

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 19th November 2023

10am Morning worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: Settling accounts

Reading: Matthew 25:14 - 30



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. Most weeks we also have Coffeetime on Zoom with Michelle Howard. Please contact Rachel Cleary for more information.

EMMANUEL DIARY

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Mon 20 Nov	7pm	Special speaker, Revd Jayne Taylor
Tue 21 Nov	10am – 12noon	Coffee and craft
	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 22 Nov	6:30pm	Church in use for wedding rehearsal
Thu 23 Nov	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1st Greenmeadow Brownies
Sat 25 Nov	11:30am	Wedding of Sophie and Luke
Sun 26 Nov	10am	Morning worship Led by Sue Martin, preacher Martin Osman



DIARY NOTES

Church Special Speaker: On **Monday 20 November** at 7pm we have a guest speaker Revd Jayne Taylor talking about “Male and Female God made them?” – The phrases ‘biological male’ and ‘biological female’ are bandied around frequently, often in conjunction with the phrase ‘simple biology’. Yet biology is anything but simple and sex is more complex than we might think! Where do transgender and intersex people fit into the notion of ‘biological sex’?

Jayne was a biologist, a Research Scientist, working at The Babraham Institute in Cambridge. Her research focussed on the area of neuroendocrinology*, and latterly cancer research. She was ordained as a URC minister in 2010 and currently ministers to the URC churches in Exeter. She has an intersex/transgender history.

As a church we say, “All are welcome”. We sing it too. Do we mean it? Do we live it? Part of making everyone welcome is to admit when we don’t understand and be willing to learn more. It is

equally as important to get our information from qualified sources, not internet gossip or newspaper columnists. Please come along to this fantastic evening that Gerald has arranged for us.

*Neuroendocrinology is the branch of biology which studies the interaction between the nervous system and the endocrine system; i.e. how the brain regulates the hormonal activity in the body. Did you know that scientists have identified over 50 hormones in the human body so far.

Coffee and Craft: Tuesday 21 November, 10am – 12 noon. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and possibly cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do (if you have one), or just come for a chat. Please speak to Rachel Parmenter or Angela Jones if you have any questions.




NOTICES

Whole Church Meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 29 November. Please come along for important updates, decision making and news.

Thursday Link: Thursday 7 December 1:30pm, This Christmas we've invited the Harmony Singers to lead "A celebration of Christmas" again. They bring a well-known mix of joyful, reflective, and fun songs for us to listen to or join in with. Please come along for an uplifting hour of festive cheer, and we always finish with refreshments.



 **Teas & Coffees:** We are looking for new people to join our refreshments rota, serving teas and coffees after Sunday services and washing up after. If you are interested, please speak to Sue Martin or Rachel Cleary. Training can be provided. Each week we need 2 people. You can volunteer as a pair or as an individual and be paired with others.

Print Cartridge Recycling: The Recycle 4 Charity box in the church side entrance for empty printer ink cartridges is doing well. Paul Warren has just sent off another full box of cartridges to Recycle 4 Charity and replaced the box. Our nominated charity is Helen and Douglas house. Note: Cannon and HP cartridges can be original or remanufactured, but all other makes must be original.



Operation Christmas Child: Jean and Jan would like to thank everyone who helped to fill shoeboxes this year. The total sent from Emmanuel members and friends was 230 boxes.

Work is starting again for 2024! If you find that you have unused wrapping paper, spare wool or unwanted Christmas gifts (e.g. bar of soap, flannel, small toy, school supplies), over the next month, please place them in the collection crate in the rear porch.

The Lighthouse Christian Bookshop in Highworth is at risk of closing unless the number of customers increase significantly. The shop is well stocked plus Malcolm & Val can order any item that is not in stock. Normal opening hours are Mon to Thurs 9am – 3pm and Fri & Sat 9am – 1pm. Contact: 40 High Street, Highworth. 01793 763337, email info@lighthouse.books.plus.com Please support Lighthouse if you can, and pray for the managers, staff, volunteers, and trustees.

PRAYER

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 members of our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.
- Sophie & Luke and their family & friends, celebrating their marriage next Saturday.



All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Email: lucygough1@btinternet.com Tel: 722346