

B OOTHVILLE E MMANUEL & R ECTORY FARM T IMES

Dear friends,

Recently I was visiting Northampton Town's training session in my role as chaplain. Anyone who has ever been to Moulton College knows that it is pretty windy up there. On this particular day, the wind buffeted me around a fair bit. At one point, as I was quietly watching on as the players trained, a sudden gust of wind caused me to do a wheelie and my wheelchair almost tipped over. If I'd been standing up, I'd be saying that I was almost blown off my feet. I'm not sure what the equivalent is when one is sitting down. I felt as if rebuking the wind was in order, but for some reason it didn't listen to me. Instead I held firm and was not blown over. Result.

In the course of my role I have the great joy of meeting a huge number of people who go through an incredible amount, but are not blown over by any of it. Whether it be things that happen which cause us to doubt or question our faith (a process which can be healthy at times, in my opinion) or which bring about changes in our situation or circumstances, the most important thing any of us can choose to do individually is to place our trust in Jesus. It is Him who has the life, hope, security that we need. It's Him who set us the example for storm-calming, for persisting, walking on step by step, day by day, in the power of the Spirit and for God's glory.

That's what life is really about: keeping going, faithfully and not being tossed to and fro, whether it be by confusion about what we believe, like the Church at Ephesus which Paul wrote to was, or which direction to move in, which it seems to me Paul often was too, until the Spirit intervened (or more correctly he paid attention to the Spirit) and followed God's prompting.

Why start with this this month? Well, for one thing, I thought the idea of me flailing about trying not to be blown over might raise a chuckle, or at least a smirk. For another, it can seem to us that we are the only ones who are finding the wind a bit difficult to contend with at any given moment, but I can say with almost complete certainty that if we shared our joys and our doubts with each other, we'd find that a lot of us feel pretty similarly. There's no substitute for talking to one another.



There's also no substitute for prayer.

We do a lot of 'stuff' in our Group of Churches. Much of it is wonderful and makes a positive difference to the places we live in and God has given us, to love. This is exciting and should be celebrated. But the 'stuff' has to be begun, backed up and followed up by prayer.

All of us have a part to play in that, whether we are a person who is often at events or services or someone who can't do much of what might be considered front-line action.

Prayer is front-line action in the kingdom of God. It's hard

for us to say we have a relationship with God and not prioritise listening to and speaking to Him. Most other relationships don't work well if no one is listening or only one party is speaking. I know a lot of you pray, a lot, but please keep going. Make it a priority in your day. Find ways of remembering what you prayed for yesterday or last week, perhaps by keeping a prayer diary or similar, and then

go back and check: how did God answer that prayer? Was it a yes, a no or a not yet? And where there's been an answer you can see, say thank you. It's the polite thing to do.

We've had a great end to the summer, with FISH going well over the summer holidays, Paul Foster starting his training as a Licensed Pastoral Minister, Peter and Sheila Angus and Ken Clark joining us as members of the ministry team, new schools opening their doors to us for the first time as well as schools we worked with last year welcoming us in once again, Jo Alderman becoming the new co-ordinator of Foodbank (an answer to prayer there, for certain!) new people coming in to all of our congregations, the young people having a fantastic time at Soul Survivor, a wonderful evening with Paul Harcourt (National Director of New Wine) teaching us about taking every-day risks with Jesus and much more besides.

This is just the stuff that I can remember at 7pm on a Thursday. We have a huge amount to celebrate. There will be things I've not mentioned in this quick list that you might think are of crucial, central importance and can't believe I've left them out. Emmanuel is that kind of Group of Churches. It's a vibrant place bursting with life, and all of it is centred on God. It is for Him that we exist and do all the things we do.

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It couldn't be a more exciting, exhilarating place to be if it tried.

Congratulations to all of our licensed Anglican Ministers, whose licenses began or were renewed in Peterborough Cathedral on September 29th. I've written more fully about these fine folks in a previous edition of BERT but I want to re-affirm how wonderful it is to be in a team with you all and have you as colleagues, equally those who are not Anglican, so as not to be accused of showing partiality! Thank you. There's always room for one more, though. Could it be you?

A huge welcome to James O'Sullivan who has had a marvelous first month as our intern. I hope a lot of you have met him by now. He's a wonderful bloke with a lot of talent. Invite him round for dinner and hear his story. It's a good one. And while you're at it, invite each other round for dinner too. Let's eat together. It's Biblical.

