

# B E R T

BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES

## Has anyone seen my tea?

Dear friends,

Welcome to February. Doesn't Christmas already seem like a distant memory? So much can happen in a month. I hope 2019 has been great for you so far. It has been such a delight for me to see our Church starting the year well, thankful to God, welcoming new people and engaging with the community that we've been invited to love and to serve. Couldn't be better really!

I usually waffle on in these pieces. I thought I would take the novel approach of being succinct and to the point this month. Let's see how it goes by the end. As is often the way, there's a lot to tell you about.

Firstly, looking back on Christmas, I want to thank so many of you who worked so hard to help us remember the coming of Christ in various ways. In the week prior to Christmas, I myself had the enormous joy and privilege of seeing something in the region of 2500 people the Christmas story and the good news of Jesus in various ways. In the same week, the Foodbank fed 416 people. I find this sobering and startling. Well done to the team who worked so hard and in such good spirits. We are currently feeding somewhere in the region of 100 people a week through this work.

If we all were to think about the number of people we see over the course of a month and either talked about the love of God to some of them, or showed people something of God's love in how we live, or the kind of people we are, imagine the gift that can be. I was brought up way short by the thought of how many people I'd seen that week, it's a huge number. My role here is such a privilege. But it's God who does the good work of offering life, hope, peace and joy to people who, on the basis of a lot of conversations I and I know others have in the course of our work, feel unloved, unlovable and lonely. We have much to do this year. We do it in the strength and power of Jesus Christ, or it won't work.

And so, I want to ask you to pray. Pray, pray, pray, pray. Whether you find it easy or hard, exciting or boring, please pray. Build spending time praying into your day, your week, your month. God wants to hear from us and He wants to speak to us. He wants to bless us and He wants to direct us. He wants to equip us and He wants to challenge us. All of that happens when we pray. It helps us gain an idea of the direction we move in and the right choices to make. It's a big deal. You have a part to play, whether you think you're good at it or not. And if you think you get answers (you will), tell us. I'd love to hear, and I know the other members of our team and the wider Church would too. So, here's a list of things that I wanted to let you know about.

Recently, Martin, James (interns) and I were invited to Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to attend the

launch event for the Gr:ACE Project, which is being run by Church Urban Fund and Theos Think Tank. We've been visited twice over the last few months by Hannah, the researcher on the project, and some of what she found when visiting us was included in their initial findings. We also happened to attend on Martin's birthday, so hopefully that's a birthday he won't forget! The project is visiting somewhere between 60-75 of the 16,000 Churches associated with the Church of England. It is quite a privilege for us to be involved in this and for the story of our Church and community to be heard as part of research which is aiming to work out how Churches can best engage with their communities. I have to admit to being somewhat disappointed that my cup of tea got stolen, though!

On the subject of Martin, his last service with us will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. He has been an enormous asset to us over the last few months and very much feels part of the family. I am hugely grateful to God and to Martin. Please do take the time to spend at least a few minutes with him before he leaves (for now, I'm sure he will be back), or better still invite him for dinner.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a special day for us as Paula Gooder, a hugely gifted Bible scholar and communicator of the love of God, will be visiting Emmanuel. We'll be having a joint service that day. I mention it now so that you can have time to plan. We will be following Paula's excellent Journey to the Empty Tomb book through Lent and as we move towards Easter following her visit too. I am very excited about this. Do join us if you can, especially if you usually use joint services as an opportunity for a Sunday off (who would do that?). Even if you've not heard of Paula before, you don't want to miss this.

In the next little while, we plan to have a review of the pattern of services we run in our Churches. It might be that as we do this, we find that nothing changes, or it might be that some things do. I am not aware of a review, formal or otherwise, having taken place since I joined nearly five years ago, so it feels like it's about time!

Looking even further ahead, to Easter Day (April 21<sup>st</sup>), we will be offering baptism by immersion at Emmanuel. Stuart, my new and already highly-valued colleague, is putting together a preparation programme for anyone who might be interested. You have some time to think and pray about whether this might be the time to make a public declaration of your faith, if you haven't before. It'd be great if you took the step this April. Do contact me, or the Church Office if you'd like to know more.

Have a great February.

