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BOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES

NOVEMBER

Hello everyone, welcome to November.

I hope you are all having a good month so far. How many shopping days are left until Christmas? Probably best not to ask,! So instead, here's another question:

Have you read or heard Jesus's prayer in John 17 recently?

You might already be thinking, even as you read the question, 'goodness, the Vicar's not messing around this month is he', but hang in there with me.

As we've been thinking about prayer over the last couple of months, one of the key things that has come back to me again and again is trying to pray myself, and how to encourage us to all to pray in ways that are effective. If we're going to pray, there needs to be a point to it, otherwise why bother? Why go on about it so much? I hope that you've enjoyed our focus so far and that it has encouraged you, most of all, to think about praying yourself.



John 17 is a long prayer. Jesus is saying these things, I think, for two reasons. One is that He wants them to happen. A good reason to pray.

Secondly, He says them in this way, in this moment because He wants those who have become His followers, and His friends over time, and have seen Him go through so much; To hear His hopes, His vision, His deep desire for the way that people who call themselves His followers and friends are going to live.

A lot of us have prayed out loud, things that we want those around us to hear. Go on, admit it. We do it with the best of intentions, mostly because we think if people heard the heart behind what we're saying, we would all be more likely to be moving along in the right direction. In the right circumstances it

can be really helpful. In the wrong ones it can be very bad, verging on abusive. We must be careful. Fortunately, Jesus prays a lot of things that are going to help His friends and followers in the future. You'll have to read the whole chapter to get the whole picture. I'd recommend it.

Jesus prays that His followers might be one, as He and the Father are one (verse 21) and just in case we don't understand what that means - and we would be forgiven if we didn't - He follows it up with 'as you are in me Father and I am in you'. And still further, '...and may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.'

JESUS WANTS HIS FOLLOWERS TO BE AS CLOSE, AS UNIFIED, AS SURE IN SHARED PURPOSE AND VISION AS JESUS AND THE FATHER ARE THEMSELVES.

If you've ever found yourself unsure about prayer, or about the point of Church, or why we call ourselves 'A family of faith where there's always room for one more', I think this helps to explain it. Jesus wants His followers to be as close, as unified, as sure in shared purpose and vision as Jesus and the Father are themselves.

Doesn't this blow your mind a little bit?

We know that Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing. We know that He did all He could to follow the instructions He was given. To proclaim freedom, release, healing, life, the year of the Lord's favour and that people long forgotten about would themselves rebuild the forgotten places of the world - which God had not forgotten about, even if people had done.

GOD IS NOT DISTANT. HE IS IN US. WE ARE IN HIM IF WE PUT OUR TRUST IN HIM AND FOLLOW HIS LEAD. THAT SHOULD, AT THE VERY LEAST, MAKE US A HOPE-FILLED BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO ARE KEEN TO SHARE GOOD NEWS AND BE GOOD NEWS.

We know this stuff and we know that times of prayer, of speaking and listening to God, were key to all of this. Jesus wants us to be as 'one' in our purpose of sharing the good news as that. And more than that, Jesus

seeks for those who follow Him to be 'in' God.

I think we don't focus on this enough. The relationship, the foundation of our life together that we are offered as we follow God, is one of being as close to God as Jesus and the Father are to each other.

This is a deep and knotty theological subject, but I want to simply say here that if we knew how close we were invited to be to God, wouldn't that increase our confidence a little bit as we went to Him in prayer? God is not distant. He is in us. We are in Him if we put our trust in Him and follow His lead. That should, at the very least, make us a hope-filled bunch of people who are keen to share good news and be good news.

Before I go, a few things,...

Firstly, welcome to Micha and Katrin, who have joined us from Germany until just before Christmas, as they prepare for a life of mission in Bangladesh. They will be involved in lots of bits of Church life over the next few weeks, so do speak to them if you get the chance, perhaps invite them for dinner....

Secondly, a note of thanks to Jo Alderman, who has stood down from the post of Foodbank Manager over the last couple of weeks. Jo has done a fabulous job during her time here and we pray for her, that God will guide her as she moves into what is next. Thanks too to those who are working on finding a replacement for her.