We're a family of faith where there's always room for one more. Do keep thinking and praying for anyone you could invite to join us. You'd be surprised how often people say yes when you take the risk.

Have a great month.

Every blessing

Haydon



This month, like everyone else, we've been studying the book of James. On Sunday 2nd Phil brought some visual aids to help bring the first chapter of James to life, relating to how we can become "good gardeners" of the way we nurture our faith and keep "weeding out" the behaviour that does not reflect God's character.



Picture one shows an unweeded container, that has been neglected. Nothing much can grow there and if we neglect to self-reflect our faith may become like an unweeded garden.

The comparison were some of Becky prize carrots, nurtured, watered, well weeded and ready for the eating, reflecting good gardening practice.



James encourages us to keep our lives true to the way Jesus was and keep our spirit nourished with Gods words, so we may reflect His nature.

Later in the month The Children and Young People looked at chapter three, about wisdom, peace and behaviours that reflect Christ. The children made the tree of Kind Words, and the leaves at the bottom are to reflect the behaviours that need to "fall away" from us.

The ones to fall away are, "evil, show off, lie and "me, me, me" for being selfish. The leaves have words, such as good, wise, kindness, peace, gifts, where we are encouraged to reflect the leaves on the tree



The Young people showed the Servant Hands and Humble Heart of Jesus, and discussed the topic. What great art work and they really bring the subject to life .

Fiona Potter

David Bell's... Boothville Diary



As a Church we welcome and cherish newcomers. We hope this demonstrates that this is a church which makes people feel comfortable, at home and part of our fellowship, in the name of Jesus.

Let me introduce to you, three of the newest members of Boothville Community Church.



Daphne, who has settled into living in Blackthorn and Jim, who lives near Abington Park.

They have both quickly become part of our regular group of Sunday people.

(Photo bombed by yours truly..)

Then there is Alice who is Marilyn's grand daughter. She is such a delight when she comes to Church. If you listen carefully, when we are saying prayers you can clearly hear her saying 'amen'.



Recently we have discovered that several of the congregation write poetry. This is one that Jim wrote and read out in Church the other Sunday. We'd like to share it with all of you.

The banana I purchased was golden and bright
Unusually attractive and pleasing to the sight
I peeled off the skin but the inside was hard
The taste was as appealing as a lump of solid lard
I should have waited for time to blemish the skin
When taste and texture is sweeter and softer within.
I was shocked to suddenly realise the banana reflected me!
Who when attractive on the outside was as mean as one can be:
Selfish and offensive, as tough as an old boot.
Upsetting many others; I didn't give a hoot.
But now I am old and wrinkly and not a pretty sight,
My insides soft and mellow, for I have seen the light.
I gave my life to Jesus so I am full of cheer.
Now I have such inner peace, the future holds no fear.

Do you write poetry?

You might be surprised how many people do; so it's fairly likely that within our three congregations there are quite a few poets...



If you would like to share some of your poetry please send it to Liz to include it in BERT.

Email: liz@lizzywhizz.biz or hand it in at the church office and make sure it is marked 'FOR BERT MAGAZINE'

The damaged Cross

For a long time the Cross has stood on Boothville Green, opposite the Community Centre where we worship.

For reasons beyond explanation someone decided to pull the cross horizontal beam off. The picture shows the result.

Fortunately we have gifted members of the Church (in this case Peter Goodlad) who has made a temporary repair.

This is so important, as in October we will be having our Remembrance Service which concludes at the Cross.

On a positive note, we have had generous donation of wood, so plans are afoot to build a new Cross.



Arriving at Emmanuel by Kay & Ken Clark

Kay writes: “As part of his training as a Lay Reader in the Church of England, Ken had to spend time at a church completely different to our own (*St Giles, Northampton*) regarding its style of worship, the social make up of its congregation, emphasis of ministry etc. We were quite excited as we had previously met Haydon and found his vision for Community ministry to be exciting and appealing.

Oddly enough in our years of being involved in various ministries in churches we had never really been involved in a church that was so rooted in its community as Emmanuel. It is quite unusual and it was one of its attractions for us”.

“We were welcomed warmly and soon felt very much at home, in particular we found a place working with the Foodbank and more latterly volunteering with FISH where we felt we could make a contribution; serve and show God’s love; often to people in great need.

Over the few months we have been here we have also become aware that throughout our Christian lives, although we have been involved in various ministries it has always been the call to serve the poor, the marginalised, those that are on the fringes of society and often the church, that has always gripped us”.

