

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### 10am Morning worship



Led by: Rachel Cleary and Julie Jeans

Readings: Luke 15: 1-3 & 11-32 and Psalm 32

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>Tues 1 April</b>	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7pm – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
	7:30pm – 8:45pm	Lent course 4/4
<b>Wed 2 April</b>	6:30pm	Eldership team meeting
<b>Thu 3 April</b>	12 noon	Lunch Club
	1:30pm	Thursday Link, Beetle Drive
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenmeadow Brownies
<b>Sat 5 April</b>	11am – 1:30pm	Good Earth café
<b>Sun 6 April</b>	10am	<b>Morning communion</b> Led by Revd Gerald England

## NOTICES

**Thursday Link** currently meet at 1:30pm on the first Thursday of each month:

**Thursday 3 April** – Beetle Drive

**Thursday 17 April** – Maundy Thursday midweek communion, led by Gerald

**Thursday 1 May** – Quiz afternoon based on one of the TV quiz formats

**Thursday 5 June** – Indoor carpet bowls and *UpWords* tabletop game

# THURSDAY



**Good Earth Café: Saturday 5 April**, 11am – 1:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in the creche area, including people to take the food & drink orders, wait on tables... Please give it a go and then stay for a lovely lunch, pudding or cake. Speak to Rachel C or Julie P for more info.



**Remember:** At 1.00am this morning (**Sunday 30 March**), clocks go FORWARD an hour. If you forget, you might turn up near the end of the service and miss lots of good stuff. If you do realise you are running an hour late, please come in anyway and enjoy after-service refreshments and chat.

**AGM news** Congratulations to Clare Armagan for being elected as an elder.

**Reports:** If you would like to know some more about any of the groups or activities that go on at Emmanuel, there are reports on display in the worship area. This is the final week that the reports will be on display. If you would like e-mailed copies, please ask Lucy Gough or an elder.



**Reports Quiz:** Congratulations to Linda & Bob Tinson for winning the bag of Fairtrade chocolate & fudge goodies.

**Mowing Orchard grass:** There is a grass cutting rota 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 (aka *Blade Runner*). Adults only. Any questions, please speak to Kevin Martin.



**Holy Week & Easter service dates for your diaries:**

**Sunday 13 April**, 10am, Palm Sunday service, led by Gerald

**Monday 14 April**, 2pm, Women's Fellowship focus on Holy Week & Easter

**Thursday 17 April**, 1:30pm Maundy Thursday/Link communion, led by Gerald

**Thursday 17 April**, 7:30pm Tenebrae service with Holy Communion, led by Gerald

Tenebrae simply means shadows – the shadows which passed over our Lord's life in his final hours. The service is a reflective time during which candles are gradually extinguished as the shadows of Holy Week are recalled through bible readings.

**Friday 18 April**, 10am, Good Friday United Walk of Witness

10.00am Meet near North Swindon library at The Orbital shopping park.

Walk behind a large cross to St John's Church, Thames Avenue.

10.30am Short service outside St John's church (inside if wet).

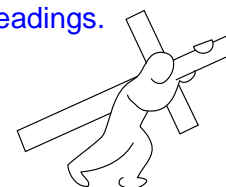
**Sunday 20 April**, 10am, Easter Morning Celebration with Holy Communion, led by Gerald, including children making Easter gardens and followed by an Easter egg hunt in our orchard gardens.



Donations of individually wrapped chocolate eggs (or similar small Easter treats) for the children's egg hunt would be most welcome. These can be given to Sue Martin or Lucy Gough. Sue is also looking for plastic food trays (the type of thing that you might get from a supermarket with meat in) to base Easter gardens in.



On Easter Day, the children will be in church for Communion. At Emmanuel, all are included in the invitation to receive the bread and wine. For younger children, this is at the discretion of their parents. There will also be an opportunity for very young children to receive a blessing. We use non-alcoholic wine for all.



## 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](mailto: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.

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. Thank you.