

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

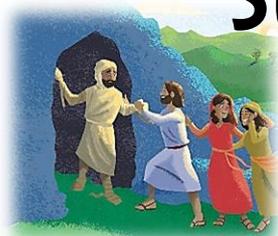
“Making Jesus known in worship, work & word”.

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 22nd March 2026

10am Morning worship

Led by: Sue Martin



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

www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk

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Tues 24 March	5:15pm – 6:30pm 7pm – 9pm 7:30 – 8:45pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows Guides & Ranger Guides Lent Course 3/3 at church
Wed 25 March	7pm	Whole church AGM
Thu 26 March	12 noon	Lunch Club
Sun 29 March	5:45pm – 7:15pm 10am	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies Palm Sunday morning worship Led by Revd Gerald England



NOTICES

Whole church AGM: 7pm, **Wednesday 25 March**. It is a responsibility of church membership to attend church meetings and they are also open to non-members of all ages. If you would like to know some more about any of the groups or activities that go on at Emmanuel, there are written reports on display boards in the worship area. For those unable to stand and read at the displays, there are two folders of reports available to read seated. If you would like e-mailed pdf copies, please ask Lucy Gough.



The Carbon Fast for Lent is organised by Climate Stewards. With a different focus each week, we are challenged to focus on these areas of our lives. Week 5: Transport, Week 6: Energy, and Week 7: Social media. You can do this yourself in private reflection and action or there is a poster in the creche area for those interested in exploring further with material produced by the organisers. [#ecochurch](https://twitter.com/ecochurch)



Some Holy Week & Easter service dates for your diaries:

Sunday 29 March, 10am, Palm Sunday service, led by Gerald

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.



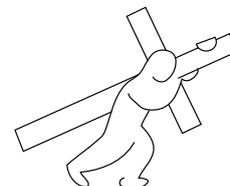
Friday 3 April, 10am, Good Friday United Walk of Witness

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

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.



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.
- Our minister, Gerald, as he leads worship elsewhere this Sunday.
- The decisions that will be made at our AGM this week.
- Church members who are standing for election as part of the eldership team.
- places suffering from conflict, violence, and war.
- those trapped in unsafe situations, and refugees seeking safety.
- global leaders and those in authority to act with honesty, transparency, and compassion.

Lord Jesus, we come to you today hearing that you are the resurrection and the life and yet so much of our world seems to be dying. We are surrounded by news of war. We pray for Ukraine; for the Middle East, especially Iran; and for many parts of Africa which don't often make the headlines.

Lord, bring your peace.

We hear in the news about so many places where there is political unrest. Lord, bring your justice. We know much of your beautiful world has been spoiled by our actions. Lord, bring your renewal. Into our times of difficulty and sadness, breathe new life and hope. We thank you for the gift of new life that you give to us. Please help us as we go and live our lives well, bringing joy and hope to those who need it this week. Amen.

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.