Ken continues: “We have been very blessed by the commitment of those that volunteer here, often over many years, it is really quite humbling and they have set a faithful example for us to seek and follow.”

“The Bible has much to say about concern for the poor, the mar-

ginalised and those that are disfranchised or ‘different’ in any way. There are over 3,000 verses that address these issues in the bible and I have a bible at home called ‘The Poverty and Justice’ bible which highlights in stark orange these scriptures.

Christian activist and speaker Jim Wallis whilst a member of the ‘Sojourners’ community in Washington DC speaks of the time they cut out of an old bible all the verses relating to these issues and were left with a very thin bible indeed. Caring for those in need has to be very high up on the agenda of God’s people, as it is obviously the heart of God.”

“As Christians we have to be careful though, there is often a tendency, although it may be unconscious, to be quite patronising towards those who have certain needs, we have to be careful not to come over as judgemental or have an attitude of ‘let us make you like us’.

We have to serve on a level playing field and even though some have been more fortunate or made a better fist of life, God’s unconditional love is the same towards us all and we have to show that towards those who have not fared as well on life’s playing field. We have been so encouraged by what we have found here at Emmanuel where everyone is regarded as of equal value and respect.

In conclusion Kay says: “Thank you for receiving us and accepting us so warmly and we look forward to working with you as we seek to build God’s kingdom together here at Emmanuel, Boothville and Rectory Farm.”

tearfund BIG QUIZ NIGHT

The war in Syria has been going on for eight years, but it didn’t hit home for me until I spent time with people whose lives have been torn apart. It’s people like them who will benefit from you taking part in **Tearfund’s Big Quiz Night**. People like Areej...

The war brought with it bombs, death and kidnappings. Areej and her three children were trapped in the Syrian city they used to call home for two months before they could flee. She told me that she wasn’t sure they’d make it to Lebanon alive, but it was better to risk it than stay.

They made it to Lebanon, and have been living in a tent, in a camp, for the last seven years. She is grateful to be alive, but refugee life is hard.

Not only were she and her children left traumatised by their experiences, they struggled to adapt to life in a tent, with no way of earning a living to pay for essentials like food. To get them through the darkest days, Tearfund’s partners provided Areej with emergency aid packages. But this was just the start.



This mix of material and emotional support is laying the foundation for the healing of a generation of people devastated by conflict.

And every pound you raise through Tearfund’s Big Quiz Night can help people like Areej, Sara and Zain.

Every £240 raised could provide four children like Sara and Zain with trauma care and peace - building skills, helping restore their hope for the future.

By Martha Collison - Tearfund ambassador.

Get together with your friends, family and church for an epic evening of poverty-fighting fun. On Saturday 17 November – for one night only – groups up and down the country will be taking part in the biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz ever!

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at the church office - 01604 402150

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Community Care Update

OCT 2018

Some quick updates of what is happening in the autumn.

Drop-in @ Brookside Centre

Every Thursday between 9 & 12, we will be hosting a drop-in, called Coffee, Cake and Chat.

It has been well responded to in the couple of weeks it has been open, and they are extremely grateful we are opening on a Thursday.

I will be there every week, and a couple of people have offered to help as part of a team to serve the Lings and Lumbertubs estates.

Let me know if you can help in any way, or pop in for a coffee!

LITTER PICK

We have planned another litter pick on **Saturday 20th October at 10am**

We are hoping to cleaned the paths to and around Dragonfly Lake (the one with the boat)

Please come along if you can, we did a great job last time and I know we help make a difference to the community we live in

Board game cafe,

If you have some complete board games you don't use anymore, would you consider donating them to the board game cafe.

I'm on the lookout for games to play e.g. monopoly, cluedo, snakes & ladders, dominoes, chess, draughts, scrabble...

the list is endless...

Please let me know if you have any to donate.

