

# B E E R T

BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES



## Reflecting on Summer

Dear Friends

Is it really that time again already? The start of the new school year??? It seems only yesterday that the children were breaking up for their holidays. Summer is a great time for reflection, relaxation and recharging the batteries. I hope you have all been able to take some time out over the last few weeks to do some (or all) of that.

As you prepare for September and the new academic year, it's good to reflect on the summer just gone.

**Find a quiet space and take a few moments to settle yourself.** Try not to be distracted by all the busyness and noises around you.

**What has gone well this summer?** What has given you a smile? Perhaps it's a holiday, or a new book, a present, a film. Or just being with the family, making new friends, linking up with old friends. Or just having the time to relax a bit. Perhaps you and your children enjoyed the weekly FISH time at Blackthorn (thanks, all of you who helped this go so well. It was so much valued and appreciated) Perhaps it's exam results which have gone well and opened up new opportunities for the new academic year. How has it made you feel? For each one, say thank you to God.

**What has not gone well this summer?** What has made you sad? Perhaps someone has been taken ill, or has received a challenging diagnosis. Perhaps the long-awaited holiday was upset by the weather or travel difficulties. Perhaps your family have had an upset or some sort of crisis. Perhaps something you did or said upset someone or went completely wrong. Perhaps exam results haven't gone as well as hoped. How has it made you feel? Offer them to God. Ask God to help and support you through them. Ask God forgive you for anything that you did or said. Perhaps even thank God for the opportunity to learn from them.

**And now look forward.** Think of all the opportunities that the new month holds for you. Ask God to be there with you and guide you at each moment. For many, September marks a turning point – new school, new college, new university, new job, new house or baby, perhaps. For many, the summer has been a time of new relationships or getting married and entering into a new and exciting time of marriage. For all of us, time has moved on and what lies ahead, however familiar it may seem, is new. Allow it to be fresh and exciting! I wish you every blessing as you step out.

This way of reflecting on the past day or month is adapted from a centuries' old Ignatian practice called Examen. It's a good way of ending each day for a few moments. It relaxes you for sleep. It reminds you to be thankful to God for each day's opportunities and helps you to look forward to tomorrow. It's worth a try.

In Emmanuel Group of Churches the coming month brings some special highlights for us all:

1<sup>st</sup> September: joint 10.30 service at Emmanuel Church: Henry Martin, author of the book *Eavesdropping* is our guest preacher, giving us an introduction to our main focus for the autumn – Going Deeper into Prayer.

8<sup>th</sup> September: Ability Sunday, when we will be celebrating how each one of us is 'fearfully and wonderfully made' and each one of us is unique and special in God's eyes.

15<sup>th</sup> September: joint 10.30 service at Emmanuel Church: three young people are to be confirmed by our Assistant Bishop, Bishop Ed, who will also be licensing Chris Pearson as Assistant Priest and Ken Clark as Reader.

Every Monday evening at Emmanuel Church: a small group meets regular to pray for the needs of the parish, the community and the wider world. During this season of focus on prayer, they would value anyone who would like to join them. Come along at any time between 7.30 and 9.00pm, even for a short time.

So, whatever September holds for you, may it be a blessing to you

Doug

## David Bell's... Boothville Diary



Since the last edition of BERT, we have been given opportunity to reflect on Boothville Community Church.

The worship experienced on Sundays, and the growing congregation of all ages; The work done with the local community, especially the groups connected to the Boothville Community Centre. And, of course, social events when members of the congregation and the local community enjoy the occasion together.

### Christening and Baptism

The congregation were given and opportunity to assist in the Baptism of a mother and the Christening of her son by Doug who led the service.

The Church welcomed over 40 visitors, and for this occasion we set out the Church 'long ways', the manner more usually adopted for concerts.



### Lesley Gossage

– Reader in training

As part of her placement we were joined by Lesley who is a Reader in Training from St Albans Church, Broadmead Avenue.

She was given the opportunity to preach, as well as interact with members of the congregation after the Service.

It is always good to see students who want to have their placement with our Group of Churches, and then to track their progress.

We wish Lesley, best wishes and prayers for her Ministry.

## Boat trip – Precious at the front

Members of Boothville congregation enjoyed a trip on a narrow boat, from Gayton marina, stopping for a meal at Bugbrook and then safely back again.

The trip was organised by Kathy. We were blessed with good weather and it turned out to be a truly relaxing day.

Precious was shown by one of the boat people, how to signal to the steersman from the back. She went on to warn about oncoming boats and bridges.

It was symbolic that she was taking her usual role at the front guiding the members of the congregation safely along the right path.



## Garden trip – the ladies

Every year Jean Goodlad organises us a visit to a garden. This is part of the 'open garden' scheme. Every visit has been so enjoyable and this year was no exception. We visited Bearwood, Popular Farm and Barton Sea-grave; a beautifully laid out garden with artistic touches from both husband and wife.

We were made most welcome, and the refreshments and homemade cakes completed the lovely visit. Thank you Jean. We look forward to next year.