Every blessing

Haydon

*In the 1960s, it was said UK entry to the “Common Market” would mark the end of a thousand years of British history. Fast-forwarding to 2019, the clock is now ticking rapidly towards the end of British membership of the European Union. Where are we, and where are we going on Brexit?*

The UK has decided to leave the EU. It's the choice made in the June 2016 referendum, whatever you think about the campaign and the result (and many UK citizens in my diocese didn't get to vote). The UK Government started the clock to withdraw from the EU. It's suggested by some that the EU somehow is choosing not to deal with the UK; but the EU waited for two years before the UK proposed, last summer, what kind of future relationship it wants. Meanwhile, the EU's Court of Justice has said, last December, that the UK can decide not to withdraw from the EU.

The other 27 EU countries have remained together and largely united during the Brexit negotiations. The Irish Border issue shows this clearly. Avoiding a new hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic goes to the heart of the Good Friday agreement, which has led to peace, security and reconciliation for 20 years. It's also about what customs arrangements there will be between a Northern Ireland that continues to be close to EU rules, and the rest of a UK that may want to break with them in future.

The UK Government concluded a Withdrawal Agreement with the rest of the EU last November. The UK Government, under acute domestic pressure in Parliament to re-open discussions about the terms of the Agreement, now says it needs further clarifications and reassurances about the Irish Border text. Ireland and the rest of the EU are saying repeatedly they will offer to clarify but are not prepared to re-write the Agreement.

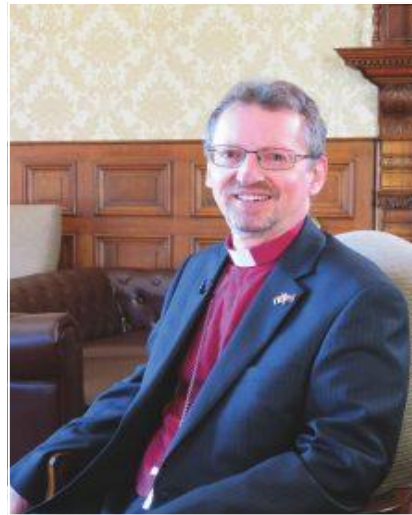
### **The UK has Brexit (and post-Brexit) choices**



Parliament is expected to vote on Brexit on 15 January. The UK Government maintains the vote on the PM's November deal next week, deferred from December, is the only way to avoid no deal.

As a bishop based in Brussels, with a diocese that stretches across the EU and beyond, I remain perplexed. We were told 'no deal is better than a bad deal', then we were told that 'no deal' was the worst of all worlds, and now we are again being told to prepare for 'no deal'.

If you are in my diocese, 'deal or no deal' slogans mean everything in terms of your basic rights to live in your chosen country, receive health care and draw a pension. There's been no genuine consideration of future relationship options the EU has put on the table a year ago, e.g., a variant on Norway. Leaving the EU without a deal will lose our largest trading relationship. What's the alternative vision and future for us in the world on trade, prosperity, peace and security?



**Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes is the Anglican Bishop in Europe.**

He writes on Brexit at <https://bishopineurope.wordpress.com> and tweets at @Bishop\_Europe

### **The Church is here to stay in Europe beyond Brexit**

Amid all this Brexit confusion, I was delighted that The House of Bishops issued a statement before Christmas, urging our political leaders to work together across tribal divisions, exhorting them to speak to each other and to us with integrity, courage and clarity. The Diocese in Europe, the 42<sup>nd</sup> in the Church of England, has a presence right across the European continent. We have over 300 chaplaincies, from Iceland in the north, to Turkey in the east. We maintain close relationships with our brothers and sisters in other Christian Churches in Europe. And we will continue to campaign in the European Institutions on key issues of human rights, migration and freedom of religious expression and belief.

The UK may be set to leave the EU after 45 years: Anglicans have been in Europe for over 400 and will remain here.

In the 1975 referendum, the campaign lobby to get the UK out of the EEC used the slogan 'Out, and into the world'. The real risk we face without a deal is that the UK will be just 'out' ...

## **Bishops call for a change of tone on Brexit debate**

The Church of England bishops who recently met in London made the following statement:

'The bishops of the Church of England pray for national unity – and courage, integrity and clarity for our politicians. We call on the country to consider the nature of our public conversation. It is time to bring grace and generosity back to our national life.

