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BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES



Friends,

It feels like a long time since I've had the opportunity to sit down and write to you all. I'm glad to be able to do it today. Usually, my view as I write these letters has been of a grey and wet day, but today as I look out of my office window, I can see a blue sky, sunshine and signs of plants and trees coming to fullness of life.



It's a wonderful time of year, least of all because the end (please let it be so) of the cold, damp weather for a season brings a corresponding rapid decrease in my own aches and pains, as I know it does for many of you. I'm hoping to enjoy and make the most of this season of muscles working a little better and feeling a little more flexible physically altogether. I would say that I wished we lived in a time of permanent summer but, in the words of a popular book and television series that has had a lot of attention recently, 'winter is coming'. Life is designed in seasons. There is a time for everything, as the Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 3.

All of us, if we're fortunate to live for a long period of years, will experience a good deal of what life has to offer, or sometimes seem to throw at us. The question is, are we the same kind of person when things are good as we are when things are not? Are we able to truthfully say, or sing, to God 'I will trust in You alone' all the time, some of the time, or not much of the time at all? That's the question I've been asking myself about my own life and faith recently. How far does my trust go? All the way back in Exodus 14, "the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their **trust** in him and in Moses his servant".

We know that God's people in scripture were a little fickle with their trust, apt to try and find some marginal gains by trusting God one minute and then the next finding another to put their trust in. We also know that this did not go well for them. And yet many of us, even when we've trusted God for

a long time, can easily place our trust in someone or something else when it seems like He lets us down. We don't get what we dreamed of, hoped for or felt we needed. Or it seems that way, at least.

I've been harping on about trust and heart for what seems like more than a year now. Sorry if it gets repetitive. The thing is, I think they are so foundational both to us as people but also to the whole Church. How do we decide what to do as a Church? We trust God and see where He leads us, we set our hearts right, realising that He has given us huge gifts, but that we only achieve anything useful with Him. We realise and admit that this is His Church and that He will build it. We can do all of those things, whilst making sure we look after what we've been given, including the people who are part of our family, as well as we can.

We have responsibilities and opportunities as members of God's family, but He is the head of the household. We are invited to sit and eat together at His table. He could turn any of us, or anyone else away, but chooses to always extend an invitation to anyone who seeks to eat with Him and receive what He wants to give.

So my question is this: are we like Jesus? Do we trust God and go where He invites us to go? Am I? I hope so. This next season in the life of our Church, we will be reminding ourselves what it means to be Jesus-shaped. It's never a bad time to do that.

I want to encourage all of you, however much time you spend praying, whatever prayer is like for you, to pray for our Churches. We do a lot and have lots of opportunities for more, in partnership with other local Churches and community groups. We also need to look after each other and nurture one another so that our faith grows and we become a stronger, more generous and open family.

One of the things good families do is eat together. Maybe say hello to the person you sit next to at Church the next time you're there and invite them for a meal. It might make their day (or month, or year). It's my job as one of the senior leaders in the Church to help us grow together as a family, the kind of family which is loving and secure enough to welcome new people as they are adopted into it. Pray for me, please, as I try to do that

Have a great month. Every blessing
Haydon



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We are excited to announce the 2nd
Revive Northampton Annual Gospel Celebration
outreach event .

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Sharing the Good News of Jesus, Live Gospel music,
Sharing testimonies of salvation, Praying for healing in mind, body and spirit
throughout the afternoon

We are inviting all who know Jesus to come and gather together as one church
- and all who don't yet know about Jesus and would like to know more.

Also: Bouncy Castle/Candy Floss/Slush Ice drink for the children, Food
and Free tea & coffee.

If you would like more info about the event please contact us on
07459800857



David Bell's... Boothville Diary



The Altar at Boothville Community Church.

The importance of the Cross is displayed on our Altar and also hung on the wall behind.

Easter is a time that we recognise the importance of the Cross on which Jesus died and from which he was risen.



The Easter Cross

Members of the Church brought posies and dressed the Cross on Easter Sunday.

The Cross remained on display in the Community Hall until the flowers faded.

