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BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES

A Winter Flock

This is the season of bird song and, if you're up early enough, the dawn chorus. Our native birds are busy breeding, and they are joined by summer migrants, many of whom sing spectacularly; blackcaps, willow warblers and chiffchaffs can be heard in most little patches of woodland. It's a thrilling sound, though maybe not so much fun if you're one of the birds.

Birds sing to attract a mate, and to announce their presence in their territory. They sing loudly to proclaim their physical fitness, which is attractive to a mate, and intimidating to a rival. Bird song is competitive. It's a matter of breeding success, even of survival. The birds are not enjoying a bit of musical creativity. They are magnificently, perhaps desperately, strutting their stuff.

They need a territory at this time of year so that they will have enough food for the hungry young about to hatch in their nests. Many of our birds feed on the little green caterpillars that are everywhere up in the tree tops. The caterpillars are trying to gorge on the new leaves while they are still soft, and the birds are trying to gorge on the caterpillars before they're all gone. They sing to assert their sole right to the caterpillars and other insect life in a small group of trees. They will spend the long daylight hours flying from nest to treetop and back with a beak full of grubs.

When the breeding season is over most birds stop defending territories. They are only eating for one, and can find their meals in a more leisurely way, roaming over larger areas, and not worrying if they overlap with others. Woodlands and gardens become quiet, and the birds recover from the intense strain of breeding. Only the robin maintains a territory throughout the year, so, if you hear a bird sing in November or December, it is almost certain to be a robin.



In the coldest weeks of winter, small birds often leave gardens for the countryside in search of food. Not only are they no longer territorial, but some species form mixed flocks - blue tits, coal tits and great tits visiting field edges together, or various finches moving over the hedgerows searching for berries. These winter flocks are the opposite of the season of bird song.

I think the winter flock is a good metaphor for the church. We also are a group made of very different sorts. We welcome all who want to travel together. We are not interested in looking or sounding good, and definitely not in trying to make others look small, but we look out for each other. We are hungry, and can find good things better together. We are brought together by our need, not our strength. If we are strong, it is because we move as one, carefully keeping in touch with each other, the slow and the speedy, adapting as we go.

The showy will always look cool. But the good group, untidy though it may look, that has real power.

Stuart Jenkins

Loss of Direction



I write this in early April, just back from a week of House of Lords duty: saying prayers at the beginning of each day's debates, taking part in those debates, acting as chaplain to the peers. Brexit has been the main topic, including nearly 12 hours of it on the Thursday (4th April). But, as I write, I still haven't the faintest idea, or even a good guess, as to whether we will still be in the European Union by the time you read this in late April or early May.

The road to Brexit is a bumpy one. The direction is unclear. Achieving (or avoiding) Brexit is far from straightforward. We could end up in any of a great variety of places as regards our future relationship with the EU and with other allies and trading partners. The news changes from day to day, and there is no clear voice—only speculation, rumour and guesswork.

Contrast the bumpy road, and the lack of clarity about our direction, with the wonderful words of scripture as brought to musical life in Handel's *Messiah*. I've calmed myself down from the frantic confusion of Parliament by listening again to this wonderful music, and giving a talk on it in one of our parishes.

The voice of him that cri'eth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

In the political uncertainties of our world, we can find real certainty. Our future is bright with Christ. We have good news to tell. We can have confidence instead of fear.

With best wishes,

+ Donald

Bishop of Peterborough



Sweet Dreams

Do you, or don't you? Many of us feel reluctant to admit that we would like to do it, even if usually we do not. Have a snooze after lunch, that is.

A 20-minute nap seems to work wonders – many studies find that people awake feeling refreshed, with their energy levels renewed and with a much-improved mental focus.

