

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 19th January 2025



10am Morning worship

Led by: Revd Gerald England

Theme: Strength in weakness

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2 - 10



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.



6pm Week of prayer for Christian Unity service

at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Moredon Road, SN25 3DF

Join Christians from churches across North Swindon to worship together, pray for unity and hear from Roger Sutton. Roger is a co-founder of Gather Movement; he also previously led Altrincham Baptist church in Manchester for 22 years.

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

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Tues 21 Jan	11:45am	Funeral of Rita Goodenough
	2pm	Tuesday ladies group
	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7 – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
	7:30pm	All age team planning
Wed 22 Jan	7pm	Whole church meeting
Thu 23 Jan	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45 – 7:15pm	Brownies
Sun 25 Jan	10am	Morning worship Led by Ben Gough

As we gather to worship, we bring a spectrum of experiences and feelings.

Let us open ourselves to our God who meets each one of us with welcoming arms. Come humbly into the presence of God, whose power is made perfect in weakness.

We know that without God we are nothing. Come together, be bound together, in the company of our strong God. Amen.

DIARY NOTES

Whole Church meeting: Wednesday 22 January at 7pm. All are welcome, any age, members and non-members. Copies of the minutes from the last meeting and other useful information will be on the noticeboard at the back of the worship area closer to the date.

Coffee and Craft: MOVED DATE TO **Tuesday 28 January**, 10am – 12 noon. All are very welcome for tea, coffee, conversation and possibly cake! Please bring a friend, and your craft to do (if you have one), or just come for a chat. Please speak to Rachel Parmenter or Angela Jones if you have any questions.



Mind Talk Group: Mental Health and Wellbeing group **Wednesday 29 January** (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

Thursday Link is our monthly group for those who would enjoy spending time with others on a Thursday afternoon. They currently meet 1:30pm on the first Thursday of each month:

Thursday 6 February – Beetle Drive

Thursday 6 March – Indoor bowls and tabletop / board games



NOTICES



Sashaying away: Aidan Coyle, who gave a eulogy at the Thanksgiving for the life of Tony Wilson, also writes poetry. His poem *Sashaying away* tells of the morning that Tony died and it has just been published 18 January in Dust Poetry Magazine. If you would like to read it, follow this link [Sashaying Away by Aidan Coyle](#) or find the website www.dustpoetry.co.uk and search for the title. Tony was an elder, organist, preacher and much-loved member of Emmanuel. He died 10 March 2024.

Christian Aid: Thank you for the tremendous response to the Christmas Appeal. Those attending our advent and Christmas services donated £324.15 to Christian Aid in the retiring offering. This is magnificent, so thank you and your family & friends who attended services over Christmas.



Operation Christmas Child: Work has started again for 2025! If you find that you have unused wrapping paper, spare wool, or unwanted Christmas gifts (e.g. bar of soap, flannel, small toy, stationery / school supplies), please place them in 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, due to being in hospital, housebound or away from home.
- The family and friends of Rita Goodenough, whose funeral will be held at Emmanuel on Tuesday 21 January at 11:45am.

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.