A beautiful and effective way to remind people about the resurrection.

Visit to the Church of Liz Taylor

(no, not that one..)



It was good to welcome Liz Taylor to Boothville. Liz is a Reader in Training who on placement with our Group of Churches. She was welcomed and enjoyed a chat after the Service with members of the Congregation. We look forward to seeing her when she assists in a Service.



Every Sunday there is a great buzz when members of our congregation meet together. We are proud of ourselves as a welcoming church and look forward to seeing new visitors.

Opportunities to serve in our communities



Based at Emmanuel Church, the food bank is a joint operation between Emmanuel, St Peter's, Weston Favell and Storehouse churches.

There has been a significant increase in the number of people visiting, seeking support in the provision of food and other resources.

We need volunteers to help with all aspects of the preparation and provision of food and services to clients, including:

- Collection of food from donation centres
- Sorting and storing
- Preparing food parcels
- Meeting and greeting clients
- Providing referral support to clients

Administration
Are you able to offer a two-hour shift, twice a month?
Full training will be given.

**For further information, please contact
Joanne Alderman, Food Bank Manager
at: info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk**



Due to an increase in the number of people who need our support, our stocks of donated food are running low. Foodbank desperately needs...

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fish

Pasta/Curry Sauce

Coffee - small and family jars

Granulated Sugar

UHT milk - All types

Oil - Small and large bottles

Salt

Men's Toiletries

Toilet rolls

Squash - No added sugar

Fruit Juice

Rice

Thank you!

Café Emm at Emmanuel

Café Emm is a home for the community and can be found on the top floor of Emmanuel Church in The Weston Favell Centre. The café supports those in the community who might not otherwise have anywhere to go. On Wednesdays it provides a place for food bank clients to relax, have a drink and something to eat while they are waiting. On another day, there will be groups of people playing board games at Board Games café (you are welcome to join in). We also provide a space for friendship circle to meet.

Not only that, the food is good!

Café Emm has a range of volunteers, of all ages and abilities. If you have two hours to spare, once a week (or more) we will be delighted to hear from you.

For further information, please contact Terry-anne Fleck, Café Emm manager: coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk



Is God calling you to take a step of faith and volunteer for a local Christian organisation, whose aim is to reduce crime in the county?

C2C are a Northampton based Christian charity that enables offenders to break the cycle of offending through positive engagement, courses, groups, and support in a variety of ways. Motivated by their Christian Faith and committed to serving others by aspiring to follow standards in all our community work

They support any individual at any stage of the Criminal Justice System by inspiring and motivating them to take personal responsibility for their behaviour, in order to reduce re-offending. This has a huge impact on their lives, their children, wider families & local communities creating a safer, stronger Northamptonshire.

C2C provide their service to people regardless of faith, or none, and regardless of their crimes, age, ethnic or cultural background, gender, sexuality or disability and are accessible to young people, men and women at any stage in the criminal justice system.

C2C run a number of projects supporting men, women and young people throughout the criminal justice system:

visit our website at: www.c2csocialaction.com or call us: 01604 824 080

Have you ever thought of becoming a street pastor?

Northampton Street Pastors are based at night in Northampton town centre.

School Pastors are based in the afternoon around schools in the Weston Favell area.

Both are recruiting team members, including **Prayer Pastors** and **Prayer Partners** who play an important supporting role.

Please contact: **Keith** (Street Pastors) coordinator@northampton.streetpastors.org.uk





If you are a caring grandparent, can you imagine being told that you can no longer see your grandchildren? It will come as a complete shock to your system and usually happens as a result of the divorce of one of your married children, a family dispute or mental health issues. The relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren is special and to be told it has to come to an end can be devastating. For many grandparents it is like a living bereavement.

When Jim and Elsie found that their married daughter was divorcing after five years of marriage they were deeply saddened, especially for the two children George and Alice aged 2 and 4 years respectively. However, a year later she remarried and her new husband took a dislike to her parents. He was a controlling character and forced their daughter to break her relationship with Jim and Elsie.