Thirdly, have a look at The Edge Network.
<https://www.theedge.org.uk/edge-network>

I enjoyed being at the launch of this recently. It looks to be an exciting opportunity for Churches like ours to partner with others around the country who work with those who live on estates. I'm looking forward to seeing how this develops. Partnerships are the way forward in seeking to serve God, people and communities and this one looks to be very good indeed.

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www.emmgroupp.org.uk



‘We have a great new website. You can find it at www.emmgroupp.org.uk - a lot of people have worked very hard on this, from the initial idea which began two years ago. Sometimes things take a long time!

We are working on the final elements of it now, but it is online. So do go and have a look, update your bookmarks and share the address with others.

We are also in the process of improving our communications.

To this end, we have invested in ChurchSuite, a great piece of software which will enable you to keep up with Church life through an app on your smartphone or on your laptop.

Linda Withers and Kevin Potter have been working very hard on this. Thank you to them. We will have more info about how you can join in with this soon. For those of you who prefer a pen and paper, don’t worry, these will never go out of style!

Haydon

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Lastly, I want to thank you for the remarkable generosity those of you who give financially to our Church have shown this year. I can never get over how faithful so many people are in choosing to give back to God what He has given to us. Your gifts provide a little over half of what our annual budget needs in terms of income. Thank you.

If you’re not giving at the moment, might I ask you to prayerfully think about whether the start of 2020 might be a good time to begin? Your giving will help us share the good news of Jesus with more people. That’s ultimately what it’s all about. We’re not just trying to keep a building open, we’re trying to grow a family of faith, a kingdom of love and grace, in the power of the Spirit, in union with Christ and to the glory of God the Father.

Have a great month.

Haydon

Armistice Concert & Act of Remembrance

Saturday November 9th

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - £11.00

The concert series set in the world famous Round at the 1100AD church usually includes an Armistice concert and moving “Act of Remembrance” in recognition of the 6000 plus officers and men of the Northamptonshires who made the ultimate sacrifice in the two great wars. “We Will Remember Them” features the national award winning Northampton Concert Band who played to a sell-out audience just recently. The moving “Act of Remembrance” features the reading of collects, laying of a wreath, piper Alan McIlravie, cadets and more.

We operate a free refreshment facility from 6.30 pm in the parish rooms followed by performance at 7.30pm in the church.

For further information please contact:

Contact: John Kightley MBE

Email: crusader.round@btinternet.com

01604 754782

David Bell's... Boothville Diary



On Sunday 20th October some of my own family and friends, joined with my Boothville family for our morning service, which was followed by a celebration buffet.

And what were we celebrating?? The birthday of a very old man!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever

Psalm 118 v 29



Let us Pray Together

Everlasting God, who leads his people in every age, to places where we are called to be community together, make us mindful of those places in our own communities that are subject to fear, violence and rejection.

Equip us by your Holy Spirit to share your love, peace and acceptance with all. May we learn to love one another as ourselves, living as neighbours were intended to and joining our prayers together.

Everlasting God set us free. Amen.



David enlists some help, in the shape of his little granddaughter, Maja; to blow out the candles on his cake



**Feeding the
five thousand ?**

Room for One More

This is the talk that I would have been sharing with our congregations, so instead I've written it for you to read.

We continue to live in such a challenging area, and the community in which we serve is really struggling. We try to reach them but don't always know how to. You may have seen the 'Welcome to Northampton East Churches' cards being delivered in different areas of Northampton East and we pray that people will look at the different websites to see what goes on locally and join in activities or services.

I'm sure you've heard of FISH, but just in case you haven't, it stands for Food and Fun In School Holidays.

We started in October 2017 providing food and entertainment for families, one lunchtime a week, in each week of the school holidays. We have been so blessed by the numbers coming, often feeding over 100 people each week; all served by our wonderful volunteers from our local churches and beyond. We have served more than 1700 meals in the 20 times we have run it and now are expanding with another FISH at Brookside community centre on Mondays of school holidays.