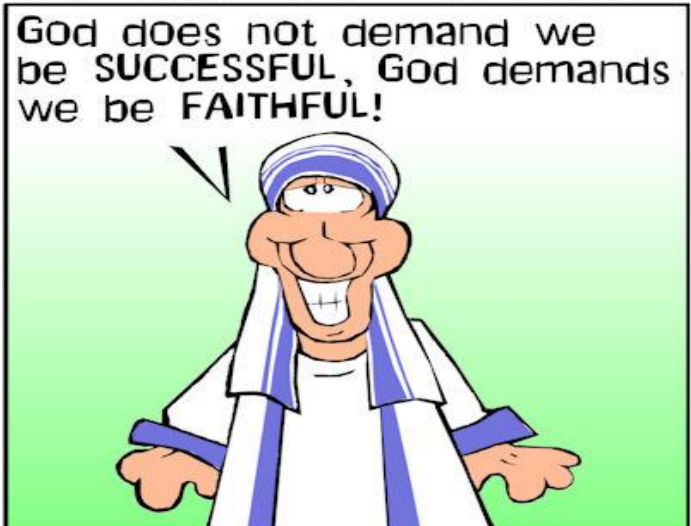
But getting the chance to have your kip is rarely easy, as most work-places in the UK frown on workers falling asleep on their desks. How different from the Far East, where in Vietnam workers drape themselves over their scooters to sleep, or where in Tokyo and Hong Kong businessmen often sleep in public places.

The Japanese even have a polite term for it: *inemuri* – 'being present while asleep'. Dropping off to casual sleep has been recorded in Japan since the 10th century.

Some UK companies are sympathetic. One CEO of a major advertising company agrees that "a powernap mid-morning or mid-afternoon sets you up for the rest of the day. You are much more alert, and it also promotes creativity."

Have you ever dropped off at work or in an inappropriate place? Tell us your stories – will anyone confess to having dozed off in church?

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Mother Theresa speaking a great truth of perspective for life.

David Bell's... Boothville Diary



Palm Sunday

Doug led the Service which included Holy Communion, he was fully robed with the appropriate crimson stole.

The Congregation shared in the story by waving the Palm Crosses that little Alice had handed out from a basket.

Palm Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. It also marks the beginning of the emotional journey in the shadow of the Cross.



Geoffrey took a photo of these lovely flowers at our Easter Morning Service



And here we all are, enjoying breakfast together



Mothering Sunday Service.

On Mothering Sunday the service was led by a team of ladies of the Church and linked together by Precious. Several ladies read well chosen pieces that carried through the theme and message of the morning.

But what of the men? you may ask...

Early in the morning, before the service began, some beautiful posies had been prepared by the men. These were distributed later on in the service to the ladies of the Congregation.



PRECIOUS MOMENT

Exodus 33: 13 (NIV)

"13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you"

Just A Thought!

This was part of Moses' conversation with God as he led the people out of Egypt and into the promised land, but we could echo these words for ourselves.

"IF YOU ARE PLEASED WITH US, TEACH US YOUR WAYS SO THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU AND CONTINUE TO FIND FAVOUR WITH YOU"

How wonderful it is to know God's ways and who better to teach us than God himself. I want to encourage you...ask God to teach you His ways and listen as He speaks through the Holy Spirit, through His Word and through prayer.

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**

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
Tracey (School pastors)
northampton@schoolpastors.org.uk

Café Emm at Emmanuel Church needs volunteers

Café Emm is a home for the community.

It 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 will be 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



Due to an increase in the number of people who need our support, our stocks of donated food are running low. A list of food we need desperately for the foodbank follows...

- 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 - Including razors, shaving foam, shower gel and deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Squash - No added sugar
- Fruit Juice
- Rice

Thank you!



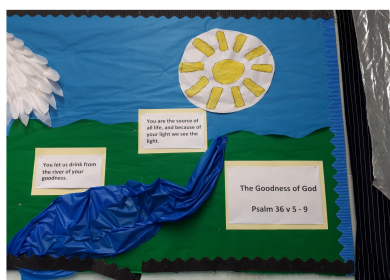
Easter Day Celebrations

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you whilst he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again”

(Luke 24:v5&6)



The Livability group at Emmanuel, used to be called 'Prospects'. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at 10.30am on the ground floor. We are a small, informal and friendly group in which everyone can feel confident to take part in all activities.



We thought we would tell you about a recent meeting to give you an idea of what we do.

Our theme was John 13:4 -15 where Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. We started with a discussion of how we welcome visitors to our

homes. This was followed by two sketches demonstrating how to.. and how *not* to welcome others.

We looked at the customs that were followed in Jesus' time before reading the verses and learning verse 15 together. We thought about how we can make new people welcome in our church. Then we had tea and biscuits. Each person served the person on their left.

