up for midnight.



**Midnight Service: Tuesday 24 Dec,** 11:30pm, with Holy Communion.

**Christmas Day Celebration: Wednesday 25 Dec,** 10am, a celebration of Christmas Day for all ages together. Bring one of your opened presents that you would like others to see.

Within the next few weeks, we will have printed Christmas Invitation cards available for you to give to friends & family and will be asking for volunteers to deliver to local streets again.



As in previous years, we are encouraged to give one Christmas card "To the church family" (saving money & resources). Cards can be pinned up on the display board at the back of the worship area for all to see. #ecochurch

## PRAYERS

**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](mailto:rach@richardparmenter.plus.com) Rachel will then share requests on a special Emmanuel prayer email group.

Please pray for:

- Gerald and Pat as Gerald leads worship at St. Mary's, Lydiard Park today.
- Members of our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.