

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 15th February 2026**
10am All age worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England
Theme: What does the Lord require?

Reading: Micah 6:1 - 8



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 16 Feb | 2pm | Women's fellowship Quiz afternoon |
| Tues 17 Feb | 10am – 12pm | Coffee and craft |
| | 2pm | Tuesday ladies group |
| Wed 18 Feb | 6:30pm | Mind Talk group |
| Thu 19 Feb | 12 noon | Lunch Club |
| Sun 22 Feb | 10am | Morning worship Led by Rachel Cleary |

NOTICES

Women's Fellowship: Monday 16 February – Quiz afternoon. Meetings start at 2pm.

Please see Linda Tinson for more information. Other dates for your diaries:

Monday 9 March – Gerald sharing with the group

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



Shoeboxes, no more soap! Operation Christmas Child have asked that we do not include soap in our shoeboxes any more. This is believed to be due to ever changing import / export regulations. Any bars of soaps received will be passed on to Swindon Food Collective or another local charity. If you find that you have spare wool, or unwanted gifts (e.g. flannel, small toy, stationery / school supplies), please place them in the collection crate in the rear porch. At Emmanuel, you do not need

to donate a complete shoebox – you can donate wrapping paper, empty boxes or some of the contents. If you would like to complete a whole shoebox, or for more information on what to include, visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

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 **Tuesdays 10, 17 and 24 March**. There is a sign-up sheet in the creche area.



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. Letters have been sent out to all members, containing more information about our eldership suggestion and nominations processes. If you have any questions regarding this please speak with Gerald or Rachel Cleary.



Please will all group leaders/post holders aim to provide a written report to Lucy Gough by **Sunday 8 March** 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: Wednesday 18 Feb – Thursday 2 April.

Besides dusting off that pancake pan, you might be deciding how to mark Lent this year. Carbon Fast is organised by one of the A Rocha linked organisations, Climate Stewards. (*A Rocha created the Eco Church initiative.*) As Lent draws us closer to God, the Carbon Fast helps us examine any excesses in our lives, and how we live more gently with God on His earth. With a different focus each week, we are challenged to focus on these areas of our lives: Week 1: Nature, Week 2: Shopping, 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 this further with material produced by the organisers. [#ecochurch](#)



Emmanuel Front Garden: we are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to tend the front part of our church garden – the 2 patches of trees, shrubs and wildflowers right in front of the building. If you can do occasional weeding & low-level pruning (you would not be expected to trim the trees) and are interested to know more about what is involved, please speak to Paul Warren or Kevin Martin. The responsibility for the upkeep and care of the Orchard & gardens is split between a team, so nobody is left without support or help.



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.
- Justice for survivors of abuse. We pray for wisdom in leadership and justice in all communities.

URC Youth Assembly: At the end of February, 2 of our young people will be representing our Synod at the National URC Youth Assembly. Each year the Youth Assembly brings together under-25s from across Scotland, England and Wales for a weekend of business and fun, exploring issues and topics relevant to Church, society and life through workshops, seminars, discussions and creative activities. Their theme this year is "Wise Words, Wiser Actions". Please pray for safe journeys for the young people. Pray for them to know that they are heard, understood, valued, and loved, by God and by their church.



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.