Afterwards each person shared something they wanted to pray about, then we all prayed together. We sang several songs during the morning and closed our meeting with prayer before going upstairs to join the congregation for communion.

Many of our former members have moved on, so we would love to have new people join us. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a slower pace in a smaller group, please point them in our direction.

We are still eagerly awaiting our first female member!

- Pat & Graham Acock



Phil Snelson and Peter Angus led us in a wonderful celebration service on Easter Day.



The very special highlight of the service was the Baptism of Bradley Mills.



Richard Tighe shared testimony about how he was brought up in a Baptist church where his mother was a Deacon.

Like so many young people, he drifted away from church but later came to faith through attending an Alpha course which, he admitted, he only went to for the food!

Community Care Update

May 2019



Community Care Update –

Messy Easter

Messy Easter ran on Saturday 20th April in the former New Look Store at Weston Favell Shopping Centre.

It was an extremely hot day and the centre was very quiet, maybe lots of people were making the most of the weather rather than wanting to learn more about Easter.

Even so, about 50 people came through the door.

It was great to be working with the other churches in our parish again.

F.I.S.H.

continues to go from strength to strength, and the comments we receive are really reassuring, that we are doing a wonderful job.

Still the team continues to grow, some people from Abington Ave URC have helped over Easter holidays. We fed about 75 people each week of the Easter break.

My huge thanks to those who give their time to FISH



Paul Foster

Contact me at the office
402150 or email
paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk

MESSY EASTER PICS



Half Yearly Litter Pick.

Many thanks to Ralph, Pip and Katherine for helping on the day.

We could have achieved so much more if more people had taken part.

The next litter pick will be in September or October so please come along and support us.

The drop-in

Still happens every Thurs morning at Brookside hub. Please pray about the funding application that has been submitted to help me to continue to run the drop-in.

Acts 435

I thought it might be helpful to put the bible verse, which the charity is based on:

Acts 4:35 New International Version (NIV)

³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

I am an advocate on behalf of Acts 435 and our church and can accept requests from people, so if you know someone in need of items, please speak to me and we'll see what we can try to do and help. I really do encourage you to look at their website to find out more:

www.acts435.org.uk

Board Game Cafe

Come along to our board games cafe in Cafe Emm.

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

Forthcoming Dates are: 20th May and 3rd /17th June

Paul

New point for pencil factory

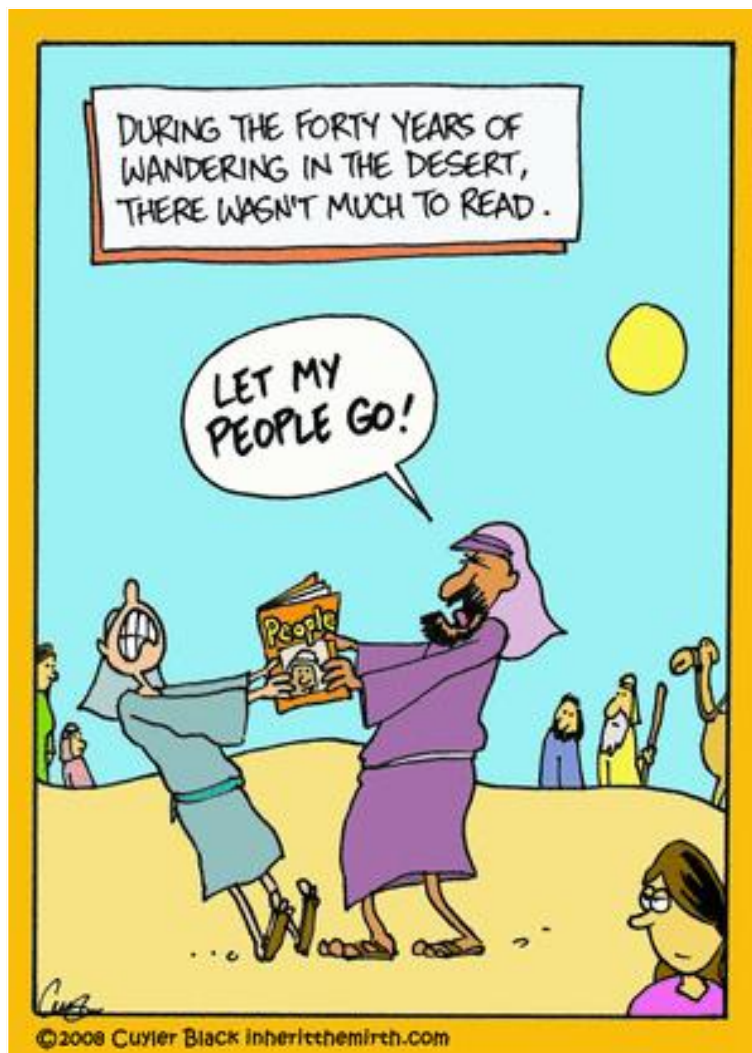
The Keswick Convention will be moving all their activities into a renovated factory. The annual Christian conference has been going since 1875, putting on Christian seminars and Bible teaching each summer for thousands of people. The Lake District National Park Development committee unanimously voted to support the planning application for the renovation.

