

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 March 2025

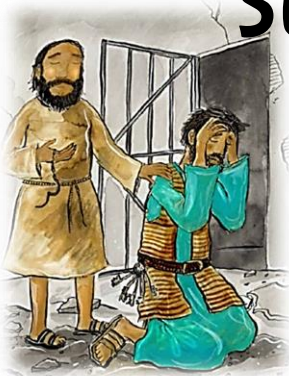
10am Morning worship

Led by: Martin Osman

Theme: Witnessing – A Risky Business

Readings: 2 Timothy 4 v 1-2,

Nehemiah 2 v 1-10, Acts 16 v 11-34



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

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Tues 25 March	5:15pm – 6:30pm	1 st Greenmeadow Rainbows
	7pm – 9pm	Guides & Ranger Guides
	7:30pm – 8:45pm	Lent course 3
Wed 26 March	7pm	Whole church AGM
Thu 27 March	12 noon	Lunch Club
	5:45pm – 7:15pm	1 st Greenmeadow Brownies
Sun 30 March	10am	Morning worship
		Led by Rachel Cleary & Julie Jeans

NOTICES

URC Assessment Conference: Thank you to Martin for leading our worship for us this morning as Gerald is fulfilling his role as an assessor on the Assessment board (interviewing candidates for the URC ministry), Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 March. Please pray for all the assessment team and for the applicants being interviewed.



Emmanuel Lent Course: continues **Tuesday 25 March** and **Tuesday 1 April**. Please come along and join in. If you are not able to attend and would like a copy of the Lent group material each week, please speak to Gerald.

Whole church AGM: 7pm, **Wednesday 26 March**. It is a responsibility of church membership to attend church meetings and they are also open to non-members of all ages.

AGM Reports: If you would like to know some more about any of the groups or activities that go on at Emmanuel, there are written reports on 3 display boards in the worship area. There are also two folders of reports available to read seated. If you would like e-mailed copies, please ask Lucy Gough or any other elder.



AGM Reports Quiz: Here's a bit of fun... Quiz sheets can be purchased from Lucy Gough for **just £1** per copy. All proceeds to church funds. Read the reports to fill in the answers and return the sheet to Lucy before 7pm on **Wed 26 March** (the start of the AGM). Official entries please (photocopies not allowed). All correct answer sheets will be entered into the big prize draw at the church AGM. The prize will be Fairtrade and fabulous!

Thursday Link is our monthly group for those who enjoy spending time with others on a Thursday afternoon. They currently meet 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



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).

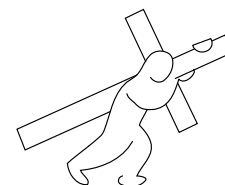
Sunday 20 April, 10am, Easter Morning Celebration with Holy Communion, led by Gerald, including children making Easter gardens and followed by an Easter egg hunt in our orchard gardens.



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 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 Tel: 722346. Thank you.