I've been going along to the council as an alleged 'expert' on food poverty with the intention of finding a way forward; in particular about school holiday hunger. Please pray that the right outcomes are found, to help those in our community.

We are continually looking for ways to go beyond foodbank and, although we pray that ultimately there won't be a need for foodbanks, some of the people who use the foodbank need support in more ways than just food. We would like to offer help to people with managing their finances and are looking to set up a debt centre. Volunteers will work in pairs to help people to clear their debt. The volunteers don't need to be financial whizzes because training is available. But they should be good listeners; and have a reasonable grasp of their own finances. If you want to know more please speak to me, we are looking to get 4/5 people on board.

We are always looking for newbies to join our foodbank team. There are lots of roles available, packing, reception and referrers on a Wednesday, which is our main foodbank serving day.

We also need people on Tuesdays when we sort and date the food that is donated over the week and on Fridays, when we repack the boxes we emptied on Wednesday.

Our foodbank continues to be really busy, serving and packing about 40 parcels a week, so you can see why we need more people to help.

Here is a quick whizz round some other things we are running at the minute, or about to happen.

I now run a board games cafe.

It is open to anyone, and we spend time talking and playing cards, dominos or board games. We tend to play easier games, then we can all join in. It runs in Café Emm between 2 & 3:30, on the first and third Mondays of the month. The weekly drop-in, called Coffee, Cake and Chat, continues at Brookside Hub each Thursday.

I really would appreciate prayers that more new people will come along to both the board games café and Coffee cake and Chat. You hear much about social isolation, or people having nothing to do. and so we try to provide opportunities for people to socialise and join in activities. We pray people are able to find out about the different groups.

On a Friday, I help at a youth group called Rzone at Rectory Farm It is a youth club for 8-13's

run by the church. It runs every Friday during term time from 5pm for just an hour. We need new helpers to join our team. Please contact me if you are interested.



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

On October 31st from 5:30pm, we are running a Family Film Night. We will be watching the new Aladdin whilst eating popcorn and pizza! - All for just £1.

We are back at the Lumbertubs Pub on Thursday 12th December for what is becoming our annual Christmas sing along with Boothville Community Choir, and on 24th December, we are also part of Elwes Arms celebrations from 8pm.

Finally, (honestly) I'd like to let you know about the pastoral care training.

I am now in the second year of the training. It's been quite a journey, with re-learning how to learn. Some of the topics and studies have been challenging but I know it will be worth it in the end. God is guiding me through the training, which is for pastoral care service in our community.

I've titled this, 'Always room for one more'. When I reflect what has happened in my role, I give thanks for those who offer their help through volunteering, and pray for more people who may be able to help others in our community and for ways for us to advertise what we run so that isolated people, in particular, are aware and able to come and join in.

Paul

Weston Favell Centre has asked us to be part of their Christmas Parade on Saturday 16th November. It is a good opportunity for us to show the real meaning of Christmas, and promote Christmas services in our group and other churches nearby. We are looking for people to dress up as nativity characters; we have the clothes already just need the people on the day. Need to be at Emmanuel about 12pm.

We are running a joint Messy Christmas with other churches again on Saturday 7th December in our foodbank storeroom (previously New Look), it's a great way to show the stories of Christmas in crafts, stories and videos. It runs from 10-12.

Paul

October 31st
From 5:30

Family Film Night

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Includes Pizza
Popcorn
Drinks

Disney
Aladdin

£1 per person to cover food

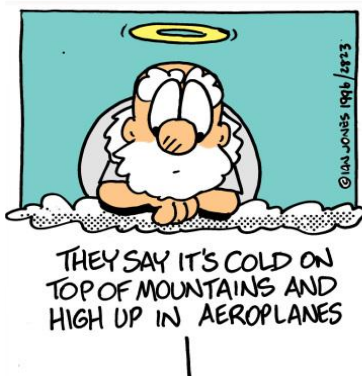



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Sunrise and Sunset

(A meditation by Deacon Angie Allport)

There are two very special moments each day - sunrise and sunset. Let us focus on these for a moment..