The entire convention will move to the site of a former pencil factory, with old warehousing being cleared to provide space for the convention's main marquee.

They currently meet at a show ground but also in churches and meeting spaces across the town. The pencil factory building will be modernised to provide toilet facilities, accommodation, meeting rooms and a conference centre.

The refurbishment will also host Keswick Ministries' teaching courses and be open for visiting church groups, schools and local community groups. The space may also be used by other organisations from around the country.

James Robson, ministry director of Keswick Ministries said, "This is a wonderful milestone in our charity's 140-year history and for the town of Keswick. The site, which has been derelict for ten years, will be transformed into a facility that the town and the people of the Lake District can be proud of."



DBS CERTIFICATE RENEWAL

If your DBS Certificate, is over three years old you will need to renew it. I can email the information to you.

Also if you are working with children or vulnerable adults you need to have done the diocesan safeguarding training and confirm to me when this was done.

If you go to the website all the information is there.

Please also make sure that you give the signed self declaration form to either myself or Paul Foster.

Many thanks.

Kristin Hatherly
Safeguarding co-ordinator

Keys: Recall & Re-register

We are currently reviewing who has which keys for the Emmanuel building and updating the list accordingly.

If I have not contacted you directly and you hold any keys for the Emmanuel Building, external or internal, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

Linda Withers.
Admin & Building Manager



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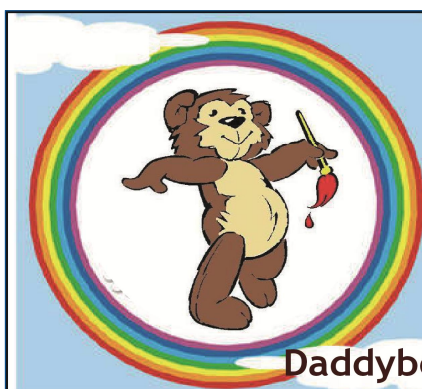
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Daddybear Face Painting



50th Birthday celebrations

At the beginning of February I turned 50. I was able to celebrate with colleagues, friends and family over the course of the week. My celebrations included a meal at a local lake-side pub where over 30 colleagues from World Horizons joined me. I also went to see the musical Les Miserables with my sister Alison and spent a few days with my parents in Northampton where we saw the Mousetrap at the theatre and went out for a couple of meals.



Prayer on the road

World Horizons starts the year with a month of prayer during January. This year our theme concerned different people-groups around the world who have little or no knowledge of who Jesus is. We also prayed for the future direction of World Horizons during its present time of transition. Our own nation was also prayed for in this time of political uncertainty.

During the third week we decided to go out from our building for a couple of days as an extension of our prayer. As we prayed, we asked God where we should go and divided up into small teams, joining with those who felt led to pray in a similar location.