'At the heart of the Christian message is Jesus' command to love our neighbour. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree – at home, in Europe, and further afield. We urge everyone – our political leaders and all of us – to bring magnanimity, respect and reconciliation to our national debate.

'There is now an urgent need for the United Kingdom to recover a shared vision and identity to help us find a way through the immediate challenges.

'Regardless of what happens next with Brexit, the Church of England, alongside many other churches and other agencies striving for the common good, will be at the heart of local communities; educating one million children, providing 33,000 social action projects and running 16,000 churches across the country. Above all else, we will continue to support the most vulnerable and share Christ's love with all.'

# David Bell's... Boothville Diary



Well, Christmas is over, the decorations have been packed away and it's all over for another year... But at Boothville Community Church we have many fond memories of the wonderful services that took place over the Christmas period, celebrating the true Christmas story together and the children with us.

We are reminded that whilst commercially we are encouraged to think 'BIG' about the gifts we give, let us never forget the greatest gift of all..... JesuS.

We wanted to involve as many of the congregation as possible in our Carol Service. One way was for them to bring the Nativity characters to the front one by one and place them on the Altar to form a Nativity Scene. On checking we found that our angel had gone missing.

Marilyn told us that she was going bring her Granddaughter Alice who had been an angel in her school nativity play, and still had the outfit.

What a blessing, how special the spectacle, especially with members of the family there to enjoy every moment. The joyful service continued as we joined with the angels in praising together the coming of Christ.



Alice with Marilyn at the carol service



"How hard it was for me to find you  
the perfect gift.  
I had looked everywhere and  
considered every idea until I had an  
epiphany and felt as wise as the magi.  
For my gift would be simple,  
For my gift would be honest.  
How hard it was for me to wrap  
myself neatly and feign sobriety.  
Yet, how easy it was for you  
to pull the ribbon and uncover me.  
Exposing, my fears.  
Exposing, my desires.  
How hard it was for me to gift myself  
to you.  
Yet, how easy it was for you to make  
me undone."



**Cast your care,  
Leave it there,  
Don't regret,  
Just forget.  
Storms will cease,  
Keep your peace.  
To fully live,  
You MUST forgive.**

**Jim at Boothville**



*Debt haunts so many families these days. David Pickup, a solicitor, offers some advice on how to deal with it.*

## Plan your way out of personal debt

*'... making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'* (Isaiah 43:19)

The bills left over from Christmas are still coming through your letterbox with a thud. You can recognise which are bills before you open them, and your heart sinks.

Many people have debts which they struggle with and which they cannot control. Such debts can lead to relationship problems and ill health, and in time, ruin your whole life. Meanwhile, it is very tempting to leave the post unopened. But then the phone calls start, and soon some of your debtors are threatening you. Here are some suggestions to cope with this.

Be honest with yourself and those closest to you.

Get help.

Do not borrow more to pay off debts, because you end up in a spiral of debt.

Check if you are being hounded for debts that are not yours, or are over six years old.

Are you being unfairly treated? It is illegal to harass anyone in debt. That could include persistent telephone calls or turning up at your house.

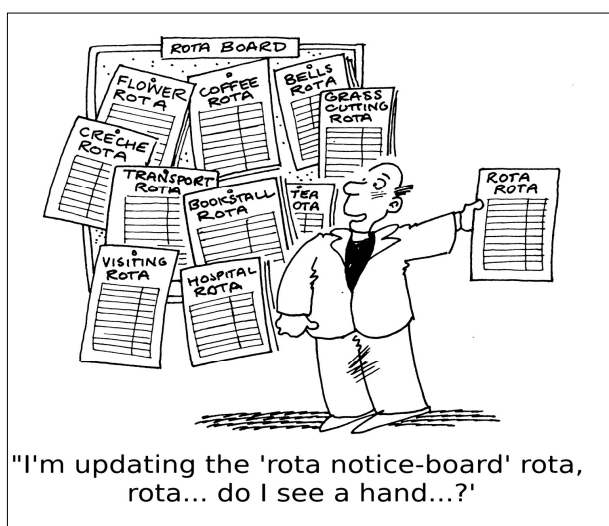
Make a budget. Prioritise - sort out essentials. Get advice about increasing your income and cutting expenditure.

Manage family expectations. There is often pressure on you to spend too much on holidays, Christmas and birthdays.