Take the sun's rising; having extinguished the stars, ever so slowly and gently, it eases itself over the rim of the world.

Up, up it comes from the great beyond, scattering light and radiating heat to the earth. We are amazed at how large it appears. It is at its largest when it sits on the horizon, joining heaven and earth. It seems to pose there fleetingly before it starts to climb the sky and get on with the business of the day.

And take the sun's setting. Down, down it goes. Its rate of departure can be measured by the fading light and waning heat. As it retreats, it appears to grow in size once more and is again at its largest when it meets the horizon.

As at its coming, so at its going, it seems to pose briefly on the edge of the world. Then, re-lighting the stars, it slips slowly and silently away into the great beyond from whence it came.

Just as sunrise and sunset are very special moments in the day, so birth and death are very special moments in the life of a human being. At these moments, we realise that a person is absolutely unique. At birth, something comes into being that never was before. At death, something passes away that will never be on earth again.

People seem larger to us at these two moments, when we get a glimpse of their true worth and their gifts. There is something sacred about birth and death. Heaven and earth are joined together. Each person is a mystery; each person is a gift from God.



Songs and Prayers at Westminster

Six hundred people, including MPs, peers and Christian leaders, met in Westminster Hall on a summer's morning, to sing worship songs and pray as Bishop Sarah Mullally spoke about valuing those who hold opposite opinions. This prayer by SNP MP David Linden is worth sharing:

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for the amazing opportunity to gather here this morning to worship and proclaim your great name and give thanks for our salvation, paid for by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And Lord, at this time, we pray for our politics, both here in Westminster and right across these islands.

"Give us wisdom, God, to make wise decisions about our nations' futures, and guide us to decisions which are just and fair. Lord, help us to demonstrate a positive Christ-like witness as we seek to navigate the tricky waters of Brexit and with our domestic politics. And for those of us who already know you passionately, Lord, I pray that we would disagree well and do so with grace and brotherly love. And Lord, help us to speak truth in power and make decisions which are not for the convenience of merely today or political expediency but instead, help us to make decisions which improve people's lives and advance your kingdom here on Earth. God, I ask that you would use these volatile times to cause people to reflect on where they draw encouragement from. We pray Lord that these too would come to know and love you and recognise the immense sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen."

An elderly, retired vicar was beginning to feel his age, so he arranged to see his doctor for a general review of his health. On entering the consulting room, and after exchanging greetings, the vicar said to the doctor, "Well now, how do I stand?" The doctor paused and then said, "That is what's is puzzling me!"



Women & Wine

**Thursday 21st November
7pm**

@ The Quays

Billing Aquadrome

For more info, contact

Jo on 07841 578746

What's in a Food Parcel?

Foodbanks provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable tinned and dried foods that have been donated by the local community. Trussell Trust have worked with nutritionists to develop a food parcel that contains sufficient nutrition for adults and children, for at least three days of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families. It is only supposed to be to fill a stop gap, not as their main means of shopping.

Without your continued help we could not carry on with this very worthy cause so please give generously and **make a difference now.**

Ways to Give

We don't think anyone should have to go hungry in the UK, but we need your help to make this happen. Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives. We couldn't do what we do without your support. **Please join us to help stop UK hunger.**

Make a One-Off or Regular Donation



Make a single donation using a cheque or by cash handing it at the Emmanuel Church office, or you can download a standing order mandate from either the Emmanuel Church/Foodbank website and follow the directions for giving, also you can donate money via the foodbank page on facebook and follow the local giving.



INTRODUCING



The Reverse Advent Calendar

Get an empty box. Starting on 15th November until 15th December add an item each day to your box and then bring the box to church on 15th or take it to foodbank as soon as possible after that. **So instead of getting a little chocolate, you get the joy of giving!**



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A Little Extra Help at Christmas. . .



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to the box and then donate to a food bank or a family in need.



We will be happy to receive any of our usual items but Christmas items would be great too.