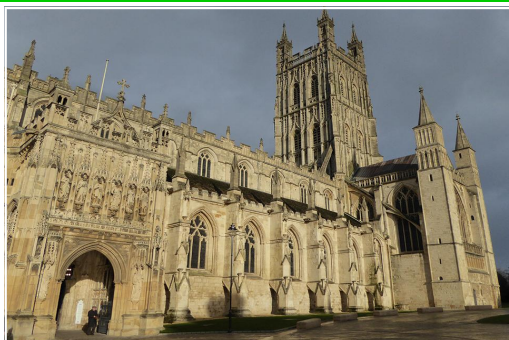
I went with a group to Gloucester, where we prayer-walked around the city centre, including the cathedral. Gloucester is the home of 'Frightfest' the biggest Halloween event in the UK and there are many 'new age' and darkly mystical shops. We felt the need to pray for the light of God's presence to shine. On the Sunday we visited a Baptist Church where we were given a warm welcome.

Back in Wales, it was really inspiring to hear stories from all the groups. Some met people they were able to pray with, others were able to share in churches; others randomly met people they had met before or found that they had a mutual friend.

A group that went to Birmingham found themselves wandering the back streets of 'the Balti Triangle' looking for lunch on the Saturday afternoon. They were invited to 'come into our restaurant' by a man on the street. The restaurant turned out to be a shed down a back alley. They assumed he was the owner but it turned out he was a taxi driver. His name meant 'light of religion'. They were able to pray for him and give him a word of encouragement. He was so grateful he offered to buy them lunch!

Prayer Point

- Pray for connections that were made to be strengthened and developed.
- Pray for future prayer initiatives that will take place throughout the year where we aim to go and pray for communities and regions.



What's in your name?

This Spring, millions of people will be curious to know what Meghan and Prince Harry name their first baby. Journalists will fill columns of newsprint, speculating on why they chose that name, how it will fit in with the rest of the royal names, and how 'fashionable' it may become.

But we all have a name. It's perhaps the only thing that we'll possess throughout our entire lives. It's often the first thing strangers ask about us, and although we have the power to change it, few of us do. There's often a story behind why we have that name, and many people have strong feelings – whether positive or negative – towards it.

Whether we like it or not, our names define us. Although this is certainly less the case now than it has been in the past, names tell us a lot about a person – from gender to race to socioeconomic background and more. Our name can even have the power to shape our self-esteem and influence how we're seen and treated by others.

Names are particularly significant in the Bible – bound up with identity, origin, birth circumstances, or even the 'divine purpose' of that person. Right from the start of Genesis, we see the importance of names. The name

'Adam' provides a pun on the word for 'ground', from which he is formed. Abram, 'exalted father' becomes

Abraham, 'father of many nations'. Samuel, the longed-for child of Hannah, means 'God hears'.

Our names form a part of our faith, too. In Isaiah 43:1, it is said that God has "summoned you by name"; a declaration that is reflected in the Anglican confirmation Service: 'God has called you by name and made you His own'.

In Ephesians 3 Paul begins his prayer for the Ephesians with these powerful words:

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name."

Whether we love, hate, or are completely ambivalent towards our given names, this verse reminds us that, ultimately, they pale in significance to our family name – that which is given to us when we become adopted heirs of God in Christ. Belonging, community, and family ultimately goes back to God himself, and are reflected most truly in relationship with Him.

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God won't ask what kind of car you drove;
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God won't ask the square footage of your house,
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.

God won't ask which diet you were on;
He'll ask how many hungry people you helped to feed.

God won't ask what your highest salary was;
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was;
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

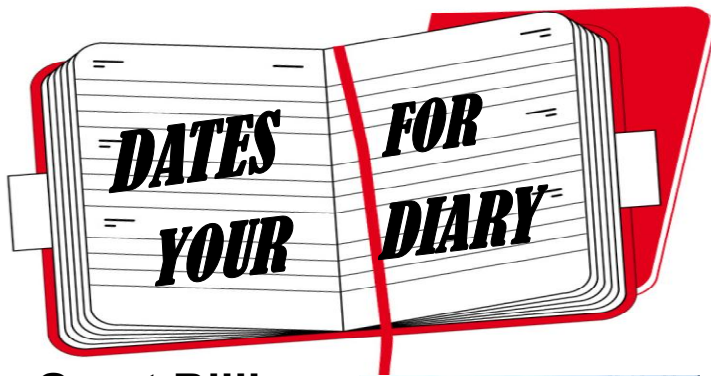
God won't ask how many friends you had on Facebook;
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived;
He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask about the colour of your skin;
He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Him;
He'll lovingly take you into his Kingdom, not leave you at the gates of Hell.