Start a savings plan with a credit union, even if it is just a pound a week.

You can get help from money and other advice agencies. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a Christian organisation which does very good work.

*Get proper advice, as soon as you can!*



## The Bible Verse of 2018

Bible app, YouVersion, has named Isaiah 41:10 as the most popular verse of 2018.

That verse has been posted, bookmarked, and highlighted more times than any other on the app (which has been downloaded more than 350,000 times around the world).

Isaiah 41:10 reads: 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'

The verse also came top in Chile, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Spain and the United States.

But in the UK, for 2018, we preferred Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'



**Next month you will see a lot of daffodils about – Marie Curie daffodils. It's the charity's annual Great Daffodil Appeal, which runs in March each year.**

The appeal is urgently needed, for as the charity explains, one in four people currently don't receive the care and support that they need at the end of their life. And with the population getting older, demand on the charity's services is set to increase.

**Could you help?** Marie Curie is currently looking for volunteers to give two hours of their time next month, to help hand out the daffodil pins in return for donations. If you've got two hours to spare, then joining the Great Daffodil Appeal is a good way to support people in real need.

Marie Curie has long cared for people with terminal cancer, but nowadays the charity also cares for people with *any* terminal illness. That includes dementia, heart or lung disease, and neurological conditions like motor neurone disease.

Marie Curie has a range of services to help. These include Nurses that give one-to-one expert care to people at home, nine hospices offering inpatient and outpatient care, spiritual and bereavement support, and, a free telephone support line. The charity also funds research and campaigns.

More details about volunteering at:

[www.mariecurie.org.uk/collect](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/collect) or call free on 0800 304 7025. If you would like help from Marie Curie, talk to your GP, district nurse or call the charity's free telephone Support Line on 0800 090 2309.



## PRAYER and PRAISE at RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH



Keith Holland - Delamere opened the service with prayers for the world and in particular Brazil, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Latvia, United Kingdom, and Nigeria. There are members of our congregation who come from these countries, and there were heartfelt prayers for the issues and problems that these countries are struggling with.

The Children and young people were asked to draw something to pray for in their own community. The pictures show us the great artistic talents of these children.

In the meantime, adults, put their prayer requests on the Map of Rectory Farm Community to pray for at a local level. We finished by praying for one aspect for each other.

This was an all-inclusive service covering a multi-national community, and an all age group ranging from just a few weeks right through to our more senior members, who worshipped, prayed, praised and gave thanks to the same God together.





# Community Care Update

## February 2019

### Community Care Update – February

Hi everyone, hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. First of all a quick update on what happened over Christmas then onto this year...

It feels as if I spent a lot of time in pubs, but it was a really special time, being (with others) an ad hoc member of Boothville Community Choir at the Lumbertubs Pub. It was a cracking atmosphere and the comments received afterwards were a real honour to hear.

In addition, sharing Christmas Eve at the Elwes Arms was special. Hearing Haydon and his 'unique' Christmas talk in the midst of the carols and hustle and bustle on the patio, is thoroughly enjoyed by all the punters who go.

and moving on...

### Board Game Cafe finally started last month!

Meeting on Monday's, however, to be confusing, it will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the afternoon between 2pm and 4pm, And on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the evening between 7pm and 9pm.

### Dates for Feb and Mar will be:

4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon

11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March in the evening

A reminder about what we do at a board game café? Well, we play board games in the coffee shop!

We have quite a selection of games for you to play, and if you have a specialist game you would like to bring along, I am more than happy with that.

It is a work in progress, and I may tweak times, but until it, starts it's hard know how it will work out.

**The cost is just £1 to cover tea, coffee, biscuits.**



**Paul Foster**

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402150 or email

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**FISH** will be running at Blackthorn School, I'm not 100% certain of the date at the time of writing, but it will most likely be **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

### Brookside Drop in

is still running every Thursday morning. You don't need to live in Lings or Lumbertubs. Just pop in for coffee, cake and chat - or tea and biscuits (my preference!!)