Jim and Elsie were devastated and so shocked by the estrangement of their daughter and their two grandchildren that they couldn't think where to turn for help. They were frightened to tell their friends in case they were blamed for the fall out. They had no idea of their legal rights or indeed the rights of the grandchildren to see them.

Eventually Elsie picked up a leaflet at the doctor's surgery. It was from Granpart, a local organisation that gives support to estranged grandparents and those who only have limited contact with their grandchildren. On the leaflet were the contact details for Marion Turner who runs the Granpart support group. Elsie finally found the courage to ring Marion and tell her story. Marion invited Jim and Elsie to the support group who meet monthly in Harpole, Northamptonshire.

They went to the next meeting where they were warmly welcomed and found other Grandparents in similar and far worse situations than their own. In a relaxed, confidential atmosphere they heard similar stories to theirs and eventually they were able to discuss their estrangement with other members. It can take a few meetings to tell your story as it can be very harrowing, but there is a box of tissues available for the tellers as well as the listeners. There is also plenty of advice from members and from visiting specialists who will help you to find a path for the future.

This is a typical story with fictitious names but, unfortunately more common than you would believe!

For more information, please get in touch.

Marion Turner

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www.granpart.co.uk

The tragic fire at Note Dame Cathedral shocked the whole world. Seeing such a magnificent building engulfed in flames saddened all who saw the devastation unfold. It was a monumental blow to the nation of France. It will take years to rebuild this famous place of worship.

One striking image from the fire showed the interior of the church scorched and ruined, its art treasures lost, its contents still smouldering. But high up in the background, unbowed by the flames, stands a golden cross, brightly shining in the darkness of the surrounding debris.



Since the fire took place at Easter, it is hard not to see this picture as a parable. One Anglican vicar made this comment: 'Notice what is left inside, untouched, after the destruction of all sorts of 'priceless' works of arts at Norte Dame Cathedral? The Cross. What an image for Holy Week and what a picture to describe secular Western Europe.'

As I pondered the picture it spoke to me of the abiding value of the Cross. The words of a hymn came to mind:

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.*

The place of worship may be destroyed, but not the God we worship. The message of the Cross, at the centre of our faith, remains a timeless, undamaged truth.

The hymn continues:

*When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.*

Even among the ruins of our own lives the Cross stands tall, reminding us of the presence of God and His grip on our lives.

Anthony Horsfall (parish pump)

Community Care Update

June 2019

So, what exciting things are happening this month?
Read below to find out more. There are some new things to have a peek at Too!

Streetchurch

On Sunday 9th June, Emmanuel will be providing food for Streetchurch, when we serve lunch for some of the homeless people of Northampton at Mount Pleasant Church.

We need to provide homemade vegetable soup, sandwiches and homemade cakes, to about feed about 60 people, and some people to help on the day, starts about 12:45

If you are able to help in any way, message me.

Board games café

Some dates for the next coming months will be 3rd, 17th June, 1st and 15th July between 2pm and 4pm. Join us for board games, card games, why not give it a try.

Acts 435 / Children In Need Emergency

Essentials

I continue to be an advocate for two emergency support networks, and have recently been successful in some applications, so if you know of an individual or family in need, get in contact with me.

Use the links below for more information, or speak to me if think you know someone who would benefit.

www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/

www.acts435.org.uk/

Brookside Drop-In

I give thanks that we have been successful Brookside Drop-In funding application, which means we can carry on running the hub for another year. If you are free on a Thursday morning or know people in locally who are free on a Thursday, let them know about the drop-in, it is open to anyone, not just residents of Lings and Lumbertubs. We are there from 9-12 each week (except school holidays), would be great to see you there.

Shoebboxes!

What really, it's just an early plug to say that we are moving to a new appeal this year, called Link To Hope.

It is similar to before, but collects items for families or elderly people, distributed around Eastern Europe, and makes it more inclusive of the wider family rather than just children.

The reason for the early plug is you want to make up a parcel, then you need to use a shoebox, rather than use a folding one we used to have used before.