Cereal	Granulated Sugar
Tinned/Packet Soup	Vegetable Oil
Tinned Tomatoes	Sponge Pudding
Baked Beans	Instant Mash
Tinned Spaghetti	Long life Fruit juice
Pasta/Curry Sauces	Squash
Pasta (500-2kg bags)	Microwave rice/pasta
Rice (500-2kg bags)	Toilet Rolls
Tinned Vegetables	Washing up liquid
Tinned Meat	Washing powder/pods
Tinned Fish	Custard
Tinned Fruit	Tin Rice Pud, Jam, Salt
UHT Milk	Biscuits, Tea Bags, Coffee
Cat/Dog food	Toiletries (for male & female)

Mince Pies
Christmas Pudding
Box of Biscuits
Box of Chocolates

Tinned Ham/Meat
Christmas Cake
Children's Selection Box
Other festive goodies

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.

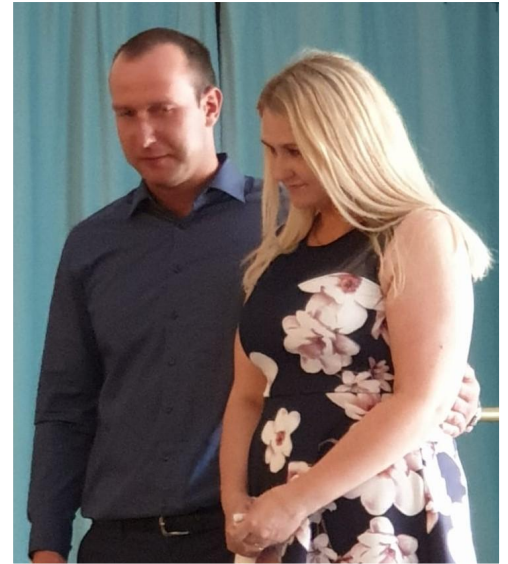
School Pastors are based in the afternoon around schools in the Weston Favell area.

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



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Above: Thomas and Vada receive a blessing on their wedding, from Haydon.

Left: Haydon praying with Thomas

Haydon Spenceley and James Fearnley conducted a joyful morning service on Sunday 6th October, when Vada and Thomas came for a blessing on their wedding and brought their little daughter Emily to be christened. It was a lovely family occasion.

At the end of the service, the youth group led by Lewis Foster, pictured below, showed us a video and told us about their experience at 'Spree' a Christian camping weekend



Here is Emily with her parents and Godparents Marina and Harroger



Emily is christened



Emmanuel; God with us



Hello

We are Katrin & Micha Ulmer from Germany.

In the last two years we lived in Karlsruhe. Micha was a pastor and Katrin a social worker for the homeless.

In the church we ran different kinds of groups. Micha mainly preached a lot at services, bible studies and house groups. Katrin started to work with young women, did devotions for seniors and we visited a lot of people.

In the work with the homeless she managed and helped people to get back into normal lifestyle. Sometimes it worked to get them into a job and a flat.

On the 3rd October 2019 we arrived in Northampton. We are planning to stay until the 20th December. We work in the Emmanuel Group of Churches in various places. Mostly we help in the coffee shop both in practical tasks and in talking with people. Other activities are the foodbank, the youth groups, house groups etc.

On the whole we want to improve our English, learn from another church through new experiences and be a pleasure for the people around us.

In March we will go on a long term mission trip to Bangladesh with the Liebenzeller Mission. The time we spend here in England will prepare us for the different tasks in Bangladesh. We are very thankful to be here, to God, to the church and to the people here.

Lovely greetings from
Katrin & Micha

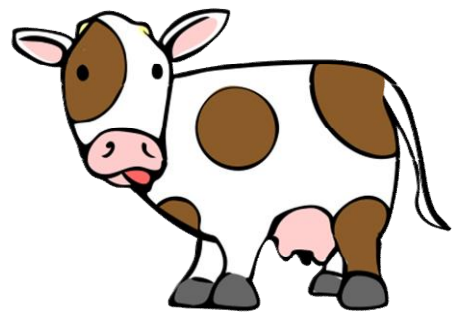
A young minister arrived at a country church for the first time and found only an old farmer, dressed in his Sunday best, had turned up.