(contact details at top of page)

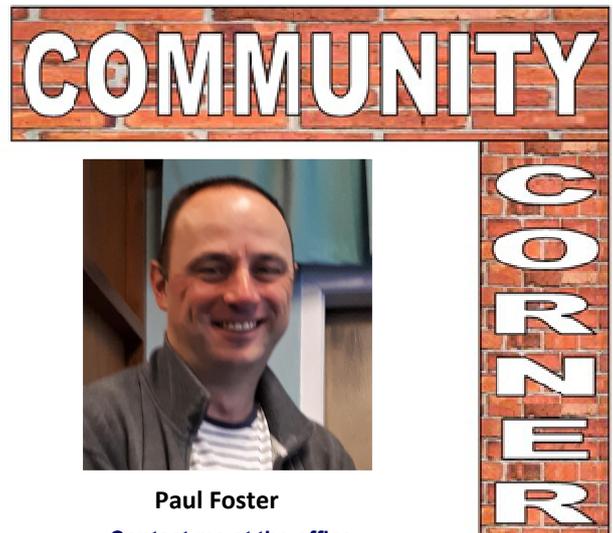
Or if you have a game that you want to bring along and play,

let me know that you're interested.

Particularly if it is one of the modern games which I hear so much about, at Pie and Pint!

I'm thinking this might start in January - watch this space.

Paul



Paul Foster

Contact me at the office
402150 or email

paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk



Brookside Centre

You are invited to a very special

Messy Harvest

Saturday
6th October

From 11am to 1pm
In Old TOYS R US Shop

Creation collage



Making mirrors

Join us for drinks and snacks



Leaf rubbing



Veg people



Children to be accompanied by an adult

A chance to have find out what Harvest is about and learn about God's creation



foodbank
FREE

But if you wish to donate anything we will be collecting food for Emmanuel Foodbank





FISH - Food and Fun In School Holidays!

Will be happening in October, I suspect it will be on Tuesday 23rd October at Blackthorn School, when we will be celebrating that we have been running for one whole year!!

Messy Harvest

This will be on Saturday 6th October, when we will be celebrating God's creation in a variety of ways. If you can help, let me know, or pop in to see what we are doing, it is open to anyone

Photography competition

The winners have been announced, the prizes distributed, for the competition celebrating the beauty of Northampton East.

All the photos are on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/TheEmmanuelGroupOfChurches/photos/>

They are also published in the Chronicle and Echo, out on 27th September.

A huge thanks to all those who entered and the Cllr's Janice Duffy, James Hill and Chris Malpas for contributing to the prize fund for the competition.

Keep your eyes peeled for next year's competition



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Do you know someone who is lonely and isolated, lives in the area and would welcome a visit once a week?

You can really make a difference to those lives by referring them (with their permission) to the **Linking Lives Scheme.**

Linking Lives is a free befriending scheme, which links isolated, lonely people to volunteers who visit them in their own homes, once a week.

If you want more information or fancy offering your services to Linking Lives as a volunteer, please contact Angie Kennedy on

07816 484851

or email linknorthampton@gmail.com





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Friday
19th Oct.
2018

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Daddybear Face Painting

What does the UK Church look like in 2018?

The church is both declining and growing! There are 270 different denominations in the UK, 95 of which exist in Scotland. For simplicity these are put into 10 groups, the three largest of which are the Anglicans, Catholics and Presbyterians. Between them, these three Churches account for one fifth, 20%, of all the denominations. But sadly, three-fifths, or 60%, of all the members, and of all three Churches, are declining.

Two smaller groups, the Baptists and the Methodists are also declining. Together, they represent 4% of the denominations and 7% of the members.

That leaves five groups: the Independent Churches (such as FIEC and the Brethren), New Churches (such as Vineyard and Newfrontiers), Orthodox, Pentecostals and the Smaller Denominations (such as the Salvation Army, Quakers, Seventh-Day Adventists, all the many immigrant churches, and so on).

Each of these five groups is *growing* in membership terms. They account for 76% of the UK's denominations but only 33% of church members. Unfortunately, the decline by the larger denominations is too great to be offset by the growth.

The faster growing denominations fall into roughly three equal groups:

1) *Immigrant churches* (especially Poles, Romanians, and Filipinos and Koreans in England and Chinese in Scotland). Most of the Poles are Roman Catholic; many of the Romanians are Orthodox, but the others are mostly Evangelical.

2) *The Pentecostal churches*, which are mostly Black, although welcoming all nationalities. The largest of these is the Redeemed Christian Church of God [RCCG] (planting 800 churches in the UK in the last 20 years). The RCCG uses a mantra straight out of Nigerian bush country, "Plant a church within 10 minutes walking distance" (of where people live), which is equivalent to about a ½ mile circle.

3) *Other growing denominations* include Hillsong, Churches of Christ, the FIEC, Vineyard, and Messy Church. These churches are planted where there is a need or an opportunity.

And they say it's old fashioned

The family had been up in the attic together doing some cleaning. The children uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked, "Hey Mum...what's this?"