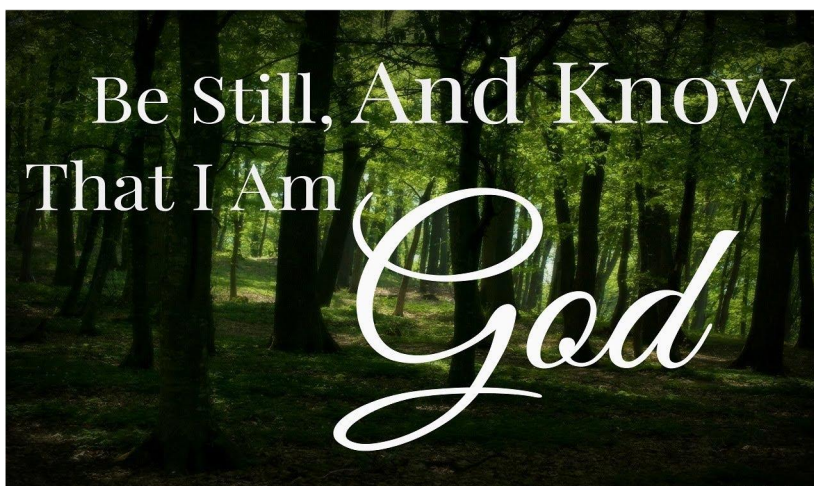
**Pastoral Training** I've started my Lay Pastoral Minister training, and thought I'd let you know a little about how it is going. It's been an interesting and challenging time, but a real blessing to be learning again.

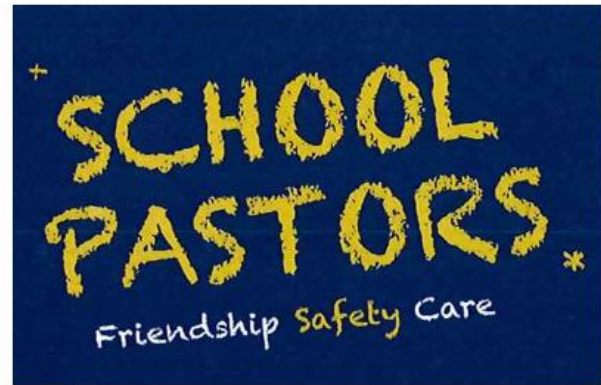
We started by looking at the bible and how it can be applied to pastoral life. This was followed by a section learning about different styles of pastoral care and many different ways of listening and caring for people. In January we are looking at how different groups can be formed to help the community and people we come in contact with. It made me think about pastoral care at the three churches we have already, and look to be part of an ever-expanding team.

Earlier in January, I had my first of two residencies in Ely. The underlying message that God is laying on my heart, is it to 'Be Still And Know That I Am God.' It's hard in all the hustle and bustle of daily life to find that quiet, but in it, I will find God.

The training has been a huge blessing and I am looking forward to learning so much more from both the teaching and the people in the group during the rest of the course.

*Paul*





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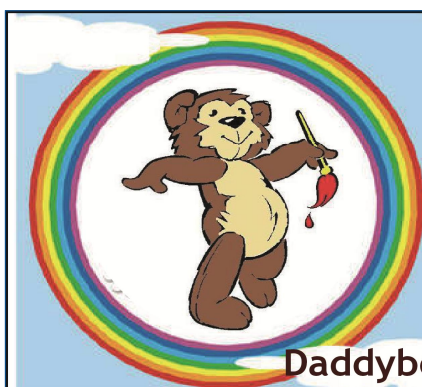
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## Camping Equipment Wanted

**We have 26 people going to Soul Survivor this year (including leaders).**

*Some of our tents are getting a bit tired so we could do with some more resources. Have you got a tent or other camping equipment that you don't use any more and could either donate to the church or lend to us?*

**Needed:**

**Tents, especially large Multi-Pod Tents and Frame Tents,  
Airbeds/Camp Beds, Sleeping Bags, Pegs,  
And anything else people think may be useful**

**Please let Mel/Rachel T/Paul Foster know if you can donate/lend anything. Thanks.**

Sorry Folks  
no photo yet

Stuart Jenkins, age 61, married to Nikki, three sons, Tom (Manchester), Ben (Otley), and Joe (university this September).

My parents moved to Northampton when I was four and we stayed here until I left school. I did Theology at Bristol Baptist College and was minister in churches in Moulton (back in Northampton, almost, again), London, Cheadle Hulme, and Ilkley.

When Nikki became a minister, her first church was Kingsthorpe (back in Northampton for a third time!)

