

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### 10am Morning worship

Led by: Kathryn Walker

Theme: Journeys

Reading: Acts 8 v26-40



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](http://www.devotions.urc.org.uk) for access to podcasts or a transcript.

## EMMANUEL DIARY

[www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk)

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

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| <b>Tue 30 April</b> | 5:15pm – 6:30pm | 1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Rainbows  |
|                     | 7 – 9pm         | Guides & Ranger Guides  |
|                     | 7:30 – 9pm      | Join us (exploring membership 1)  |
| <b>Wed 1 May</b>    | 6:30pm          | Eldership team meeting  |
| <b>Thu 2 May</b>    | 12 noon         | Lunch Club  |
|                     | 1:30pm          | Thursday Link, talk by the Co-op  |
|                     | 5:45 – 7:15pm   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Brownies  |
| <b>Sat 4 May</b>    | 11am – 1:30pm   | Good Earth Café   |
| <b>Sun 5 May</b>    | 10am            | <b>Morning communion</b><br><b>including induction &amp; ordination of elders</b><br>Led by Revd Gerald England |

## NOTICES



**Join us** – a 2-part programme where we will discover a little more about the United Reformed Church: history, and what it means to be an active member of the church. **Tuesday 30 April & Tuesday 7 May, 7:30 – 9pm.**

**Thursday Link speaker:** 1:30pm **Thursday 2 May** will be a visit from The Co Op with a talk entitled: “**Tax, Care & Toy Boys!**” Their expert speaker will be covering important legal issues we might all face, whatever age we are now, in a light-hearted and jargon-free manner. The talk will cover planning for your future, protecting your home and savings, inheritance tax, lasting powers of attorney, inheritance issues associated with re-marriage. There will also be time to ask questions about other related issues that may be bothering you. For more information, please see the notices in church or speak to Martin Osman.

**THURSDAY**



**Good Earth Café: Saturday 4 May**, 11am – 1:30pm. There are sign-up sheets with food prep and helping roles on the noticeboard in the creche area, including people to take the food & drink orders, people to wait on tables, etc. Why not give it a go and then stay for a lovely lunch, pudding, or cake. Speak to Juliet Smith or Joyce Waters for more info.



**Harmony Singers Spring concert: Friday 10 May**, 7pm. Tickets are available from Sue Martin. Absolute bargain price of £5 for adults and £3 for children, with delicious refreshments included in your ticket price. It will be a very special night out. Proceeds towards church funds.



**Christmas Market Planning Team:** It will be our church Christmas Market on **Saturday 23 November!** A good place to buy your Christmas gifts and have fun. If you are interested in being a part of the Christmas Market planning team, please give your name to Pat England. The first planning meeting will probably be in **June**.



**The Big Help Out in Emmanuel Orchard: Saturday 8 June, 2pm – 4pm.**

We will be tidying the Emmanuel outdoor spaces so that they are tidy and safe for everyone to enjoy including Splat, Rainbows, Brownies, and our older church.



- Please bring gardening gloves if you have them. If you feel able to trim back some brambles and have secateurs, please bring them along. All abilities are welcome - Kevin & the property team will be able to find you something to do.
- If you can help with teas & coffees (rather than get messy outside) please speak to Kevin & Sue.

**Mowing Orchard grass:** Kevin Martin has put a grass cutting rota onto 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 Turfinator* aka *David Mowie*). Any questions, please speak to Kevin M.



**Loop System repair:** Having sent the equipment away to be fixed, it was determined to be beyond repair, so we have purchased a brand-new loop amplifier. An engineer from Bristol installed the new apparatus on Friday, also replacing some of the wiring to ensure that everything is working to the best quality possible. Thank you to Ben for liaising with the engineers and to Richard for meeting them at church on 2 occasions.



**Same sex weddings:** the General Assembly of the URC agreed in 2016 that it would be for each local church to decide whether to register its building for marriages of same-sex couples. Emmanuel will be taking a vote on this at a church meeting later in 2024. A variety of books, leaflets and recommended websites are increasingly available from Rachel Cleary. Some of the books are shorter, easier reads if you are worried about being overwhelmed with information. If you borrow any of the books from church, please return them promptly as others may wish to read them too. If you have questions or would like to talk confidentially with Gerald, please contact him directly.

## 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](mailto:rach@richardparmenter.plus.com) Rachel will then share requests on a special Emmanuel prayer email group. Please also pray for:

- All in our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.

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