She answered, "Oh...that's an old typewriter", thinking that would satisfy their curiosity. "Well, what does it do? they asked. "I'll show you," she said and found a blank piece of paper.

She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page. "Wow!" they exclaimed, "that's really cool, but how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

She explained, "There is no plug, because It doesn't need electricity." The children persisted, "Then where do you put the batteries?" With a smile she said, "It doesn't need batteries either." The children were amazed and one said, "This is fantastic; someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

Emmanuel Church
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Depending on time and number of helpers, hoping to get cleaned

The paths to and around Dragonfly lake (the one with the boat)



Packing



The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift

Our supporters pack shoebox gifts each year to bring joy, love and hope to children in need around the world. Churches, schools and groups collect these boxes between 1-18 November. Then, thousands of volunteers check and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.

Collecting and Shipping



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Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train church and community leaders who want to reach out generously to children with the joy of a simple gift and share the Christmas story of Jesus.

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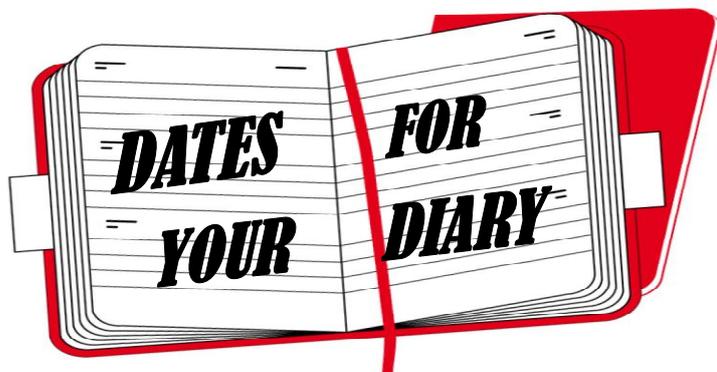
Outreach Events



Our ministry partners around the world hand out shoebox gifts in the local community at festive outreach events. Along with the shoebox gifts children are also offered a Bible story booklet called The Greatest Gift, which tells them the story of God's greatest gift, his son Jesus.



If you want to know more speak to Paul Foster who is organising the annual Emmanuel Group Shoebox effort



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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.

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GROUP HOLIDAY 2019

TO EASTBOURNE

June 7th to 14th 2019

Staying at the Albany Hotel on the seafront for eight days. The cost is £499.00 and includes a return journey on The Bluebell Steam Railway of 'Railway Children' fame, a return journey on Romney Hythe Dungeness Steam Railway, 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.

A deposit of £50.00 and Travel insurance £25.00 is due in the first week of September 2018.

If you want a single room ask Kathy as soon as possible.

2018 DAY TRIPS

Bury St Edmunds Christmas market Saturday November 24th cost £15.0

Available to all - and you can spread the cost over the next few months! Book with Kathy Norris on Tuesdays at 'Cafe Emm' Weston Favell Centre or phone 01604 494057 or 07923017619 to book your place with a deposit of £5.00.

The Christian Resources Exhibition

runs from 16-18 October 2018 at Sandown Park in Surrey. With free parking for hundreds of cars and great rail links from central London, it's the ideal venue for Europe's leading annual exhibition of church resources.

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4 - 10 AUGUST

UNITING THOUSANDS TO WORSHIP ONE

Emmanuel are planning a trip to New Wine: United in the summer of 2019 and we would love for as many of the church family to join us as possible!

New Wine: United is a week's long camping, fellowship, worship and teachings/seminars with children's groups each morning. We are blessed that the festival is moving from Shepton Mallet to Peterborough next year at the East of England Showground and we are looking at forming a group of us to go on Week Two of the event which is:

4-10 August 2019.

There is currently a Flash Sale on for tickets until September 3 so if anyone would like to book early you can do at <https://united.new-wine.org/pricing> More information on the main website: <https://united.new-wine.org/>

Haydon



The Justice Conference

<https://www.thejusticeconference.co.uk/>

The Justice Conference is a global movement encouraging thousands of Christ-followers to live out the message of Jesus and transform their communities by making justice a way of life. Already taking place in six countries around the world and uniting thousands of Christians, the conference is coming to the UK for the first time this November.

We'll be gathering those who share a concern for the vulnerable and oppressed and hold a determination to be peace-builders and hope-bringers in their day-to-day lives.