I have been a chaplain, half-time, at St Andrew's Hospital since 2012 and County Ecumenical Officer for Northamptonshire since 2016. I lead a community choir in Kingsthorpe.

My interests include music, black and white film photography, and theology, especially the anti Nazi theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

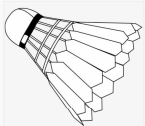
People I'd like to have round for a weekend: Nina Simone, Brahms, Johnny Morris, Bonhoeffer, Son Heung-Min, Edward Thomas, Sheila Hancock, Fats Waller, Mark Cavendish, Stevie Smith, Rowan Williams, Martha Argerich, Percy Grainger, Hans Rosling, Rumi, Desmond Tutu, Olivia Colman, James Acaster, P D James, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Bill Bailey. Perhaps not all on the same weekend!

Stuart Jenkins

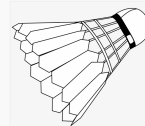
*Stuart, a Baptist Minister is joining us on a part time basis, picking up some of the hours that Phil has recently given up. If you haven't had the pleasure of him leading one of your services yet, do not despair, you will do soon.*

*If you see him around during the week, say hello and introduce yourself.*

*Welcome to The Emmanuel Group of Churches Stuart. We hope you enjoy your time here.*



## CAN YOU PLAY BADMINTON AND HAVE FREE TIME ON A FRIDAY MORNING?



The Friday morning badminton club at Emmanuel are looking for some new members. The present club members are all over 60 years of age but still enjoy a good game of badminton, so we are not able to take complete beginners.

We play from 10.40 am till 12.40 and are a friendly sociable group. Why not come and join us?

If you are interested, contact Marion Farrow on 01604 401335 or by e-mail to [marionefarrow@gmail.com](mailto:marionefarrow@gmail.com)



# "Rethink approach to immigration"

Ahead of MPs returning to Parliament (Monday, 7 January) faith representatives urged the government to rethink their approach to immigration, to move away from a hostile environment towards a culture of sanctuary

The letter to the Government appeared in the Sunday Telegraph (6 January) and called for urgent action to create a more humane system. It followed the publication of the Government's immigration white paper.

Immigration has also hit the headlines with the rescuing of a small number of migrant boats in the English Channel over the festive period. Stephen Keyworth, Faith and Society Team Leader, was among the signatories.

The full text of the letter is:

*"As representatives of faith communities, we are dismayed by the current debate around immigration. The long-awaited Immigration white paper is misguided and disjointed, the promised engagement unclear, and the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination Bill a missed opportunity.*

*"Urgent action is needed to create a more humane system. Refugee families must be kept together, and close family members allowed to join their children in the UK. The right to work after six months should be extended to all people seeking asylum.*

**"We say to the government: let us help you transform the hostile environment, not into a compliant environment, but into a culture of sanctuary."**

*There must be a time limit on immigration detention, an end to the detention of vulnerable people, and a genuine discussion about the often impossible standards of proof required by the immigration system. The first reaction to those arriving in boats should not be to disbelieve their stories.*

*"Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas; the story of the flight of the Holy Family echoes the plight of refugees around the world. We say to the government: let us help you transform the hostile environment, not into a compliant environment, but into a culture of sanctuary."*

The letter was also signed by 19 church leaders of various denominations, from all over the country, including representatives of United Reformed, Baptist, Church of England, Unitarian, Churches together in Britain and Ireland, Scottish Episcopal, Quakers, Cherabim and Seraphin Churches Europe Chapter, Churches Refugee Network, United Free Church of Scotland, General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

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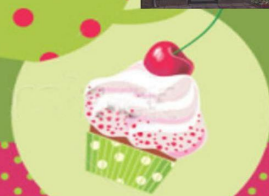
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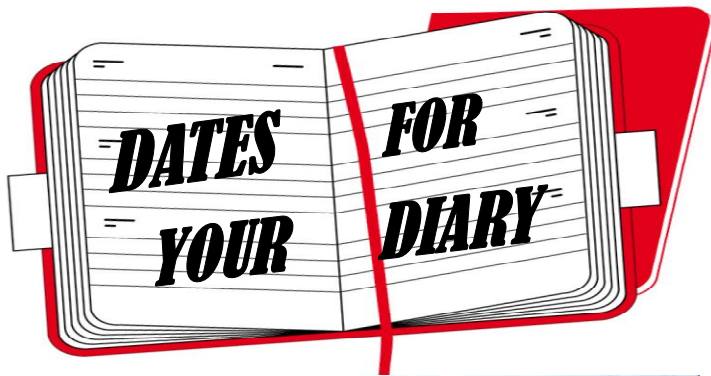
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**All Welcome**



