

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

### 2:30pm Retirement celebration

#### for Gerald and Pat

Sermon: Revd Roy Lowes

Readings: Matthew 18 verses 1-4,

1 Corinthians 13 verses 4 - 13



The crèche area & toys are available for very young children throughout the service.



**Hot weather:** *Water is always available in church. Please do not hesitate to pour yourself a drink at any point during the service if you feel hot or thirsty. If you are unable to get your own drink, please ask another person on your row for assistance.*



## Celebration Tea

Please stay after today's service for the tea. There will be enough food for everyone.

You are welcome to spread out around the church and into the orchard gardens.



Today is going to be a very busy occasion. If you can, please consider walking to church or parking in one of the local streets, so that there will be plenty of spaces in the church carpark for those who are less mobile and those visiting from afar.

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/>

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| Mon 24 Aug | 11am    | Funeral for John Peters                             |
| Thu 27 Aug | 12 noon | Lunch Club                                          |
| Sun 30 Aug | 10am    | <b>Morning worship</b><br>Led by the eldership team |

**John Peters**, much-loved member of our congregation, passed away recently. His funeral will be held at Emmanuel on **Monday 24 August** at 11am, followed by a burial at Whitworth Road cemetery at midday. Jan wishes to thank everyone for their support and kindness through phone calls, visits, cards and prayers.

## NOTICES

**Orchard Apples:** Each year our apples are available for use by church members, family and friends. Please collect up windfalls and pick any fruit from the trees you would like. There is a long arm apple picker available in the rear porch so that you can pick some higher up (or scrump manse apples over the fence from the church carpark!)



**Good Earth Café: Saturday 5 September**, 11am – 1:30pm. We are always open to more people joining the team, taking orders, waiting on tables, etc. You don't have to help every month. Please give it a go and then stay for a lovely lunch, pudding or cake. Speak to Rachel C or Julie P for more info.

**Coffee & Craft:** 10am – 12 noon, **Tuesday 15 September**. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and often cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do (if you have one), or just come for a chat. Please speak to Rachel P or Angela J if you have questions.



**Mind Talk Group:** Mental Health and Wellbeing group **Wednesday 16 September** (third Wednesday each month), 6:30 – 8:30pm. If you would like to know more, please speak with Rachel Cleary or send her an email: [cleary1@sky.com](mailto:cleary1@sky.com)

**Harvest Festival:** Our next all age service around tables will be Harvest on **Sunday 20 September** at 10am, led by all age worship team. More details to follow closer to the date.



**Whole Church meeting: Wednesday 23 September** at 7pm. All are welcome, any age, members and non-members. Copies of minutes from the last meeting and other information will be sent out by email and posted on the noticeboard at the back of the worship area closer to the date.

**Christmas Market Planning Team:** It will be our Christmas Market on **Saturday 21 November!** A good place to buy gifts and have fun. If you are interested in being a part of the Christmas Market planning team, please give your name to Sue M.



**Operation Christmas Child:** We try to always include the following items in our boxes: notepads/ exercise books, pencils, and tennis balls. Please look out for these items whilst "Back to School" displays are in the shops. If you would like to give, please give items direct to Jan or Jean or put in the collection crate in the rear porch.

**Standing Order facility:** If you would like to give your offering (weekly or monthly) by standing order / direct bank transfer, so you do not have to hunt for cash on a Sunday morning, please use the following details:

Bank: Co-operative bank

Sort code: 089012

Account: 50050181

Reference: <Your name> offerings

If you have questions about this, please speak to one of the elders.



## 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:

- members of our congregation who are unwell or recovering from operations & treatment.
- Jan and family as they mourn the loss of John.
- Gerald and Pat as they enjoy remembering & reminiscing.
- Our children and young people as they enjoy their summer break.

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