

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 24th May 2026

10am Morning worship Pentecost

Led by: Rachel Cleary

Theme: A place for all

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13



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.urc.org.uk for access to podcasts or a transcript.

EMMANUEL DIARY

www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk

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

Tue 26 May	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
Wed 27 May	6:30pm	Mind Talk group
Thu 28 May	12 noon	Lunch Club
Sun 31 May	10am	Emmanuel Songs of Praise Led by David Hoar



DIARY NOTES

Pentecost: Sunday 24 May Pentecost is the day we recall the disciples receiving the gift of God's Spirit (as promised by Jesus before he returned to heaven). The story can be found in the bible in Acts Chapter 2. Many people like to wear bright colours of red, orange, or yellow to church to remember the symbolism of the flames of fire that appeared. Other commonly used symbols of the Holy Spirit are wind, breath, and doves. You might also hear Pentecost being called the birthday of the church.



Mind Talk Group: Mental Health and Wellbeing group **Wednesday 27 May** (usually on the 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



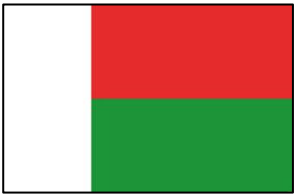
Emmanuel Songs of Praise: 10am Morning worship on **Sunday 31 May** will be a Songs of Praise style service. This will be a more informal style of service.

NOTICES



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. Congratulations to Lisa Hartwell as she has also been appointed as the new **Synod Pastoral Advisor** (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



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 0776 997 3015 (Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches).

Print Cartridge Recycling: The Recycle 4 Charity box in the church side entrance for empty printer ink cartridges is still doing well. This initiative saves many print cartridges from landfill and raises money for our nominated charity, Helen and Douglas house. Note: Cannon and HP cartridges can be original or remanufactured, but all other makes must be original.



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.



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 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 leads worship at Wesley Road URC Trowbridge today.

A prayer & some more worship songs for Pentecost:

God of the universe,
send your Holy Spirit to renew and refresh your world,
that we, and creation in all its colour and all its diversity,
may sing out your praise, and celebrate your presence among us.
Send streams of living water where hearts are parched,
and sprinkle showers of grace and peace in all places of conflict and need.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0J8IzhnIrlZ693w-1cSIM9ScrEKR-ZYq>

PENTECOST

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