

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 February 2026

10am Morning worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: Tasty and light

Reading: Matthew 5:13 - 20



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.



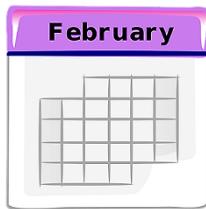
Please stay after today's service for a cup of tea or coffee and refreshments in the room to the rear of the building.

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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Tues 10 Feb	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7pm – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Thu 12 Feb	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
	7pm – 9pm	Stepwise session 6
Sun 15 Feb	10am	All age worship Led by Revd Gerald England

NOTICES

All age worship: The next all age service around tables will be **Sunday 15 February**.

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”



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 will be a sign-up sheet in the creche area closer to the time.

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.

Churches together in Cricklade & Latton have the CEO of Embrace the Middle East coming to Cricklade United Church on **Tuesday 10 March 2026** at 7pm. Jamie Eyre will be speaking on 'Acts of Hope: Stories of Resilience and Faith in the Middle East'. Jamie has been working for Embrace the Middle East since 2013. After leading on programmes and partnerships he became CEO in July 2024. He has travelled to the Middle East during the last year and therefore will be talking about situations he has seen for himself. The talk will be followed by a Question & Answer session. Tea and coffee will be served after the event and there will be a retiring collection for Embrace the Middle East. Embrace the Middle East has been supporting Christians and communities in the Middle East for many years, tackling poverty and injustice in the region. There is a poster on the noticeboard in the creche area.



Emmanuel Front Garden: Paul is stepping down from tending the front part of our church garden, so we are looking for one or two volunteers to take on this role. Paul's section includes the trees and shrubs right in front of the building – things people see as they walk past or approach from the street. If you can do pruning, weeding, etc and are interested to know more about what is involved, please speak to Paul 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.



Farewell Service for Gerald and Pat: Sunday 23 August, 2:30pm. There will be no separate morning service that day. Please pop this date into your diaries. More information later in the year.

Christian Aid: I have received a letter from Christian Aid with an update on Esther Saizi, a pigeon pea farmer who was the focus for Christian Aid Week 2023. The letter describes the long-term impact our donations can have to improve lives. It also refers to 'Faith Will' - leaving a gift in a will. I shall send for more information which I'll leave in the church. Jacqui.

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.
- World Peace, that the Light of Christ may dispel the darkness of conflict and bring peace and hope to those living in fear in troubled nations. We pray for wisdom in leadership and justice in our communities.

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.