After waiting for a few minutes, the young minister said, "It appears no one else is coming, so we should probably cancel the service today."

The old man replied, "Well minister, I don't know much about preachin', but I know a bit about farmin' and if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I'd still feed it."

The young minister was happy to oblige and he preached enthusiastically for almost 45 minutes.

Before leaving, the old farmer said, "As I say, I don't know much about preachin', but I do know somethin' about farmin' and if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I wouldn't let it have the whole bale!"



Men's pie & pint



**Thursday 7th November
7.30pm at
The Lumbertubs Pub**



SUNDAY

10.30am

BLAST

junior church for 4 - 18 years
+
creche for under 4's

@ emmanuel
on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month

Jamout

if you're secondary school age.
😊

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AGE 14+

BIBLE STUDY



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is a free youth group for ages 8 - 13

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

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www.rfnorthampton.org.uk/r-zone

want to know more?...

- call Mell on 402150 (church office)

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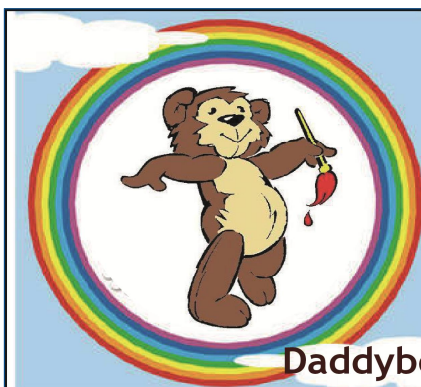
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REGULAR GIVING

If you give regularly to the work of The Emmanuel Group, please consider giving via the envelope scheme and, if you pay income tax... 'Gift-aid' it so that we can 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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**A PRAYER GATHERING FOR NORTHAMPTON
CHURCH LEADERS**
Thursday Nov 7th
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
8.30 -9.30
Tel: 01604 516809

Northampton Prophetic Forum Training

at W5 Church, nr St Giles, Town Centre,
 Northampton, Thursday 7th November at
 7.30pm

(More details below)

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NORTHAMPTON PROPHETIC FORUM TRAINING

James Kato has a BSc in Food Science & Technology. Having come into saving faith at the age of 12, he started preaching at the age of 16.

Today he is a sought after preacher, Bible teacher, conference speaker and minister of healing and wholeness in the power of the Holy Spirit. James has been specially gifted by God as a communicator and encourager with charismatic gifts of words of knowledge, healings and prophecy, solidly rooted in his mastery of the Scriptures. He serves on several boards and networks in Uganda, South African and the United Kingdom, as a spiritual father, mentor and trainer for pastors and lay leaders.

This is an evening not to be missed. We have known James over 10 years and he is a man of integrity and humility. We know you will be blessed as the Lord uses James to minister.

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News from Angelika

My dear friends,

Now I am a good month in Burundi and I am so grateful for all your questions and prayers - nothing is in vain! Therefore I would like to send you from time to time my "prayer journey" and it should not only give you "prayer work", but also bring you joy to simply be in God's presence.

With loving grateful prayer greetings, Angelika.

It is not so easy in the abundance of the new experiences that the soul comes to rest with God. Again and again God invites me:

"Come, just sit down with me. I want to give you rest".

- I am happy to be able to start in a protected environment with the Biskup missionary family here in Burundi.

- I am happy to be able to talk to people on the street about Jesus (advantage that you are white - you are always addressed on the street).

- The joy of getting to know different people and their backgrounds - whether women on the market, in social projects, young adults in the different churches that I have visited to get to know and pray for.

- The joy of having people around me who can explain cultural issues to me and help me to understand.

- Joy that God encourages me so much again and again in His special way, through His Word, through other people. It touches me to be allowed to see his love in it.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6+7

- From Sunday 29/09/2019 I will be in Bukeye until the end of December. A place that lies in the interior of the country. The aim is to learn the language (Kirundi) as much as possible and to dive into the Burundi culture to understand it better. Missionaries from other missionary organisations work there.