# 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](mailto:info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk)**



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

Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Fish  
Pasta/Curry Sauce  
Coffee - small and family jars  
Granulated Sugar  
UHT milk - All types  
Oil - Small and large bottles  
Salt  
Men's Toiletries  
Toilet rolls  
Squash - No added sugar  
Fruit Juice  
Rice

*Thank you!*

## Café Emm at Emmanuel

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

Not only that, the food is good!

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

**For further information, please contact Terry-anne Fleck, Café Emm manager: [coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk](mailto:coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)**



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

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

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

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

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

**visit our website at: [www.c2csocialaction.com](http://www.c2csocialaction.com) or call us: 01604 824 080**

## Have you ever thought of becoming a street pastor?

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

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

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

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



# EMMANUEL CHURCH

The Christening of Jaia-Leigh July Worrell on 28th July was a wonderful occasion. It took many of us back to the 'old days', when we saw Precious, Khari and Kenya regularly at Emmanuel. How good it was to see Khari, grown up, married and bringing his daughter to be Christened. And Kenya also a grown up handsome young man. It was a family affair in more ways than one. Surrounded by both their 'actual family' and their 'Emmanuel family'. It was truly a special morning.

**"Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God  
belongs to such as these.  
" [Mark 10:14]**



**Proud father Khari with his beautiful daughter  
Jaia-Leigh July Worrell.**



**Emmanuel; God with us**

# Community Care Update

## June 2019

I'm just concentration on just three things this month

### Lower Deck at Emmanuel

If you go down to lower deck one day, we're sure of a big surprise! For after nearly 25 years of being the same, has finally been decorated

We had a team from NCS (National Citizens Service), 7x 16 year olds and their supervisor to carry out the work. They were here for just 5 days and one of those days they were at FISH, so they weren't able to finish the whole room but they finished the walls and started on some of the glossing. They did a fantastic job of the work that they had done, we just need an Emmanuel team to finish it off now!!

Whilst they were at FISH, they prepared good old-fashioned games, like hook-a-duck, pin a tail on eeyore, etc, for the children (and adults) to play. We only managed to get one photo, but we have some photos of the room before and after. I was lucky enough, along with Fiona Potter, to join them at their graduation ceremony as well.

Check out the lower deck the next time you're at Emmanuel. I'm sure you will agree that the NCS team did a brilliant job.

### FISH Food and Fun In School Holidays

What a summer we have had, we moved to a Thursday and to a different venue and still people found us. As I write this, we have two more weeks to go, but in the three weeks, we have run so far, we fed and entertained 330 people.

Preparing and serving the food has been really challenging but I am so proud of how our volunteers just get on with whatever challenges they face each week. The comments I received from those who attend and those who are part of the management team have sung their praises high as well.

I feel very blessed that so many volunteers want to give up their time, to serve our hungry community.

### Shoeboxes!

We are working with a new charity this year called Link To Hope. It is similar to before, but rather than individual children, it now collects items for **families** or **elderly people**. The boxes are distributed around Eastern Europe, making it more inclusive of the wider

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the church office  
402150 or email:  
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oup.org.uk



Paul Foster



LOWER DECK BEFORE



LOWER DECK DAY 2

family rather than just children.

I'll start to bring some leaflets on a Sunday, later in September, but have a look at their website to see what you can be collecting in the meantime.

[www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2019](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2019)

*Paul*

# Northampton Jesus Centre - Vacancy

## **Project Officer (Services) Initial 3 months maternity cover with likelihood of contract extension**

NJC is at an exciting time of transformation, building on 16 years of experience of working with those who are homeless, vulnerably housed, socially isolated and those who want to learn English in order to improve their skills and employability and move forward.

After a period of restructuring as a Charity we have a new strategic direction overseen by our new Programme Team (CEO, Finance, Safeguarding, Operations, Health & safety).

**We are looking for someone who is passionate about demonstrating their Christian faith through faith based social action.** You will be motivated by your desire to help the marginalised, excluded and disadvantaged in a non-judgemental way; an excellent communicator with an ability to relate to a wide range of people by phone, email, face to face and in writing ; self-motivated, organised and flexible; a good team player with competent administrative skills.

Ideally you will have understanding and experience of the issues that affect volunteering, of implementing safeguarding processes in relation to recruitment, of identifying and managing risk, and also of using social media to promote activities and volunteer opportunities. You will be responsible for overseeing and ensuring the efficient running of our reception and volunteers processes.

The post is for 16hrs a week initially for 3 months and ideally this should suit someone who could work flexibly over 4 mornings (or 4 half days) ?

