

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 8th March 2026

10am Morning worship



Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: Seeing what we cannot yet grasp

Reading: Luke 18:31 - 34; Luke 13:1 - 9; Luke 21:29 - 33

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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Mon 9 March	2pm	Women's Fellowship
Tues 10 March	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7pm – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
	7:30 – 8:45pm	Lent Course 1/3
Wed 11 March	2pm	Funeral for Avril Hector
	7:30pm	Emmanuel Band rehearsal
Thu 12 March	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
	7pm – 9pm	Stepwise Faith-filled Worship course
Sun 15 March	10am	Morning worship
		Led by Revd Gerald England

NOTICES

Women's Fellowship: Meetings start at 2pm. Please see Linda Tinson for more information.

Monday 9 March – Gerald sharing with the group

Monday 13 April – Last meeting, social afternoon, “A Cuppa, Cake and Chat”

Avril Hector, long-time member of our congregation, passed away recently. Her funeral will be held here at Emmanuel on **Wednesday 11 March**, at 2pm.

Emmanuel Lent Course: Over 3 Tuesday evenings in Lent, Gerald will be using some Bible Society material to help us look at Psalms. We'll be meeting in the worship area from 7.30pm to 8:45pm on consecutive **Tuesdays 10, 17 and 24 March**. You do not need to attend all the sessions if you are only available for one or two of the dates.

Whole church AGM: Wednesday 25 March, 7pm. It is a responsibility of church membership to attend church meetings and they are also open to non-members of all ages. If you have any questions please speak with Gerald or Rachel Cleary.



Please will all group leaders/post holders aim to provide a written report to Lucy Gough by the end of today to allow time for them to be displayed for everyone to read. Reports can be a few lines or a full page, full colour or monochrome, photos & clipart are welcome too. If you email your report to Lucy, she can print it out in high quality on the church photocopier.

The Carbon Fast for Lent is organised by one of the A Rocha linked organisations, Climate Stewards. With a different focus each week, we are challenged to focus on these areas of our lives. Week 3: Money, Week 4: Food, 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](#)



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

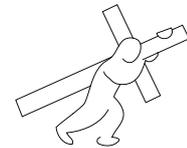
Tenebrae simply means shadows – the shadows which passed over our Lord's life in his final hours. The service is a reflective time during which candles are gradually extinguished as the shadows of Holy Week are recalled through bible readings.

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.



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.



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.
- For areas suffering from violence and war, and all people caught up in national and international power struggles.
- For families and individuals facing financial hardship, food insecurity, and the burden of rising living costs.

As we go out into the world each day this week,
God, help us to love others and ourselves;
help us to grow and change and be the best we can be. 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.