

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL URC

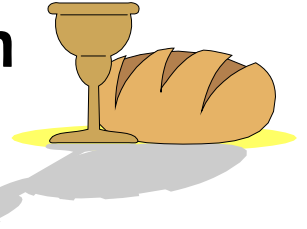
“Making Jesus known in worship, work & word”.

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 3rd May 2026 10am Morning communion



Led by: Jacqui Knight, Rachel Cleary & Sue Martin
Theme: “Seeds of Hope” Christian Aid Week
Reading: Matthew 25:31-46



At Emmanuel, all are included in the invitation to receive the bread & wine.

For younger children, this is at the discretion of their parents.

We use non-alcoholic wine for all. Gluten-free bread is available (please let the server know).

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 5 May	2pm 5:15 – 6:30pm 7 – 9pm	Tuesday ladies group 1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows Guides & Ranger Guides
Wed 6 May	6:30pm	Eldership team meeting
Thu 7 May	12 noon 5:45 – 7:15pm 7 – 9pm	Lunch Club 1 st Greenmeadow Brownies Stepwise session 9
Sun 10 May	10am	Morning worship Led by Revd Gerald England

Christian Aid Week: 10th – 16th May 2026 Donation envelopes are available this Sunday. A donation pot will be in the church, please return them over the next few weeks. The focus this year is Urban Gardening in Kenya. Christian Aid with its partner 'Beacon of Hope' are training and supporting people to grow organic vegetables in the smallest spaces in their cramped towns and cities, to feed their families and to sell at market. Good Earth - Saturday 2nd May As you swap your book or jig-saw puzzle please consider making a donation to Christian Aid. A pot will be available.

A Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, you gather all creation together in love. As we meet today, enlighten our hearts, so that we may perceive the hope to which you have called us. As your children, may we grow into your likeness, filled with compassion and desiring justice. Embolden us to live out our calling, and put faith, hope and love into action. Amen.

Mind Talk group: the next mind group will be on **Tuesday 27 May**.

A "Songs of Praise" service on **Sunday 31 May** will be led by David & Nicola Hoar and we need your input. Please consider if you can submit a hymn or song to David which is a favourite or means a lot to you at the moment and you can say why on the day. If a lot of suggestions come in,



David & Nicola might cut down the number of verses or we can keep your suggestion for another time. To give time for preparing the service & practice unfamiliar songs, please let David have your ideas by Sunday 17th May. We hope that this will be a joyous and memorable service. If you don't do email, maybe write your idea on a piece of paper and we can get that to David and Nicola for you.

Standing Order facility: If you would like to give your offering (weekly or monthly) by standing order / direct bank transfer, so you do not have to hunt for cash on a Sunday morning, please use the following details:

Bank: Co-operative bank Sort code: 089012

Account: 50050181 Reference: <Your name> offerings

If you have questions about this, please speak to the church treasurer or one of the elders.



Print Cartridge Recycling: The collection box is in the church side entrance for empty printer ink cartridges. Note: Cannon and HP cartridges can be original or remanufactured, but all other makes must be original. With our help "Recycle for Charity" have kept 100's of thousands of old ink cartridges out of landfill. Emmanuel ink cartridges also generate donations to our chosen cause which is Helen and Douglas house. #ecochurch



Mowing Orchard grass: The 2026 grass cutting rota is now up on 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. Adults only. Any questions, please speak to Kevin Martin.



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 members of our congregation who are housebound, unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.
- For members of our congregation who are in hospital at this time.



A prayer for Christian Aid Week

Lord, you are faithful to your promises.

Through the Spirit, you bless us with abounding hope.

When power seeks to silence justice, give us the courage to raise our voice.

When an end to poverty seems far off, renew our faith in your kingdom come on earth.

When our neighbour reaches out, inspire us to respond with overflowing love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Visit the Christian Aid website for several "ways to donate": [Ways to donate | Christian Aid](#)

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.