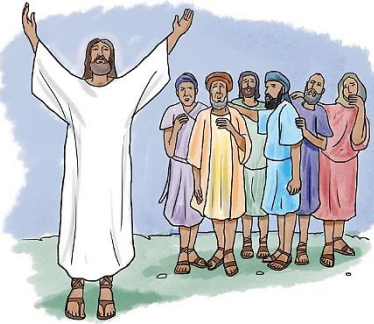


WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

“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.



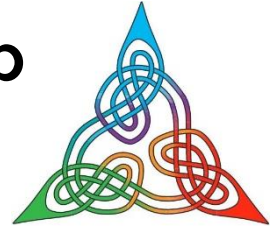
Sunday 12th May 2024

10am Morning worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: An honest prayer

Reading: John 17:6 - 19



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 for access to podcasts or a transcript.

EMMANUEL DIARY

www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk

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Mon 13 May	2pm	Women's Fellowship, Wiltshire Air Ambulance
Tue 14 May	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 15 May	6:30pm	Mind Talk
Thu 16 May	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45 – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
	7 – 8:30pm	Christmas Market crafting
Sun 19 May	10am	All age worship around tables Led by Revd Gerald England & team

NOTICES

Women's Fellowship: 2pm, **Monday 13 May**. This month, we look forward to welcoming a volunteer speaker from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. As this is one of our current church charities, this will again be an open meeting for anyone wishing to hear more about their work. We hope to have a microphone set up for this month so that we can all enjoy the speaker much easier. As reported last week, the church loop system has also been repaired.

Mind Talk Group: This month on 6:30pm, **Wednesday 15 May**, Mental Health and Wellbeing group. If you would like to know more, please speak with Rachel C or e-mail cleary1@sky.com



Christmas Market Crafting: A get together specifically for sharing ideas about crafting for a stall at the Emmanuel Christmas Market will be on **Thursday 16 May**, 7pm – 8:30pm at Pat England's home. Please come along and bring your crafting or ideas or just a willingness to encourage others. The market will take place on **Saturday 23 November!**



All age worship around tables: Sunday 19 May – Pentecost.

Pentecost is the day we recall the disciples receiving the gift of God's Spirit (as promised by Jesus before he returned to heaven). The story can be found in the bible in Acts Chapter 2. Many people like to wear bright colours of red, orange, or yellow to church to remember the symbolism of the flames of fire that appeared. Other commonly used symbols of the Holy Spirit are wind, breath, and doves. You might also hear Pentecost being called the birthday of the church.



Christian Aid Week: Sunday 12 – 18 May. This year the focus is Aline Niborgora in Burindi 'Pushing Back Against Poverty'. When her violent husband forced her to flee, she was plunged into poverty. She escaped from extreme poverty with the help of Christian Aid funded training and now she's farming nutritious food to feed her family. Collection envelopes are available in church or you can make a donation directly to Christian Aid through their website. We are using up envelopes left over from last year so the information on them will be different, but Jacqui Knight has displayed relevant information for this year's campaign.



Coffee & Craft: 10am – 12 noon, Tuesday 21 May. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and often cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do (if you have one), or just come for a chat. Please speak to Rachel P or Angela Jones if you have questions.

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: Our grass cutting rota on the noticeboard in the crèche area has slots every two weeks. The whole job takes up to 2 hours, but you can also sign up as a team to make the job easier & quicker. Training can be given in use of the *RIDE-ON* lawnmower (aka *Mowses* aka *Weedy Gonzales*). Please speak to Kevin Martin if you have any questions.

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 usually email them through to Rachel Parmenter who then shares requests on a special Emmanuel prayer email group. However, Rachel is away for the next two weeks, so during this time please send prayer requests through to Gerald – geraldengland@btinternet.com

All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Email: lucygough1@btinternet.com Tel: 722346