Supplied by David Bell



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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)

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The story behind the hymn: 'Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord'



Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it with his Alleluia No. 1.

1. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide.

Fishel wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was publications editor for the Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years, and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute.

Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse (which became the third verse) was added later, as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song."

Alleluia No. 1 was first published in the UK in Sound of Living Waters, in 1974.

Men's pie & pint



Thursday 2nd May
7.30pm at
The Lumbertubs Pub



WHAT'S HAPPENING 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

29th MAY
7AM - 8AM

**JOINT
PRAYER MEETING
WITH
STOREHOUSE
CHURCH**

**AND THE
SALVATION ARMY
PENISTONE ROAD**

**AT
EMMANUEL
COFFEE SHOP**

**PRAYER FOR
NORTHAMPTON EAST
AND FOR OUR
CHURCHES.**

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

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

Emmanuel House Groups

meet at various times & venues during the week

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

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

For further information speak to any of the house group leaders

Family Tots Wednesdays

9.45am-11.30am or 12-1.30pm
at

Emmanuel Church

**Weston Favell Shopping Centre
Top floor Coffee Shop entrance**

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

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

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

Every Monday Evening

7.30-8.45pm

PRAYER

in the chapel
at

**Emmanuel
Church**

Open to All

Please come and join
us, you will be most
welcome

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS

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

It all adds up to

Livability

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



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

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

Family Africa Day Celebrations

The Zimwomen Association are organising a FREE event on Sunday 26th May from 12pm until 8pm at Northampton's Market Square.

There will be African food stalls and African music, dance and drumming workshops and an African fashion show.

There will also be craft and community stalls

The women will be collecting donations for victims and families affected by Cyclone Idai. Any donations will be accepted, most needed are clothes, baby clothes, disposable nappies, personal hygiene items, sanitary pads, suitcases, tinned foods, non perishable foods, stationery, school stationery & equipment, basic tools, bed linen, sleeping bags and water purifiers.

Medical Supplies : non prescription medication, first aid items, gloves, hospital equipment and beds.

www.zimwomenassociation.org



In 2019, the New Life Choir will be returning with a new set of children and a whole new programme, after their hugely successful first tour in 2017.

The 'History Makers' tour will start in February 2019 and will run until June 2019, visiting St Giles on the 18th of May.

The New Life Choir is a group of 20 children who are beneficiaries of Abaana's projects across Uganda. They will represent their local communities by singing their way around the UK and Ireland, acting as ambassadors for their friends and families still living in poverty.

The choir will perform both Ugandan and English gospel songs and tell their testimonies. Abaana's aim is to raise awareness of third world poverty, find sponsors for an additional 200–300 children and rescue more children from a life on the streets.

500 new child sponsorships were set up as a direct result of the 2017 New Life Choir tour and six young boys were rescued from a life on the streets and brought into Abaana's New Life Homes.

This event is open to everyone. Tickets are free, however there is a suggested donation of £10 per person which can be given through an offering at the event.



Women & Wine
Thursday 23rd May
7pm

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

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

BOOTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

EMMANUEL CHURCH

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

EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES BILLING BROOK ROAD
 NORTHAMPTON NN3 8JR

Services in May 2019

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH GROUPS
Sunday 5th	Communion Phil Snelson & Ken Clark	Morning Worship Haydon Spenceley & Maureen Luke	All Age Worship Peter Angus Obi Hez & James O'Sullivan	Rectory Farm Praise & Prayer Emmanuel Own Group
Sunday 12th	ipraise Haydon Spenceley	Communion Peter Goodlad	Communion Doug Spenceley	Rectory Farm Own Group Emmanuel ipraise
Sunday 19th	Communion & Baptisms Haydon Spenceley Livability Group On Ground Floor	Communion David Bell	Praise & Pray Kris Hatherly & Ken Clark	Rectory Farm & Emmanuel all together @ McDonalds
Sunday 26th	Café church Youth Group - plus Paul Foster & James O' Sullivan	Morning Worshio Chris Pearson Nick Bewley - Tippler	Communion + Christening Haydon Spenceley	YOUTH SERVICE 7 - 9pm @ emmanuel

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