

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 21st April 2024

10am Morning worship



Led by: Revd Gerald England
Theme: Seeing beyond our sheepfold
Reading: John 10:11 - 18

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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Tue 23 April	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Thu 25 April	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45 – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
Sun 28 April	10am	Morning worship Led by Kathryn Walker

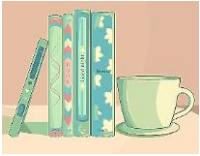
NOTICES

Join us – a 2-part programme where we will discover a little more about the United Reformed Church: history, and what it means to be an active member of the church. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Emmanuel Church family, or simply finding out what that means, please put your name on the list in the creche area. Dates: **Tuesday 30 April and Tuesday 7 May**. It will be informal and there is no obligation to become a member at the end of the course.



Thursday Link speaker: 1:30pm **Thursday 2 May** will be a visit from The Co Op with a talk entitled: “**Tax, Care & Toy Boys!**” Their expert speaker will be covering important legal issues we might all face, whatever age we are now, in a light-hearted and jargon-free manner. The talk will cover planning for your future, protecting your home and savings, inheritance tax, lasting powers of attorney, inheritance issues associated with re-marriage. There will also be time to ask questions about other related issues that may be bothering you. For more information, please see the notices in church or speak to Martin Osman. We finish with refreshments.





Good Earth Café: Saturday 4 May, 11am – 1:30pm. There are sign-up sheets with helping roles on the noticeboard in the creche area, including people to take the food & drink orders, people to wait on tables, etc. Why not give it a go and then stay for a lovely lunch, pudding or cake. Speak to Juliet Smith or Joyce Waters for more info.



Harmony Singers Spring concert: Friday 10 May, 7pm. Tickets are available from Sue Martin from **today!** Absolute bargain price of £5 for adults and £3 for children, with delicious refreshments included in your ticket price. It will be a very special night out. Proceeds towards church funds.



Christmas Market Planning Team: It will be our church Christmas Market on **Saturday 23 November!** A good place to buy your Christmas gifts and have fun. If you are interested in being a part of the Christmas Market planning team, please give your name to Pat England. The first planning meeting will probably be in **June**.



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: Kevin Martin has put a grass cutting rota onto the noticeboard in the crèche area with slots approximately every two weeks. The whole job takes up to 2 hours, but you can also sign up as a team of two to make the job easier & quicker. Training can be given in use of the exciting *RIDE-ON* lawnmower (aka *Blade Runner* aka *Croptimus Prime*). Any questions, please speak to Kevin M.



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.



Loop System: We are sorry that the church loop system is currently unavailable. The induction loop amplifier has been sent away to Bristol for repair. We believe that this will affect those with hearing aids with a 'T' or 'Loop' setting and hearing aids where Telecoil has been pre-enabled. If you have any questions, please speak to Ben Gough.

PRAYER

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 P - rach@richardparmenter.plus.com Rachel will then share requests on a special Emmanuel prayer email group. Please also pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Luke, and for Tony's friends and family.
- Pray for the family of John Fitter, leader of Harmony Singers, who passed away.
- All in our congregation who are unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.

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