- What place has God prepared after the experience of the interior? In the international, lively and active church - CLM - there are many possibilities.

- The question of where I will live afterwards is also connected with this.

- To keep my gaze on Jesus - HIS beauty, HIS glory, HIS holiness, HIS all-sufficiency - no matter what the feelings are.

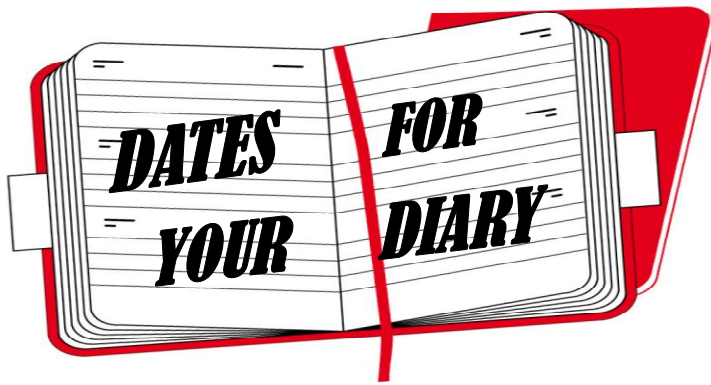
- Every day is different and every day new to hear in dependence on Jesus: "Jesus, what have you prepared today, what should I learn today, be present or do something, where I have to step in?"

- To learn more and more what it means to love in humility.

- For the country of Burundi with its many young people and with its often "sleeping" legacy of genocide - for peace - for forgiveness - for restoration.

HE is doing it!

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7



Great Billing Methodist Church

You are invited to

A PRAYER BREAKFAST
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.

+ Reflective mornings at Great Billing

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

Chatsworth House Hotel 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

CHRISTMAS GIFT

& FOOD FAIR 2019

At Ely Cathedral Saturday November 16th

Over 120 bespoke trade stalls are located in the Cathedral's magnificent nave, its famous Lady Chapel and a heated marquee in the beautiful Cathedral grounds. This high profile event, inside one of Cambridgeshire's most iconic venues, makes Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair a perfect day out. **Cost: £16.50.**

Day Trips 2020

Easton Walled Gardens Lincolnshire on Wednesday May 20th

the cost is £20.00 original gardens plus several walled enclosures, glass houses fine trees, turf maze, yew tunnel and much more.

Gloucester/ Warwick steam railway on Saturday June 27th

cost is £32.00 Adults £31.50 OAPs visiting Toddington station to catch a steam train at 10.30am a shop, engine sheds and cafe a most enjoyable journey.

Tewkesbury on Saturday 25th July cost £15.00 extraordinary riverside medieval shopping town, plus a market and a town that enters the Britian in Bloom.

Weston Super Mare on Saturday August 29th cost £18.00 a

great seaside resort with plenty of things to do plus the wonderful sand sculptures, big wheel and plenty of shops.

Lincoln on Saturday September 12th cost is £15.00 where you

can visit the Cathedral for around £8.00 or take in the many shops in the quirky streets and shopping centres.

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.

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

the association for
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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
27th OCT
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

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

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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 November 2019

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH GROUPS
Sunday 3rd	Communion Liz Bateman	Morning Worship Haydon Spenceley	Morning Worship Stuart + Julie Goodlad	Rectory Farm Praise & Prayer Emmanuel Own Group
Sunday 10th	Remembrance Haydon Spenceley + The iPraise Team	Remembrance + Communion Doug Spenceley + Maureen Luke	All Age Remembrance + Communion Kris Hatherly + Ken Clark	Rectory Farm Own Group Emmanuel ipraise
Sunday 17th	Communion Phil Snelson	Morning Worship David Bell + Stuart Jenkins	Morning Worship James Fearnley	Rectory Farm & Emmanuel all together @ McDonalds
Sunday 24th	Emmanuel Boothville Rectory Farm Joint Service Debra Green (ROC The Message Trust) Preparing for Advent—Haydon Spenceley			YOUTH SERVICE 7 - 9pm @ emmanuel

and - **COMMUNION EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME at 1.30pm**