## 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 2019

### TO EASTBOURNE

June 7th to 14th 2019

**£499.00**

Staying at the Albany Hotel on the seafront for eight days. and includes a return journey on The Bluebell Steam Railway of 'Railway Children' fame, a return journey on Romney Hythe Dungeness Steam Railway, visiting Chartwell House, the home of Winston Churchill, Rye, Battle and Hastings. One trip not included in the price is to Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum.

Deposit is £75.00 and Travel insurance £26.00 If a single room is required, ask Kathy as soon as possible.

## Day Trips 2019

Saturday May 25th - Leonardslee gardens and lakes in Surrey a wonderful place to visit lakes, rhododendrons of many colours, Dolls houses and wallabies. Cost - £27.00 Adults, £25.00 OAPs, £17.00 children

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.





# Women & Wine

(plus chat, food, fun & dessert!)

## Thursday 28th Feb.

from 7.00pm  
at

# THE QUAYS

Little Billing

Talk to Jo (07841 578746) for more info  
to say you're coming, to offer a lift  
or for help with a lift

the association for

# Church Editors

Member editor 2018



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



**weight  
watchers**



**Emmanuel Church Hall,  
Middle Deck,  
NN3 8JZ**

**Weston Favell Centre, Northampton**  
Mon 10.00am, Sat 8.30am & 9.30am

**JOIN OUR COMMUNITY**  
0345 677 7788\*

\*Standard network charges apply.

## Weston Favell Centre Food Bank

@ Emmnauel Church

We need donations of Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat,  
Tinned Rice and Custard in particular  
- plus all the usual item

Thank you for all your help and support in the past.

We can't help without your help.

Please continue to support our Food Bank.

*Thank you.*




Other food and drink available



# Men's Pie and Pint Night

## Thursday 7:30PM

### 7th FEB

**Lumbertubs  
Pub  
Northampton**

Reminder!

New Venue

Speak to Paul or Haydon for more information



# THERE'S LOTS TO DO EVERY WEEK IN THE EMMANUEL GROUP OF CHURCHES

<b>Monday</b>	Prayer meeting	Emmanuel	7.30 - 8.45pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Family tots	Emmanuel	9.45 - 11.30am
	Family tots (session 2)	Emmanuel	12.00 - 1.30pm
	Friendship circle	Emmanuel (fortnightly)	1.45pm
<b>Friday</b>	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 FEBRUARY**  
**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

