

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 23rd February 2025

10am Morning worship

Led by: Sue Martin

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

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

Tues 25 Feb	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
Thu 27 Feb	12 noon	Lunch Club
Sat 1 Mar	11am – 1:30pm	Good Earth Café
Sun 2 Mar	10am	Morning communion Led by Revd Gerald England

NOTICES



Good Earth Café: Saturday 1 March 2025, 11am – 1:30pm. Bring friends and family to church for a light lunch or coffee & cake. Please consider if you can help provide homemade lunches & puddings or be an extra pair of hands on the day to set up, serve or clear away. Please speak to Rachel Cleary or Julie Prestridge for more info.



Emmanuel Lent Course: Sign up to show your interest on the noticeboard in the creche area. We'll be meeting from 7.30pm to 9pm from **Tuesday 11 March** for 4 weeks, spending some time reflecting on the faith journeys of four well known Christians of the modern era. We'll be focussing on what led them to faith, their motivations and doubts, and the example that they set of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We will also be reflecting on how their faith journey can help us today as we seek to follow our Lord. We'll be looking at the faith journeys of some of the following - Desmond Tutu, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Billy Graham, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, William Wilberforce, Constance Coltman.

Whole church AGM: Wednesday 26 March, 7pm. It is a responsibility of church membership to attend church meetings and they are also open to non-members of all ages. Information is available for all members regarding your opportunity to make suggestions for the eldership team. Forms to be returned by today **Sunday 23 February**.



Please will all group leaders/post holders aim to provide a written report to Lucy Gough by **Sunday 9 March** to allow time for them to be displayed for everyone to read. Reports can be a few lines or a full page, full colour or monochrome, photos & clipart are welcome too. If you email your report to Lucy, she can print it out in high quality on the church photocopier.

Thursday Link currently meets at 1:30pm on the first Thursday of each month:
Thursday 6 March – Indoor bowls and tabletop / board games



Churches together in Cricklade are advertising special Lenten speakers on a variety of evenings during Lent, and a wide range of topics. The first and last speakers below and several dates in between. Please arrive for a prompt 7:30pm start, St Sampsons Church, Bath Road, Cricklade, SN6 6AT. More information from Graham Light: 07733305519, grahamdlight77@gmail.com
Thursday 6 March, Stef Jones set up *Onwards & Upwards* in 2021, to free ex-offenders from the cycle of reoffending by creating jobs that change lives for good, to bring employment rates up and reoffending rates down. Shifting attitudes towards employing ex-offenders.

Friday 11 April, Lisa Potts first came to prominence when, as a nursery nurse in Wolverhampton, she protected her pupils from a machete-wielding attacker. Lisa talks about how God carried her through her difficult and terrifying experience, the rehabilitation through her terrible injuries and how she came to terms with press interest. Note: this talk is not suitable for those under the age of 13.



Reform magazine LIVE: Celebrating the 35th anniversary of the URC hymnbook, Rejoice and Sing, Coventry Central Hall, 3 May 2025, 12-5pm. With lots of singing, talks, panel discussions and an exhibition. Special guests: David Thompson, Stephen Orchard, Anne Sardeson, Dominic Grant and Roo Stewart. Plus the opportunity to take part in a scratch choir. Drink included in the ticket price of £5 per ticket plus booking fee. To book tickets please visit bit.ly/reform-live



Collection points: Emmanuel Church are collecting various items in the side and rear porches. In the side vestibule, we have containers for collecting used/empty printer cartridges and plastic milk bottle tops (for recycling charities).

In the rear porch we have crates to collect items for two charities: Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and Swindon Food Collective.



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, due to being in hospital, housebound or away from home.
- Our minister, Gerald, as he leads worship in another local church this morning.

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.