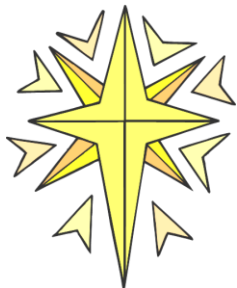


WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

"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 28th December 2025
10am Morning worship

Led by: Sue Martin



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 services for a cup of tea or coffee and refreshments in the rear hall.



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.

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EMMANUEL DIARY

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Sat 3 Jan

11 – 1:30pm

Good Earth Café

Sun 4 Jan

10am

Morning communion

Led by Revd Gerald England



Good Earth Café: Saturday 3 January 2026, 11am – 1:30pm. Bring friends and family to church for a light lunch or coffee & cake. Please consider if you can help provide homemade lunches & puddings or be an extra pair of hands on the day to set up, serve or clear away. Please speak to Rachel Cleary or Julie Prestridge for more info.

Gifts for the church: There is still time to buy a small Christmas present for Emmanuel. If you missed out on getting a promise tag, you could still buy toilet rolls, fairtrade coffee or teabags and copier paper. Please pop your item under the church tree by **Sunday 4 January 2026**. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who...

- ✓ Supported filling & sending 180 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- ✓ Prayed for the church & community as we prepared for Christmas
- ✓ Delivered or gave out Emmanuel Christmas Cards to friends, neighbours, relatives, etc.
- ✓ Supported Swindon Food Collective
- ✓ Helped prepare, support or take part in our advent & Christmas services
- ✓ Created 90 Christingles
- ✓ Gave to the Christian Aid Christmas appeal
- ✓ Supported our special events, like the Emmanuel Christmas Market and Film Night
- ✓ Welcomed and prayed for our many visitors over the past few weeks.



NOTICES

Lunch Club starts again on Thursday 8 January 2026.

Women's Fellowship have exciting things planned for 2026. Meetings start at 2pm. Please see Linda Tinson for more information.

Monday 12 January – Speaker Chris Lancett

Monday 16 February – Quiz afternoon

Monday 9 March – Gerald sharing with the group

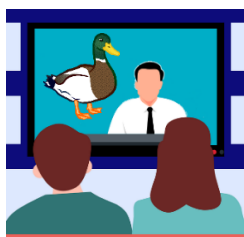
Monday 13 April – Last meeting, social afternoon, "A Cuppa, Cake and Chat"

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service: Everyone is invited to a service at 6pm on Sunday 18 January 2026 here at Emmanuel. Please join Christians from churches across North Swindon to worship together and pray for unity.



Print Cartridge Recycling: The Recycle 4 Charity box in the church side entrance for empty printer ink cartridges is doing well. Our nominated charity is Helen and Douglas house. Note: Cannon and HP cartridges can be original or remanufactured, but all other makes must be original. #ecochurch

Christmas and the post-Christmas period can leave many people feeling down. Doing things with friends and family can be better than any physical gift. Go for a wintery walk, feed ducks or have a coffee together, do a craft together, watch a fun film or old comedy together, make popcorn, bake together - maybe use both your leftovers and see what tasty treats you come up with (Bubble & Squeak anyone?) Help each other to work out how to use those new gadgets you received! If you cannot meet up straight away, you could still phone and plan something that you can both look forward to in January.



Operation Christmas Child: Thank you to everyone who supported filling and sending 180 shoeboxes this year! If you find that you have unused wrapping paper, spare wool, or unwanted Christmas gifts (e.g. bar of soap, flannel, small toy, school supplies), please place it in the collection crate inside the rear porch for next year's boxes.



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 unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.

Eternal God,
as a new year beckons, may your truth and wisdom
fill and equip us for all that lies ahead,
that we may grow stronger and wiser
and reflect the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ in all we say and do. Amen.



All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Email: lucygough1@btinternet.com Tel: 722346. Please could all group leaders/planners send Lucy their first couple of meeting dates for 2026 (as a minimum) so that we know your pattern for starting back after this Christmas & New Year break. Thank you 😊

