

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 23rd November 2025

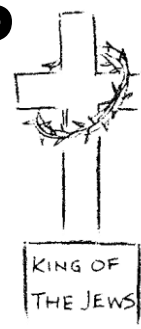
10am Morning worship

Led by: Martin Osman

Theme: Christ, the real King

Reading: Luke 22 v 24-30 & Luke 22 v 66-71

Luke 23 26-43



When indicated by the worship leader, children & young people are invited to go to Splat Group.

Toys are available in the creche area 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

www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk

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Tue 25 Nov	2pm 5:15pm – 6:30pm 7pm – 9pm	Tuesday ladies group 1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 26 Nov	7pm	Church meeting
Thu 27 Nov	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
Sun 30 Nov	10am	Morning worship (Advent 1) Led by Rachel Cleary

DIARY NOTES

Next whole Church meeting: Wednesday 26 November at 7pm. All 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 or available from Rachel C.



We hope to have the printed Christmas Invitation cards available at church meeting for you to give to friends & family and will be asking for volunteers to deliver to local streets again.



A massive thank you to everyone who helped to make Emmanuel Christmas Market such a success and a wonderful experience for all our visitors. The total raised so far, at time of preparing the bulletin, is £1113.22

There are still some items left from the Emmanuel craft table available to purchase in the school room after worship.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday Link: Thursday 4 December, 1:30pm, "A Christmas Celebration" - an afternoon of Christmas songs and carols with The Harmony Singers. Followed by seasonal refreshments.

Carols at The Orbital: Tuesday 16 December, 6pm, with members of other North Swindon churches.

Emmanuel Christmas Film Night: 5pm, Sunday 14 December

The film will be Dr. Seuss' **The Grinch** (U, 2018) An animation suitable for all ages with the voices of Benedict Cumberbatch, Rashida Jones, Kenan Thompson, Angela Lansbury & Pharrell Williams. Free snacks and drinks. All ages welcome. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free event, although donations will be invited for local charity Swindon Night Shelter.

If you have somewhere you can display a poster for this event, please let Lucy G know and she can print one from the church photocopier for you.



Emmanuel Church Pop Up Nativity, "Tinsel halos & tea-towels!": 10am, Sunday 21 December.



An informal service for all ages together (not around tables this year). Come as you are, or dressed as part of the story - Mary, Joseph, angel innkeeper, shepherd, star, wise man, donkey, sheep, camel... Adults, teens and children - you are invited to pop a tea-towel or tinsel on your head, or raid wardrobes for a full costume! Cuddly sheep, crowns & other accessories will be available on the day if you've nothing suitable at home. Followed by seasonal refreshments.

Carols By Candlelight: Sunday 21 December, 6pm. Followed by seasonal refreshments. Please invite and bring along friends & family who like a traditional carol service.

Christmas Eve Christingle: Wednesday 24 December, 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: Wednesday 24 December, 11:30pm, with Holy Communion.

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

Good Earth Café takes a break in December due to the Christmas Market. It returns in January!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: united service at Emmanuel on Sunday 18 January at 6pm

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 Rachel will then share requests on a special Emmanuel prayer email group.

Please pray for:

- All members of our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment, including Pam O, Chris W and Stuart.
- Our minister, Revd Gerald England, as he leads worship at another church in our area today.

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