

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 29th March 2026

10am Morning worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: Faithful arrival

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11



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 for access to podcasts or a transcript.



EMMANUEL DIARY

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Mon 30 March	7:30pm	All age planning team
Tues 31 March	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
Thu 2 April	12 noon	Lunch Club
	7:30pm	Tenebrae service
Fri 3 April	10am	Walk of witness
Sat 4 April	11am – 1:30pm	Good Earth Café
Sun 5 April	10am	Easter Day Holy Communion
		Led by Revd Gerald England
	11:15am	The Great Emmanuel Egg Hunt

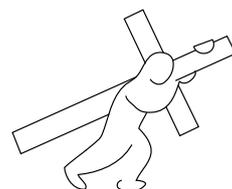
NOTICES



Remember: At 1.00am this morning (**Sunday 29 March**), clocks go FORWARD an hour. If you forget, you might turn up near the end of the service and miss lots of good stuff. If you do realise you are running an hour late, please come in anyway and enjoy after-service refreshments and chat.

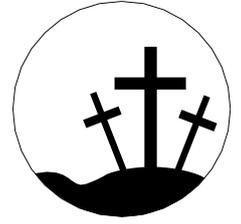
Thursday 2 April, 7:30pm Tenebrae service with Holy Communion, led by Gerald
Tenebrae simply means shadows – the shadows which passed over our Lord's life in his final hours. The service is a reflective time during which candles are gradually extinguished as the shadows of Holy Week are recalled through bible readings.

Friday 3 April, 10am, Good Friday United Walk of Witness
10.00am Meet near North Swindon library at The Orbital shopping park.
Walk behind a large cross to St John's Church, Thames Avenue.
10.30am Service outside St John's church (inside if wet). Gerald speaking.





Saturday 4 April, 11am – 1:30pm, Good Earth Café
 Delicious lunches, coffee, tea, cakes, free books & jigsaw puzzles for rainy days. Please come along and bring family and friends.
 We always need help taking food & drink orders, waiting on tables...
 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.



Sunday 5 April, 10am, Easter Morning Celebration with Holy Communion, led by Gerald, including children making Easter gardens and followed by an Easter egg hunt in our orchard gardens.



Donations of individually wrapped chocolate eggs (or similar Easter treats) for the children's egg hunt would be most welcome. These can be given to Sue Martin or Lucy Gough.

On Easter Day, the children and young people will be in church for Communion. At Emmanuel, all are included in the invitation to receive the bread and wine. For younger children, this is at the discretion of their parents. There will also be an opportunity for very young children to receive a blessing. We use non-alcoholic wine for all.



AGM news snippets:

Congratulations to Lisa Hartwell for being elected as an elder for the first time. Also, to Lucy Gough, Sue Martin and Julie Jeans who will be starting another term of service. The service of ordination and induction of elders will be Sunday 7 June.



Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Julie Pobjoy who has been accepted into membership via transfer from her previous church.

Local Ministry: 3 ministers are retiring this year (Gerald, Robert & Sarah) from the 5 churches of Malmesbury URC, Royal Wootton Bassett URC, Cricklade United Church, Immanuel & Highworth URC, and Emmanuel Haydon Wick URC. The current proposal from Synod is for a team ministry format covering all 5 churches. More information will come to us over the next months. Rachel C is in contact with the church secretaries of the other congregations.

Sunday Offerings: As more members now give by direct bank transfer, bringing offering bags around the congregation can be difficult to navigate. It has been suggested that a bag/receptacle by the door for the envelopes & cash that is given in-person might be trialled. This would be available before the service and brought forward for dedication as part of worship as currently.

Reports: If you would like to know some more about any of the groups or activities that go on at Emmanuel, there are reports on display in the worship area. This is the final week that the reports will be on display. If you would like e-mailed copies of these or the 2025 church accounts, please ask an elder.

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 (aka *Blade Runner*). Adults only. Any questions, please speak to Kevin Martin.



Women's Fellowship: 2pm **Monday 13 April** – Last meeting, social afternoon, "A Cuppa, Cake and Chat". Please see Linda Tinson for more information.

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
 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.

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.