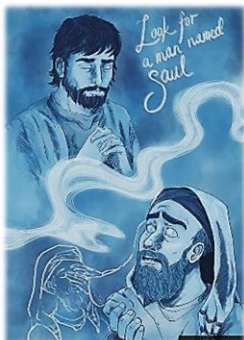


WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

“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 4th May 2025 10am Morning communion

Service led by: Sue Martin

Presiding over communion: Revd Brian Eyles



At Emmanuel, all are included in the invitation to receive the bread & wine.

For younger children, this is at the discretion of their parents.

We use non-alcoholic wine for all. Gluten-free bread is available (please let the server know).

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 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

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

Tues 6 May	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	6:30pm	Eldership team meeting (rescheduled date)
	7pm – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Thu 8 May	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
Sun 11 May	10am	Morning worship Led by Revd Gerald England



Christian Aid Week: Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th May. Envelopes will be available from next Sunday 11th May. This year the focus is on Guatemala where the climate crisis is ravaging the farms of Indigenous communities who are among the most marginalised groups in the country. Please see page 2 of this bulletin for more information.

A Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, you gather all creation together in love. As we meet today, enlighten our hearts, so that we may perceive the hope to which you have called us. As your children, may we grow into your likeness, filled with compassion and desiring justice. Embolden us to live out our calling, and put faith, hope and love into action. Amen.



Congratulations, to Emmanuel Church Lunch Club – recipients of the “Haydon Wick Heroes Award - Community Group of the Year 2025, in recognition of providing weekly home-cooked meals for elderly residents every Thursday, creating community and friendship through kind, welcoming volunteers.” Members of the lunch club team received the award at a special celebration last week and now have a superb certificate to display.

Emmanuel Songs of Praise: 10am Morning worship on **Sunday 25 May** will be a Songs of Praise style service. If you have a favourite hymn or an idea for another contribution, please speak to Rachel Cleary and we may be able to include it.



Mowing Orchard grass: There is a grass cutting rota on the noticeboard in the crèche area with slots approximately every two weeks. Training can be given in use of the exciting *RIDE-ON* lawnmower. Any questions, please speak to Kevin Martin.

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



Thursday Link is our monthly group for those who would enjoy spending time with others on a Thursday afternoon. They meet at 1:30pm on the first Thursday of each month:

Thursday 5 June – Indoor carpet bowls and *UpWords* tabletop game



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.
- Members of our congregation who cannot be with us in person.



A prayer for Christian Aid Week 2025

Lord, you are faithful to your promises.

Through the Spirit, you bless us with abounding hope.

When power seeks to silence justice, give us the courage to raise our voice.

When an end to poverty seems far off, renew our faith in your kingdom come on earth.

When our neighbour reaches out, inspire us to respond with overflowing love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

In the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala, 90% of people are living in poverty. The region is home to the Indigenous Q'eqchi' (pronounced Co-WAY-chee) people. Men in the community often seek work away from their homes, while women grow crops to feed their families. In recent years record high temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns have hit farmers hard. Water sources are drying up or being polluted by industry. Congcoop, Christian Aid's partner in Guatemala, supports communities with agricultural resources and training that help them to become more climate resilient.

Visit the Christian Aid website for several “ways to donate”: [Ways to donate | Christian Aid](#)

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.