It is a fantastic new charity to support, and if you want to find out more, speak to more of look at the link below.

www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2019

Anyway, that's me done for another month

Paul



Paul Foster

You can contact me at
the church office
402150 or email:
paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk

Wellbeing Cafe

Quiet shared spaces

- Where it's OK not to be OK

We are in the early planning stages of running a Well-being Café. There are many popping up at churches around Northampton and UK. I visited the one at St Giles recently, I was overwhelmed for the love and support they give to those who come, and they believe Emmanuel would be a great place to run one aswell.

It has a short Christian meditation, board games, cards and crafts each week. It is likely to be in an afternoon, but that is as much as we know at the minute.

Please pray for the vision about Emmanuel hosting one, and the building of a team.

There is more information on the link below.

www.renewwellbeing.org.uk

Germany – Britain – Burundi

First of all let me say THANK YOU for your lovely and open welcome to the different parts of the Emmanuel Group!

But what brought me to Emmanuel?

It's a special preparation time (I enjoy working most of my time in the Café Emm – a great chance to improve my English) because on the 9th of August I will go for three years as a missionary to Burundi.

It's one of the poorest nations and with its violent historical background (a big genocide around 1990) there is still a lot of hate and conflicts but also about forgiveness and reconciliation.

As I've experienced a lot of forgiveness und restoration in my life (without God it wouldn't have happened) I love to share this experience and to talk with other people about their way of life and experiences.

Perhaps I may see you in Café Emm for a wonderful piece of homemade cake or other tasty things and maybe for a little nice chat.

Angelika



"Here is a version of the Beatitudes which I came across recently. It reminds us of the difficulties that some people have and ways in which we might be helpful."

Hilary Spenceley

Blessed are you who take the time to listen to difficult speech,
If I persevere, I can be understood.

Blessed are you who never bid me to "hurry up"
Or take my tasks from me and do them for me,
For I often need time, rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter
New and untried ventures,
Myself and You.

Blessed are you who ask for my help,
For my greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you, who with a smile encourage me
To try once more.

Blessed are you who never remind me
That today I ask the same question twice.

Blessed are you who respect me and love me
Just as I am.



There was no more dozing off after the vicar started serving the extra-strength coffee *before* the service



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Sunday of the month

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if you're secondary school age.
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fridays 7-9pm

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★ **testimonies, film nights,**
group discussions, games nights ★
social events and more...



'R-zone'

is a free youth group for ages 8 - 13

from 5 'til 6pm on Fridays at
Rectory Farm Community Centre

See our webpage @

www.rfnorthampton.org.uk/r-zone

want to know more?...

- call Mell on 402150 (church office)

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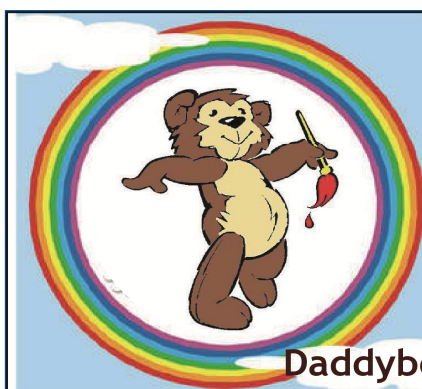
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REGULAR GIVING

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 please consider giving via the envelope scheme and,
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 claim tax back, maximising your gift.*

*For further information, enquire at Emmanuel church office
 (next door to our coffee shop)
 or ask a steward at one of our services.*



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Daddybear Face Painting

Bishop's School Supporters

As a long-standing member of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE), I am always keen to promote ways in which people can become involved in their local schools, particularly church schools. (As some of you may recall I was for some years chair of governors at Emmanuel Middle School; in fact, some of you served as governors whilst I was there.)

Below you can see some information about an exciting new initiative from the Diocese. The link between church schools and their parish church should be strong and productive. This is often led by the incumbent – vicar/rector/priest/minister – and considerably enhanced when church members also involve themselves.

Haydon, Phil and others from Emmanuel go into schools in our parish.

