

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 10am Emmanuel Songs of Praise



Led by: David Hoar

*The flowers in church today are in loving memory of Frances Percival's mum, Edie Lolley.*

*Our first “Song of Praise” today was sung at Fran’s wedding after being suggested by her mum.*

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

Crèche 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.urch.org.uk](http://www.devotions.urch.org.uk) for access to podcasts or a transcript.

If you cannot be in church today but would like to join in at home, here is a link to YouTube versions of today’s ten Songs of Praise or scan the QR code in the Prayers section on the reverse of this bulletin.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOJ8Izhnlr1aWJuV7LUxYN2u1zjAVCWuA&si=iQIEs1YJquBSVBq1>

## EMMANUEL DIARY

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

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

<b>Tue 2 June</b>	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
<b>Wed 3 June</b>	6:30pm	Eldership team meeting
<b>Thu 4 June</b>	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45 – 7:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Brownies
	7 – 9pm	Stepwise meeting in sanctuary
<b>Sat 6 June</b>	11am – 1:30pm	Good Earth Café
<b>Sun 7 June</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Morning Communion</b> Led by Revd Gerald England



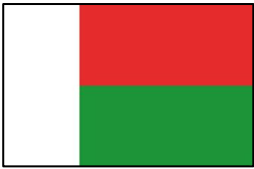
## DIARY NOTES



**Good Earth Café: Saturday 6 June**, 11am – 1:30pm. New volunteers always welcomed - to take food & drink orders, wait on tables... Please give it a go and then stay for a lovely lunch, pudding or cake. Speak to Rachel Cleary or Julie Prestridge for more info.

**Ordination of new elder:** 10am Morning Communion on **Sunday 7 June**, Lisa Hartwell will be ordained as an elder for the first time, and Lucy Gough will be returning to the serving eldership after a break. **Synod Pastoral Advisor (SPA):** Congratulations to Lisa Hartwell as she has also been appointed as the new SPA for our area. In the URC, SPAs are appointed representatives who support local congregations and ministers. They act as a bridge between individual churches and the regional Synod, helping both to navigate challenges and flourish in their mission

## NOTICES



**Echoes from Madagascar: Saturday 13 June**, 7.30pm Immanuel Church, Upham Road. Cultural music & dance by young people from Madagascar. Under the sponsorship of Scripture Union, a group of young people from Madagascar are visiting Swindon in June, and, as part of their European tour, they will be performing a concert at Immanuel. There are no tickets, simply turn up and make a Donation on the night. The Concert will be an introduction to Madagascar; its life and culture and craft. Craft ware will be on sale during the evening. More info: Barbara 07769973015 (Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches).

**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 100's of thousands of old ink cartridges out of landfill. Emmanuel ink cartridges also generate donations to our chosen cause which is Helen and Douglas house. #ecochurch



**Mowing Orchard grass:** The 2026 grass cutting rota is now up on 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. Adults only. Any questions, please speak to Kevin Martin.



**South Western Synod Knitted Bible Project:** This idea came from a project begun more than 15 years ago in St George's URC in Hartlepool. In essence, the knitted Bible project is a series of over 30 scenes from the Bible, illustrated in knitted people, animals and objects. This led Synod to invite the talented knitters across our own region to produce a South West Synod Knitted Bible as a joint mission project and an outreach opportunity that can be used and shared by churches for many years to come. Some churches have already signed up & chosen their Bible scenes e.g. Lavington URC – Palm Sunday plus The Loaves and Fishes  
Tavistock URC – The Last Supper



Would anyone at Emmanuel like to be involved? To see photos of the earlier project search online for "St George's URC Knitted Bible project" Bible people knitting patterns are available. And more details from Rob Weston (he can't knit) 07982 622949 or email: [tavistockurcminister@gmail.com](mailto:tavistockurcminister@gmail.com)

**Operation Christmas Child:** We still have our collection crate for the shoebox scheme. Now the days are warmer and longer, we might forget Christmas shoeboxes but now is a good time to pick up summer toys or wrap a box in paper during a quiet moment or whilst watching TV. At Emmanuel you do not need to create a complete box. Individual items are always welcome e.g. a packet of colouring pencils, tennis balls, skipping ropes.



## 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 members of our congregation who are in hospital, housebound, unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.
- For our minister, Gerald, as he is away on holiday.

QR code for link to YouTube versions of the Songs of Praise we are singing today.

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

