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 29th November 2026

10am Morning worship

1st Sunday in Advent



Led by: Rachel Cleary

The Nativity for Every Generation – Mary's courage

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

When indicated by the worship leader, children & young people are invited to go to: **Splat Group.**
The crèche area and crèche 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.

★ *Singing group practice for Carols by Candlelight* ★



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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Tue 1 Dec	5:15 – 6:30pm	1st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 2 Dec	6:30pm	Eldership team meeting
Thu 3 Dec	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45 – 7:15pm	Brownies
Sat 5 Dec	11am – 1:30pm	Good Earth Café
Sun 6 Dec	**10am**	**Morning communion**
		Led by Lucy Gough, with Sue presiding over communion

DIARY NOTES



Good Earth Café: Saturday 5 December, 11am - 1:30pm, including Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, plus other seasonal treats such as Christmas Pudding, meringue nests with fruit & cream! If you don't fancy a whole meal, just pop along for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Please speak to Julie P or Rachel C if you have any questions.

Emmanuel Christmas Card invites: Please sign up to deliver a batch of Christmas Cards to local streets. **The cards are available today.** Pro-tip: take a 30cm / 12inch ruler with you to poke the folded cards through letterboxes (it avoids finger damage from snappy letterboxes or dogs!) Posters available too - see Lucy G.



Shoeboxes: Thank you to everyone who supported filling over 120 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through 2026. An amazing number! Thank you!

Gifts for the church: If you would like to buy a small Christmas present for Emmanuel, please label it "for the church" and pop it under the tree. The wish list is in the form of gift tags on the little Christmas tree in the main church room. We have tags for items such as fairtrade coffee, toilet rolls and A4 photocopier paper. Please select a gift tag or tags and pop your gift under the big tree by Sunday 27 December. Thank you.



As in previous years, we are encouraged to give one Christmas card "To the church family" (saving money & resources). Cards can be pinned up on the display board at the back of the worship area for all to see. #ecochurch



Christian Aid Christmas Appeal: Support families to rebuild what they've lost to conflict and the climate crisis. Because for too many, it's not just a silent night – it's a hungry one. there will be a pot by the door again this year after our special services of Carols by Candlelight, Christingle and Midnight Communion. Christian Aid is a DEC charity that supports all people, regardless of their religious beliefs or none.

A Christmas celebration & singalong: Thursday 10 December, 1:30pm, an afternoon of Christmas songs and carols with The Harmony Singers. Followed by seasonal refreshments.

Carols at The Orbital: Tuesday 15 December, 6pm, with members of other North Swindon churches.



All age Christmas Service: Sunday 20 December, 10am, An informal, interactive service, perfect for wearing Christmas jumpers and festive accessories. Led by our all-age worship team. Followed by seasonal refreshments.



Carols By Candlelight: Sunday 20 December, 6pm. Followed by seasonal refreshments. Please invite and bring along friends & family who like a traditional carol service. Led by Sue M.

Christingle making workshop: We need to make about 70 Christingles for our service on Christmas Eve, 10.00am on **Wednesday 23 December**.



Christmas Eve Christingle: Thursday 24 December, 4pm, A shorter, interactive service particularly suitable for children and the young at heart. A delightful way to get ready for Christmas with school friends, family and those who can't stay up for midnight. Led by our all-age worship team.

Midnight Service: Thursday 24 December, 11:30pm, with Holy Communion. Led by Rachel C.



Christmas Day Celebration: Friday 25 December, 10am, a celebration of Christmas Day for all ages together. Bring one of your opened presents that you would like others to see. Led by Lisa H.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- All members of our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.
- The process we are working on with Synod as we look for a new minister to work alongside us.
- Suffering civilians in war zones without shelter or food in the freezing cold.

Pastoral Care: If you have a pastoral need during the interregnum/vacancy, please contact either Rachel C or Sue M in the first instance.

All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy G by 12 noon on Wednesdays.
Tel: 722346. Thank you.