Did you know that we have 15 schools in total?

Why not consider if this is something that you could assist with either by talking to Haydon about supporting schools in our parish or by contacting the diocese (details below) to join the training to become a Bishop's School Supporter?

Hilary Spenceley

Bishop's School Supporters

Releasing and equipping church members for ministry and mission in schools

What is a Bishop's School Supporter?

A Bishop's School Supporter helps the Bishops and the Diocesan Board of Education in their ministry to schools by providing support in one or more of the following areas:

- i listening to children read supportively
- i sharing their faith story and responding to questions sensitively in the context of an RE lesson and supporting schools in their pursuit of the RE Quality Mark
- i leading collective worship and helping pupils to plan and lead collective worship for their peers
- i helping with extracurricular Messy Church or an extracurricular Christian club.

We expect you will be a committed Christian who wants to take an active interest in the broader life of a school which might include attending collective worship or school church services, praying for the school community, supporting school performances or helping at school events and on trips, as well as supporting in the ways detailed above for which training will be provided.

You will need: a background in education eg as a student, teacher or governor

i you will need to offer time - you will be linked with one or more schools (the amount is up to you) which you would be willing to visit at least twice per term, but ideally for about an hour weekly

i transport - you will be responsible for getting yourself to the various schools

i a willingness to share your individual skills, talents and faith to enrich the life of a school.

How do I become a Bishop's School Supporter?

We would ask you to contact the Education Office on

01604 887060

or email education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk to book yourself on the training programme.

You will be asked to undergo a Disclosure Barring Service check and references will be requested.

When the application and training process is satisfactorily completed you will be offered one or more schools to visit, according to your availability; we will try to locate this school close to your home.

Tuesday 17 September 2019 Training

9.15am - 5.15pm at Bouverie Court, The Lakes, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7YD

Tuesday 1 October 2019 School-based practice

9.15am - 4.15pm at Little Houghton Church of England Primary School, Northampton, NN7 1AF

Brexit



I am stockpiling, just in case...

Spring Harvest

Kris Hatherly writes..

Haydon has asked me to tell you a bit about Spring Harvest and hopefully to encourage you to think about going next year.

The theme this year was 'Prayer' and Peter Grieg author of 'Red Moon Rising', 'God on Mute' and 'How to Pray, A simple guide' lead the Bible Studies. He also led a seminar about his book 'God On Mute'. I have to say he was so easy to listen to and at the same time was very challenging. Lou Fellingham led the worship in the Big Top which was amazing. I did not know most of the main speakers at the Evening Celebration but, wow, did they have something to say that again really challenged you. It was a great four and half days and we were blessed with lovely weather as well.

Please think about whether you might consider going next year. I am hesitant to say I will organise it, as when I did many, many years ago, people dropped out and I was left scrambling around trying to fill spaces etc. However, if you can make a firm commitment, then I will give it another go. The first booking day is 26th June 2019.

**The theme for 2020 is
"Unleashed – The Acts Church Today"**

Skegness 13-17th April. Also at Harrogate and Minehead. Please have a look at the website.

From the website:

- Book 15 guests and the 16th comes FREE: this applies to all guests over the age of two. You can split the savings across your group, or gift it to someone in need
- Book before 31 July and save £10 per person. Encourage people to book in early to take advantage of these savings
- For good value, book a combination of great value Rooms and spacious Apartments. That way your group can share the lounges and kitchens in Apartments and keep costs down
- If any guests are benefit claimants they can apply for a discount, if they book Standard or Silver accommodation.

Visit springharvest.org/book/concessions for more details

**David Pickup is a solicitor who here considers
a common problem...**

How to fill in a form

Solomon took a census of all the foreigners residing in Israel, after the census his father David had taken; and they were found to be 153,600. He assigned 70,000 of them to be carriers and 80,000 to be stonecutters in the hills... (2 Chronicles 2:17-18)

We can spend much of our working life filling in forms of one sort or another. Sometimes we struggle to complete an online form and have to use the telephone help-line. The young people who help us on the end of the line can leave us feeling that we are obviously idiots.

