

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### 10am Morning worship

Led by: Sue Martin

Reading: Matthew 13 v1-9, 18-23



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](http://www.devotions.urc.org.uk) for access to podcasts or a transcript.

## EMMANUEL DIARY

[www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelhaydonwick.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelURC/>

<b>Mon 12 Aug</b>	2pm	Women's Fellowship at 14 Orwell Close
<b>Wed 14 Aug</b>	7pm – 8:30pm	Christmas Market crafting in Emmanuel rear hall
<b>Thu 15 Aug</b>	12 noon	Lunch Club
<b>Sun 18 Aug</b>	10am	<b>Morning worship</b> Led by Revd Gary Gotham (From St Andrews Devizes, Monks Chapel, Market Lavington, Marston)



## DATES FOR DIARIES

**Women's Fellowship:** 2pm, **Monday 12 August**. This month, we will be having a social afternoon at Linda's home: 14 Orwell Close. Speak to Linda Tinson for more information.



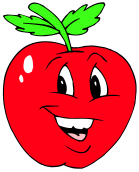
**Christmas Market Crafting:** The next get together specifically for crafting for a stall at the Emmanuel Christmas Market will be on **Wednesday 14 August**, 7pm – 8:30pm in the rear hall at church. Please come along and bring your crafting or ideas or just a willingness to help/encourage others. The Christmas market will be held at Emmanuel on **Saturday 23 November**.

**Other stall donations:** If you have any new items/gifts at home that you do not want, please start to set them aside for the event and we will start collecting them in next month e.g. for the new items stall, tombola (toiletries, wrapped sweets & chocs, bottles, packets, food cans - check dates).

**Mind Talk Group:** Mental Health and Wellbeing group **Wednesday 21 August** (usually on the third Wednesday each month), 6:30 – 8:30pm. If you would like to know more, please speak with Rachel Cleary or send her an email: [cleary1@sky.com](mailto:cleary1@sky.com)



## NOTICES



**Emmanuel Harvest thanksgiving:** Date for your diary. On **Sunday 15 September** there will be a Harvest All Age service around tables at 10am. This will be followed by a yummy Harvest Lunch around noon with apple themed desserts. Tickets will be £5 for adults and £3 for children. Tickets will be available from Sue Martin in about a week.

Each year we invite you to bring items for **Swindon Food Collective**, which they distribute to those in need, (due to low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement, sickness, and the current cost of living crisis). Food items they are currently in need of include: 1 ltr bottles of squash, long life milk, long life juice, small jars of coffee, 500gms and 1 kgs Sugar, Tinned fruit, Tinned plum tomatoes, Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard, semolina), angel delight, jellies.



**Orchard Apples:** Each year our orchard apples are available for use by church members and friends. Some apples fall smaller and earlier than usual. Please collect up windfalls and pick any fruit from the trees you would like, rather than let it go to waste.

**Operation Christmas Child:** In the rear porch is our collection crate for the shoebox scheme. Whilst the sun is shining, we might forget Christmas shoeboxes, but now is a great time to pick up summer toys like tennis balls, and skipping ropes, or back-to-school stationery at a good price. If you like to knit or crochet, you could take a small ball of wool on your holiday and bring back a woolly hat. (Just don't pack your knitting needles in your hand luggage if going by plane - they don't like that!)



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**Gift Aid:** If you make a regular offering to the church, either by bank transfer or by using the numbered envelope scheme, we need to ensure that you are still eligible for Gift Aid to be claimed. There is a new Declaration Form for everyone to complete. Please complete the form, only if you are still eligible for Gift Aid, then return the form to Darren O'Neil or Rachel Cleary. If you are no longer eligible, or you want to start a regular offering and are eligible, then please speak to Darren.

**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 our November church meeting. A variety of books (in church) and recommended websites (from Rachel Cleary) are available. Some of the books are shorter, easier reads. Some are personal stories.



## 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](mailto: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 unwell, recovering from operations, or still awaiting or receiving treatment.
- Gerald and Pat during the time of sabbatical. An important time set aside for rest and renewal.
- Our children and young people during the summer break & those awaiting exam results.
- Revd Patrice Sessions died on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Patrice, who was known as PEP, served at Clevedon & Nailsea 1986-93; and Shelley Road, Worthing 1993-95. A memorial service is planned for next year. Please pray for her family.

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