

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 June 2026

10am Morning worship

Led by: Stepwise course participants
Lisa, Rachel, Sue, Clare, Lucy

Theme: First impressions and welcome

Reading: Matthew 10.40-42



When indicated by the worship leader, children & young people are invited to go to: **Splat Group**.

Crèche 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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Tue 30 June	5:15 – 6:30pm 7 – 9pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 1 July	6:30pm	Eldership team meeting
Thu 2 July	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45 – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
Sat 4 July	11am – 1:30pm	Good Earth café
Sun 5 July	10am	Morning communion Led by Revd Gerald England

DIARY NOTES

Good Earth Café: Saturday 4 July, 11am – 1:30pm. New volunteers always welcomed - to take food & drink orders, wait on tables... Please give it a go and then stay for a lovely lunch, pudding or cake. Speak to Rachel Cleary or Julie Prestridge for more info.



Hot weather: Water is always available in church. Please do not hesitate to pour yourself a drink at any point during the service if you feel hot or thirsty. If you are unable to get your own drink, please ask another person on your row for assistance.

Church meeting Snippets:

The farewell service for Gerald and Pat will take place on **Sunday 23 August**, 2:30pm. There will be visitors from other congregations there and Revd Roy Lowes will be speaking. Gerald is preparing a special series of sermons for Emmanuel for the 3 Sundays leading up to that (**2, 9, 16 August**).



Ministerial vacancy: The church meeting agreed that (following Gerald's retirement) a vacancy will be declared in September. We also accepted the Synod plan of a team ministry consisting of two full-time ministers for the following churches - Cricklade United Church, Emmanuel URC, Immanuel with Highworth URC, Malmesbury URC, and Royal Wootton Bassett URC.

Pastoral Profile: The elders will soon start working on this document that tells prospective ministers who we are, our mission context, our worship style, etc. We would love to hear your thoughts on "Minister's Role Priorities" (i.e. what are Emmanuel's priorities and how do we hope future ministerial support will help in that?) and "Person Specification" (what skills/type of person are we hoping for?). If you have feedback, please put it in writing (email or paper) to any elder in the next 10 days.

Front garden: Big thanks to Lucy K for taking on some of the church gardening work, particularly the front areas around the two big trees that people see as they walk past or first arrive.

Budget and Finances: The church meeting accepted the 2026 budget and reviewed the finances year to date. Church meeting agreed to send £100 to each of our AGM charity commitments. These are the two charities voted on at our 2023 AGM: Helen and Douglas House and Open the Book. We thanked Leigh for her years as Church Treasurer as she stepped down to free up time for her family and work.

NOTICES



Christian Aid: Jacqui Knight says: "Thank you for your donations for Christian Aid week. The total was £326. Christian Aid depend entirely on donations from churches and individuals to enable them to carry on their vital work, dealing with the climate crisis, conflicts and disasters. They work with local partners who know what is needed; supplying emergency aid & support and also education & training to help build sustainable futures."

Operation Christmas Child: When we last had a speaker from OCC, we were encouraged to always include the following items in our boxes: **notepads/ exercise books, pencils, and tennis balls**. Jan and Jean have done a mid-year inventory and found that we are particularly short of **tennis balls**. If you would like to give, please pass directly to Jan, Jean or pop your donation into the collection crate in the rear porch.



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 P - 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. Members of our congregation who cannot be with us in person.
- Jessica G, attending the URC General Assembly next weekend and the preparation event "*What do you think?*" for youth participants from Wednesday. The General Assembly is a meeting held every year and lasting for four days in which ministers, elders and other members of the URC, together with a few ecumenical representatives, deliberate upon and make decisions concerning the whole work of the Church at home and abroad. Please also pray for the whole assembly meeting, for safe travelling and the decisions that will be made there.

All items for this weekly bulletin should be given to Lucy Gough by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Tel: 722346. Thank you.