Do you like filling in forms? No, of course not! No-one does. There are a few censuses in the Bible, which are a type of form. The above quotation is about authorities getting information to use for their benefit to get people in work.

Do you always have to give the details they ask for? No! If you just bought an electric iron does the manufacturer *really* need to know your name, address, date of birth, number of people in your house and cat's mother's name? If not, then why are they asking for such details? Always be careful about what information you give out, and to whom.

Sometimes if you are in debt you are asked to fill in a budget form. Again, be careful. Do they really need to know your employer's name and address and your bank details?

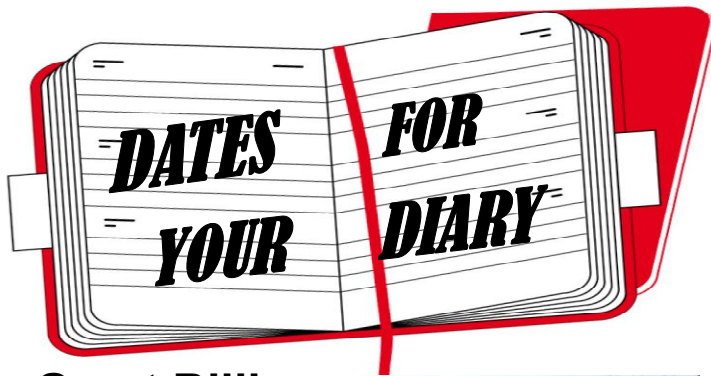


On the other hand, do not forget to include every item of expenditure. If you just put down your earnings and the amount you spend at the supermarket it may look as you have plenty of money. Remember bus fares, school meals, rent, council tax, telephones and all the rest.

There is never enough space on most forms, thought they must know email addresses are usually long. Then there are questionnaires asking you to rate the experience. Was the webpage helpful? Why was it helpful.... and suddenly you may be asked to give away yet more information about yourself... be careful. As a general rule, try and give as little as possible, just sufficient for the task in hand.

I hope you have enjoyed this article. Now please complete the 18-page satisfaction survey and include your bank account number, inside trouser leg measurement and bank card.

- Oh, and don't forget the name of your cat's mother!



Great Billing Methodist Church

You are invited to

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8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

Every third Tuesday of the month 8.30am - a time of quiet, structured prayer for our world, our community and ourselves.

9.00am - light breakfast of fruit juice, cereal & toast.

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On the first Tuesday of each month. Enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship and reflection. Refreshments from 10.15am.

Meeting 10.30 to 12 noon. More details from:

Joan Beswick (638687) or Norma Baxter (844316)



GROUP HOLIDAY 2020

To North Wales

Staying at the Chatsworth House Hotel
in Llandudno

Saturday June 6th to Saturday 13th June 2020

Cost is £499.00 for eight days

the hotel has a indoor heated swimming pool.

£20.00 deposit to book yourself a place

Day Trips 2019

Saturday July 6th Salisbury, visit the Medieval Gothic Cathedral and places of interest. Cost £16.00

Saturday August 24th Margate cost £17.00 (child £8.00)

Saturday September 7th Boston Town Centre. Lovely market town in Lincolnshire. Cost £14.00

These trips are available to all - and you can spread the cost over the next few months!

Book with Kathy Norris at 'Cafe Emm'
Weston Favell Centre on Tuesdays

or phone 01604 494057

or 07923017619

to book your place with a deposit of £5.00.

Remember these, well join us for



Board Games Cafe

1st and 3rd Monday
between 2:00 to 4:00

2nd and 4th Monday
between 7:00 to 9:00

If you have a specialist game, you would like to bring along, I more than happy with that

 **In Cafe Emm**

Emmanuel Church
Weston Favell Centre

£1 to cover tea / cake / biscuits



Member editor 2019

Do you know anyone who lives alone without a television or radio?

If the answer is "Yes" this charity may help.

WaveLength

WaveLength is a charity that works to alleviate loneliness across the UK. We give technology to people who are lonely and living in poverty to help them reconnect with the world. We support people with a wide range of different needs.