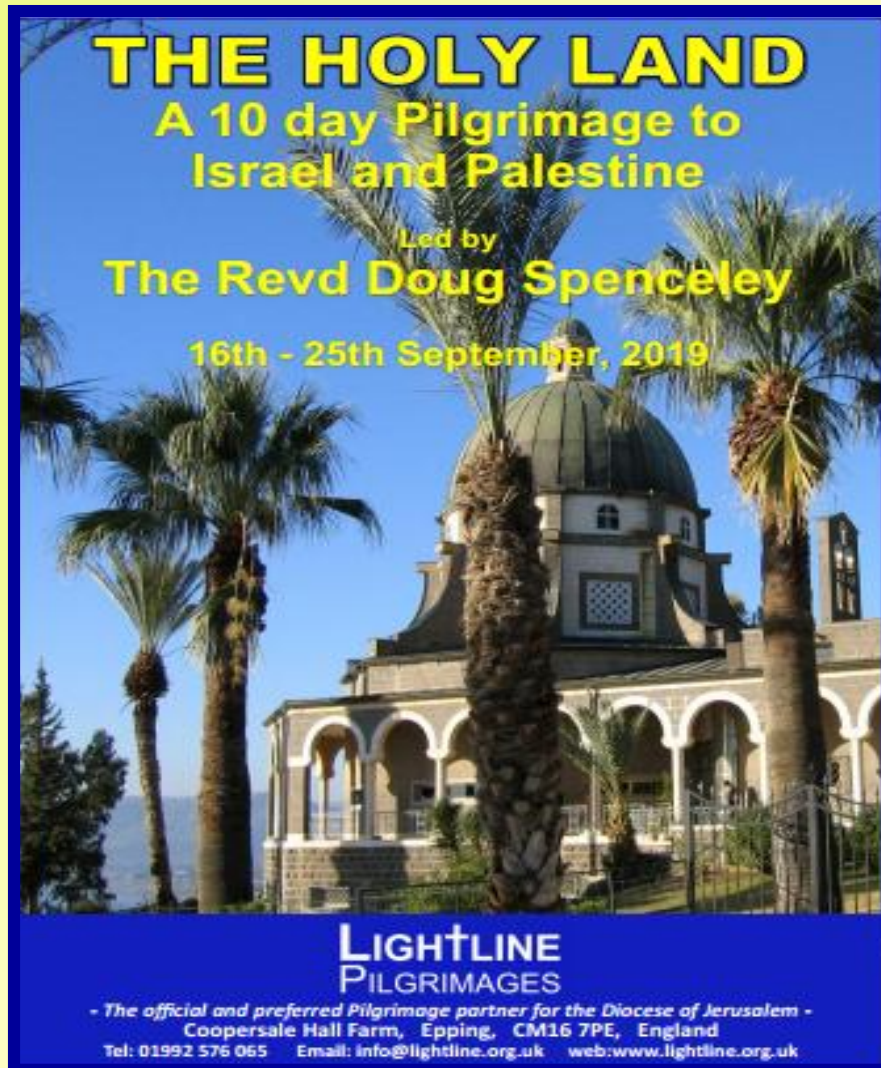
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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: KATHY NORRIS or JEAN MARKS



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







## **An Adventure of a lifetime!**

If you've always wondered what the land where Jesus lived was like, then this Holy Land Pilgrimage is for you.

Join me as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus in this ancient and beautiful land.

Modern Israel and Palestine are places of great contrast – both rich and poor, lushly green and fertile and dry desert. Scratch just beneath the surface and you'll discover that this land has not changed very much since biblical times.

**I'm taking my next group on a 10-day Holy Land pilgrimage in September 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Direct flights from Luton - A three-centre pilgrimage**

**Accommodation at selected 3 and 4 star standard hotels in Galilee, Bethlehem and old Jerusalem**

**Full board throughout, all taxes, entrance fees and local government taxes included**

**Qualified English speaking local Christian guide throughout tour**

**Modern air-conditioned tourist coach**

**- and the food, drink and hospitality is wonderful!!**

**Inclusive cost: £1995**

*The only costs not covered are: travel to and from Luton, travel insurance, gratuities £85 and personal spending.*

*A limited number of single rooms are available at additional cost.*

If you are interested, pick up a leaflet in CafeEmm or at Emmanuel Church office.

If you want further information or have any questions, have a chat with me, Doug Spenceley, or email me:

**[doug.spenceley@emmanuelgroup.org.uk](mailto:doug.spenceley@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)**

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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 February 2019

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH GROUPS
Sunday 3rd	Communion BLAST Haydon Spenceley & James Fearnley	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	All Age Worship Phil Snelson	<u>Rectory Farm</u> Praise & Prayer  <u>Emmanuel</u> Own Group
Sunday 10th	ipraise (All Age/Creative) Martin Hinz & James O'Sullivan	Communion Haydon Spenceley	Morning Worship + Junior Church Doug Spenceley & Kris Hatherly	<u>Rectory Farm</u> Own Group  <u>Emmanuel ipraise</u>
Sunday 17th	Communion & BLAST Haydon Spenceley & Martin Hinz  <u>PROSPECTS GROUP</u> (ground floor)	Morning Worship David Bell & Ken Clark	Praise & Pray Maureen Luke & Stuart Jenkins	<u>Rectory Farm</u> <u>&amp; Emmanuel</u> at McDonalds
Sunday 24th	Café Church Maureen Luke & Nick Bewley - Tippler	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion + Junior church Haydon Spenceley Martin Hinz & James O'Sullivan	<b>YOUTH SERVICE</b> 7 - 9pm @ emmanuel

and - COMMUNION EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME at 1.30pm  
 a simple 30 minute service in the chapel @ Emmanuel