

# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

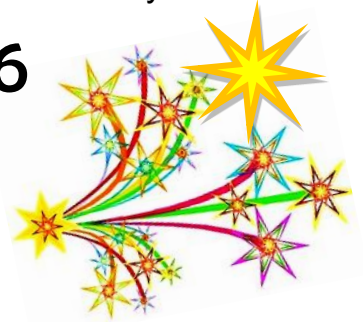
**"Making Jesus known in worship, work & word".**

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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### *Let's celebrate together!*



## 10am Easter Morning Family Communion

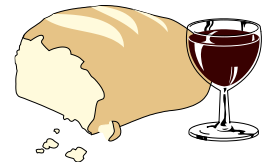
At Emmanuel, all are included in the invitation to receive the bread & wine. For younger children, this is at the discretion of their parents. There will also be an opportunity for very young children to receive a blessing. We use non-alcoholic wine for all. Gluten-free bread is available (please let the server know).



**Led by: Revd Gerald England**

**Theme: Hope is rising**

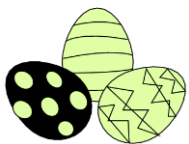
**Reading: Luke 24:1 - 12**



During the service, Sue will invite all the children and young people to make Easter gardens and they will return for Communion. Our older young people are invited to stay in for the whole service or go out to make Easter Gardens if they prefer.

A crèche area is available for very young children throughout the service. The flowers in church today for Easter have been donated by Linda Hillyard.

## The Great Emmanuel Egg Hunt!



Straight after worship today, all children & young people are invited to join the chocolate egg hunt - simply follow Sue out of church and listen carefully for instructions. For the rest of us, tea, coffee, squash, biscuits and chocolate treats will be served in the room to the rear of the building.



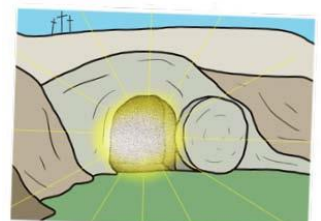
We celebrate Christ's resurrection together, wherever we are today. Cannot get to church? The URC has daily online devotions - follow this link [www.devotions.urc.org.uk](http://www.devotions.urc.org.uk) for podcasts or transcript.

### **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

### **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Christ is risen. **Alleluia!**  
The tomb is empty. **Alleluia!**  
God is with us and within us. **Alleluia!**  
We are an Easter people. **Alleluia!**  
Christ is risen. **Alleluia!**  
Alleluia! **Alleluia!**



# DIARY DATES

www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk  
<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelURC/>

**Thu 9 April** 12 noon Lunch Club  
**Sun 12 April** 10am **Morning worship**  
Led by Revd Gerald England

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



**Mind Talk Group:** This month on **Wednesday 15 April**, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Mental Health and Wellbeing group. If you would like to know more, please speak with Rachel Cleary or send her an email: [cleary1@sky.com](mailto:cleary1@sky.com)

**All age worship:** The next all age service around tables will be **Sunday 19 April**.

**Coffee and Craft:** **Tuesday 21 April**, 10am – 12 noon. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and often cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do, or just come for a chat.

## NOTICES

**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.

**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 *The Lawn Ranger*). Adults only. Any questions, please speak to Kevin Martin.



## 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 housebound, unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment
- Children and young people preparing for tests, exams and assessments for their SATs, GCSEs, A-levels, T-Levels and other qualifications.

God of all creation and all peoples, fill your Church with your love and light.

Give us strength and courage to reflect that love and light in the world.

Hear us today as we pray for a world too often darkened by hatred, evil, power and greed.

We share the pain and anguish of those who have had to flee from their homes, countries and livelihoods, who risk their lives, desperate for a new start free from fear and war.

We pray for tolerance in our society. We pray for all who suffer from hate crimes.

God of love and hope, you sent your Son to show compassion. Jesus showed compassion to those who were crucified alongside him, even when dying. We think of his words of compassion and hope, his example of caring and healing, and his parables that show care for all people.

Lord, fill us and your world with compassion, peace, hope and love. Amen.

All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Email: [lucygough1@btinternet.com](mailto:lucygough1@btinternet.com) Tel: 722346. Thank you.