January 2019

I came across this charity when I decided to put in an application for an elderly gentleman, I'll call him Jim. He lives alone, with no family but a distant daughter who he sees twice a year. He lives in a bedsit, unable to work due to disability. He has no television or radio. His income is low.

I asked Jim if he would like me to support him by applying to Wavelength for a television or radio. I had no idea if he would be successful and I reminded him of this so he wouldn't be too disappointed.



After some form filling, several emails and and phone calls, it was completed. The application was put to a committee and a month later I was so pleased to ring Jim to say his application was successful! He was delighted!

The TV was delivered and my last part in this happy outcome was to visit Jim to see the new TV. He beamed at me when he opened the door, put the kettle on and we sat with our cuppa watching morning television

Jim was asked to complete a short questionnaire a few weeks later, one of the questions, has the television made any difference to your wellbeing? His reply, "it has changed my life"

Maybe you can help someone to change their life?

Website: <http://www.wavelength.org.uk>; Email: info@wavelength.org.uk ... Operating UK-wide

Men's pie & pint



**7.30pm at
The Lumbertubs Pub
Thursday 6th June**

**Pop in for
Coffee, cake and chat**
Or tea and biscuits (or both!)

Thursdays 9 to 12
Except school holidays

Hosted by
**Emmanuel Church,
Weston Favell Centre**

**@Brookside
Hub**

**Billing Brook Rd
Northampton
NN3 8NP**



All Welcome

To all Free Church members

Hi, I am feeling very lonely at the moment. There are nine (9) Readers plus little me, taking services within our group of churches. Would all you lovely people please pray about whether you are being called to do some training to enable you to take services in our busy group of churches. It would be great to have some more Free Church people involved.

God bless,

Kris

(Kris Hatherly)

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE EVERY WEEK IN THE EMMANUEL GROUP OF CHURCHES

Monday	Prayer meeting	Emmanuel	7.30 - 8.45pm
Wednesday	Family tots	Emmanuel	9.45 - 11.30am
	Family tots (session 2)	Emmanuel	12.00 - 1.30pm
	Friendship circle	Emmanuel (fortnightly)	1.45pm
Friday	R-Zone Youth club 8 - 13 years	R.F Community Centre	5 - 6.00pm (term time only)
	Jam out Christian Youth Group	Emmanuel	7 - 9.00pm (term time only)

Emmanuel House Groups meet at various times & venues during the week (see below)

COME & PRAY

WEDNESDAY

26th JUNE

7AM - 8AM

JOINT PRAYER MEETING

WITH
STOREHOUSE
CHURCH

AND THE
SALVATION ARMY
PENISTONE ROAD

AT
EMMANUEL
COFFEE SHOP

PRAYER FOR
NORTHAMPTON EAST
AND FOR OUR
CHURCHES.

*BELIEVE IT OR NOT
THE HOUR FLIES BY!!!*
WITH COFFEE AND DANISH
OF COURSE!

**Book the last
Wednesday
of EVERY month
in your diaries**

Emmanuel House Groups

meet at various times & venues during the week

Area	Day & Time	Leader
Boothville	Tuesday – 7.30pm	Rachel
Goldenash	Tuesday - 1 - 2.30pm	Tracy/Vicky
Goldings	Wednesday – 7.30pm	Olu
Overstone Lodge	Wednesday - 7.30pm	Linda/Precious
Southfields	Wednesday – 7.30pm	Liz/Jasmyne
Great Billing	Thursday – 7.30pm	Gill

If you are interested in joining a group but can't do any of these days or times, please let us know. It may mean starting a new group!

