

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### 10am Morning worship



Led by: Rachel Cleary  
Theme: Light in the darkness  
Reading: Matthew 4:12–25



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 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/>

Mon 26 Jan	7:30pm	All age planning team
Tues 27 Jan	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7pm – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 28 Jan	7pm	Church meeting
Thu 29 Jan	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Brownies
	7pm – 9pm	Stepwise session 5
Sun 1 Feb	10am	<b>Morning communion</b> Led by Revd Gerald England

### DIARY NOTES

**Whole Church meeting: Wednesday 28 January** at 7pm. All are welcome, any age, members and non-members. Copies of minutes from the last meeting and other information will be on the noticeboard at the back of the worship area closer to the date.



**Good Earth Café: Saturday 7 February**, 11am – 1:30pm. Bring friends and family to church for a light lunch or coffee & cake. Please consider if you can help provide homemade lunches & puddings or be an extra pair of hands on the day to set up, serve or clear away. Please speak to Rachel Cleary or Julie Prestridge for more info.

**All age worship:** The next all age service around tables will be **Sunday 15 February**.

## NOTICES

**Women's Fellowship** meetings start at 2pm. Please see Linda Tinson for more information.

**Monday 16 February** – Quiz afternoon

**Monday 9 March** – Gerald sharing with the group

**Monday 13 April** – Last meeting, social afternoon, "A Cuppa, Cake and Chat"

**Christian Aid Christmas appeal:** Thank you to everyone who donated. The final total was **£377.32**. This will make a big difference to families fleeing conflict, to buy food and lifesaving supplies. We received a thank you email from Christian Aid. It is displayed on the notice board. [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



**Swindon Food Collective:** Donations of non-perishable (i.e. tins and packets) and long-life products (i.e. milk and juice) can be dropped in the collection box in the rear porch. For more ways to give, visit [www.swindonfoodcollective.org](http://www.swindonfoodcollective.org)



**Print Cartridge Recycling:** The collection box is in the church side entrance for empty printer ink cartridges. Note: Cannon and HP cartridges can be original or remanufactured, but all other makes must be original. With our help "Recycle for Charity" have kept 406032 Kg of old ink cartridges out of landfill. Since our previous submission, Emmanuel ink cartridges have generated a donation of **£35.75** to our chosen cause which is Helen and Douglas house. [#ecochurch](#)



**Operation Christmas Child:** If you find that you have unused wrapping paper, spare wool, or unwanted Christmas gifts (e.g. bar of soap, flannel, small toy, stationery), please place them in the collection crate in the rear porch.

## 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 Parmenter - [rach@richardparmenter.plus.com](mailto: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 housebound, unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.
- Our minister, Gerald, as he leads worship in another local church this morning.
- World leaders working out how best to respond to the actions & words of other world leaders.
- A world where justice flows, hunger is banished, and war & oppression is a distant memory.

Almighty God, we are a mixed-up bunch of people,  
but all unique and special and with a common purpose – to worship you.

You are the bringer of good news,  
and the example of what true love is, giving yourself for our sakes.

You are the meaning and motivation for how we choose to live.

You are light in the darkness that draws us on.

You are the whisper in the wind and the shout in the thunder.

You are the Spirit that warms our hearts.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

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