Over two days of worship, keynotes, creativity and discussion we'll explore the theology of justice - that God's love compels love for others - and wrestle with the burning issues of our time. Together we'll become better reconcilers, restorers, and redeemers in Christ.

It's an event for everyone, from all expressions and denominations of church. We celebrate diversity and we believe it is the call of every follower of Jesus to join with Him in the ministry of reconciliation and restoration.

The Justice Conference UK is presented by Tearfund, in partnership with other charities and organisations. Tearfund have been involved with The Justice Conference movement for a number of years, running sessions at other events around the world and joining the international dialogue on issues of justice. As we enter our 50th year, we remember the year of Jubilee for God's people, the promise of restoration and God's will for justice. It's the perfect moment to unite the UK Church to celebrate and think creatively about the biblical call to justice.

supplied by Fiona Potter

Prayer & Praise for Northampton

Please join us on Monday 1st October

7.30pm at Emmanuel Church
Weston Favell Centre NN3 8JR

Lively Praise & Worship and praying together for the needs of the people of Northampton.
Refreshments from 7pm. ALL WELCOME



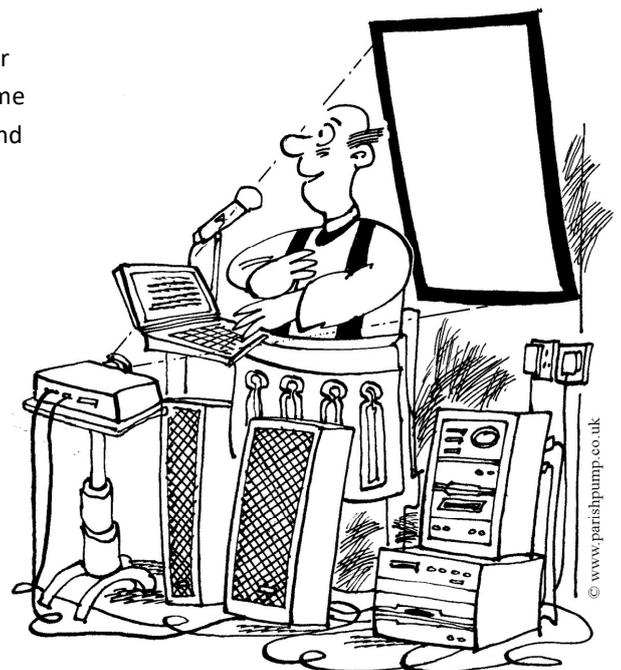
WHY IS A CHRISTIAN LIKE A PUMPKIN?

A woman had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian. The woman was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: 'Well, it's like being a pumpkin.'

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God finds you and picks you up from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He carefully cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you which you got from being around all the other pumpkins and removes all those seeds of doubt, hate and greed.

He gives you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you, to shine for all to see. 'It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright. We can each of us smile today, and shine with His light!'



...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity!...

Know Your Bible

*Transforming women's lives through
the power of God's Word.*

Ladies Conference "Shining Like Stars"

Thursday 18th October @10.15am – 2.30pm

**Reynard Way Evangelical Church,
Northampton NN2 8QY**

**For further information please contact: -
Margaret Kearley on 01604 400382**

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

Monday	Prayer meeting	Emmanuel	7.30 - 9.00pm
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

31st 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
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

7.45-9.00pm

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



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friendly church**

everyone welcome



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EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES BILLING BROOK ROAD
 NORTHAMPTON NN3 8JR

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

Services in October 2018

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH GROUPS
Sunday 7th	Communion + BLAST Paul Adams & Phil Snelson	Morning Worship Maureen Luke HARVEST	All Age Worship Brian Kennard + M Littlecott	Rectory Farm Praise & Prayer Emmanuel Own Group
Sunday 14th	ipraise Colin Pye	Communion Haydon Spenceley + Paul Foster	Morning Worship + Junior Church Doug Spenceley	Rectory Farm Own Group Emmanuel ipraise
Sunday 21st	Communion & BLAST Chris Pearson + Julie Goodlad PROSPECTS GROUP (ground floor)	Morning Worship David Bell	Praise & Pray Kristin Hatherly + Paul Foster	Rectory Farm & Emmanuel at McDonalds
Sunday 28th	Café Church Haydon Spenceley	Communion Maureen Luke + Phil Snelson	Communion + Junior church Peter Goodlad + Julie Goodlad	EVENING YOUTH SERVICE 7-9pm @ Emmanuel

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