For further information speak to any of the house group leaders

Family Tots

Wednesdays

9.45am-11.30am or 12-1.30pm
at

Emmanuel Church

Weston Favell Shopping Centre
Top floor Coffee Shop entrance

**£2.00 includes snack and drink
for the children**

**+ tea/coffee for parent/carer
(60p for additional adults)**

**Any profit goes towards
new equipment & extra activities**

Every Monday Evening

7.30-8.45pm

PRAYER

in the chapel
at

**Emmanuel
Church**

Open to All

Please come and join
us, you will be most
welcome

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS

IN THE COFFEE SHOP AT EMMANUEL WESTON FAVELL CENTRE
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: KATHY NORRIS or JEAN MARKS

It all adds up to

Livability

**Emmanuel is a learning
disability friendly church
everyone welcome**



 CENTRAL
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
ASSEMBLY
Sat June 15
with Beth Allison -Glenny

10am—3.30pm Whaddon Way Church Beaverbrook Ct, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 7JS

What do you call the church service where Jesus' last meal with His apostles is re-enacted? And does it matter what we call it?

Rev Dr Jo White

The word 'Eucharist' comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which is itself a translation of the Hebrew word *berekah*. All three words have the meaning of thanksgiving, or praise for the wonderful works of God. So, we are giving thanks for all that God has done for us and all that Jesus has achieved through His life, death and resurrection.

'Communion', according to the Cambridge dictionary, has the meaning of being in a close relationship with someone in which feelings and thoughts are exchanged. So, at Communion we are together with Christ and with each other.

The term 'The Lord's Table' refers to recalling the last meal that Jesus ate with His apostles, and doing so in remembrance of Him.

There is a lovely invitation which is sometimes used to invite people to come forward to receive the bread and wine which goes along these lines:

*Come to this table,
not because you must but because you may,
Come, when you are fearful, doubtful or in need;
to be held by the God who made you and loves you.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world
with whom Jesus identified himself.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.*

What's important is not so much what we call this act of worship but rather our attitude in accepting this invitation from the Lord Himself.

Come.



Readings at Sunday Services in June

The first two Sundays of June complete our series follow the Resurrection

2nd June Luke 24:44-53

9th June Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21

And a look at where we are headed next: Revisiting the values from Jesus Shaped People

16th June Mark 2:13-17, Romans 12:14-21 - People

23rd June Mark 4:21-34, Acts 18:24-28 - Teaching

30th June Mark 6:1-13, Acts 2:43-47 – Team



Women & Wine
Thursday 20th June
7pm

@ The Quays
Billing Aquadrome
For more info, contact
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RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rectory Farm Primary School
 Olden Road (opposite the local shop)
Sunday service at 10.30 am

BOOTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH



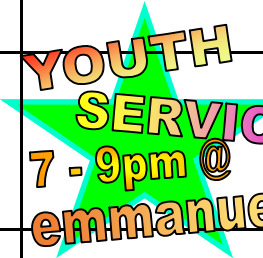
Boothville Community Hall
 Booth Lane North
 (access via the lane by the hairdressers)
Sunday service at 10.30 am

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Weston Favell Centre,
 Billing Brook Road
Sunday service at 10.30 am
Weds Communion at 1.30pm (30 min)
Group Office - Mon - Fri 10 - 2 pm

EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES BILLING BROOK ROAD
 NORTHAMPTON NN3 8JR

Services in June 2019

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH GROUPS
Sunday 2nd	Communion Haydon Spenceley	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Family Worship Phil Snelson	Rectory Farm Praise & Prayer  Emmanuel Own Group
Sunday 9th	ipraise James Fearnley	Communion & Baptism Haydon Spenceley & Maureen Luke	Morning Worship + Junior Church Kris Hatherly + Obi Hez	Rectory Farm Own Group  Emmanuel ipraise
Sunday 16th	Communion Haydon Spenceley James O'Sullivan & Liz Taylor Livability Group (Ground Floor)	Morning Worship David Bell	Family Worship Stuart Jenkins	Rectory Farm & Emmanuel all together @ McDonalds
Sunday 23rd	Café church Peter Angus	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion + Junior Church Haydon Spenceley & Liz Taylor	 YOUTH SERVICE 7 - 9pm @ emmanuel
Sunday 30th	Communion Phil Snelson	To be arranged	Morning Worship Peter Angus + Kris Hatherly	

and - COMMUNION EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME at 1.30pm