Closing date for applications Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Interview w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September

If this sounds like you and if you'd like more information please contact

[steve.jones@northamptonjesuscentre.org.uk](mailto:steve.jones@northamptonjesuscentre.org.uk) for a job description and application pack

Remember these, well join us for



# Board Games Cafe

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

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**



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

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

**JOIN OUR COMMUNITY**  
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**SUNDAY**  
**10.30am**

**BLAST**

junior church for 4 - 18 years  
+  
creche for under 4's @ **emmanuel**  
on the 1st and 3rd  
Sunday of the month

**Jamout**

if you're secondary school age.  
😊

**The Christian youth group for you**

on top floor at emmanuel

**fridays 7-9pm**

★ **munch - food and fellowship**

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



**'R-zone'**

is a free youth group for ages 8 - 13

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

See our webpage @

[www.rfnorthampton.org.uk/r-zone](http://www.rfnorthampton.org.uk/r-zone)

want to know more?...

- call Mell on 402150 (church office)

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 of  
**B.E.R.T**

**Friday**  
**20th**  
**SEPT.**

**Please send your  
 articles,**

testimonies, comments, funny  
 stories, family news, local is-  
 sues, etc. to...

**[liz@lizzywhizz.biz](mailto:liz@lizzywhizz.biz)**

or leave items for BERT  
 at the church office.

**SEE BERT ONLINE**  
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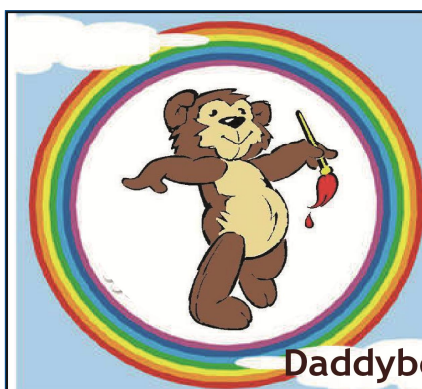
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 please consider giving via the envelope scheme and,  
 if you pay income tax... 'Gift-aid' it so that we can  
 claim tax back, maximising your gift.*

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



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**Daddybear Face Painting**



**Spencer  
Contact**

**Furniture Reuse Charity**  
Christian Care and Concern in  
the Community  
Reg. No. 1070072

You are invited to **Spencer Contact Open Day**  
on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**A unique opportunity to see how Spencer Contact  
operates from day to day**

We will be carrying out 3 sessions throughout the day. Each session will consist of a small presentation conducted by Steve the Manager, followed by a tour of the premises enabling you to experience the extent of the work carried out for residents of Northampton who are in need. Enjoy a drink and cake with us once the session has finished giving you opportunity to meet some of our team and find out about the services we offer.

**Session 1** 10am - 11.30am

**Session 2** 1pm - 2.30pm

**Session 3** 6pm - 7.30pm

This is a **FREE** event, however, to help us manage numbers and for catering purposes we ask that everyone wishing to attend contact us by email at [mail@spencercontact.com](mailto:mail@spencercontact.com) to accept the invitation. If you wish to find out more about the location please see our website [www.spencercontact.com](http://www.spencercontact.com).

*Faith ✦ Hope ✦ Love*

I, maybe like some of you, was bought up in a family where we always had carpet on the floor, beds to sleep in and somewhere to sit as a family to have a meal. But I regularly go into homes on Northampton where they have none of these basic necessities and do not have the money to go out and purchase them. For many, these sad and difficult circumstances have not necessarily come about through fault of their own, like we may be inclined to think.

Spencer Contact is a Christian charity based solely in Northampton, that over the last 20 years has been helping individuals and families by giving these items to those who are in need. Every week we collect furniture and household items from people who have finished with them and in our warehouse we repair, clean, restore each piece as required and then give them to people and families in need. We do this to show Christian care and concern and something of the love of God to people living in our town.

Spencer Contact Gladstone Close Northampton NN5 7AY Phone: 01604 587589

# Emmanuel Group of Churches

## Easy Fundraising &

**amazon**smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

First of all can I say a big thank you to all 35 of you who have signed up to this and so far raised £450 at a time when the church's finances are again under great pressure. We can always do with a few more !

I know many of you have used it for your Amazon purchases but sadly this will have to change as Amazon now have their own system which must be used from now on. Amazon's new system is called "smile.amazon.co.uk" and works in a similar way to Easyfundraising.

I have set up a new Emmanuel charity account with smile amazon so that you can still generate cash for Emmanuel with them.

To use the new system for your Amazon purchases you need to :-

1. Go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and first register by inserting your email address and then your existing Amazon account Password. This only has to be done the first time you use it.
2. Stay on the smile.amazon.co.uk website ready to search for the item you wish to purchase.
3. Before searching for your item please amend the "Charity" to Emmanuel Group of Churches as it will normally default to a different one. Again you only have to do this once.
4. Search and choose your item which should then show "this qualifies for a donation to Emmanuel Group of Churches". I'm not sure this will apply to all items chosen but almost 100%.
5. Go to check out which will use your existing account information (including credit card details already registered with them) and in all other respects be with your existing Amazon account.
6. Always access Amazon through [www.smileamazon.co.uk](http://www.smileamazon.co.uk) for all your future purchases you can save it as one of your "Favourites".

Thanks again.

Grant Timms (Assistant Treasurer)

## The 23rd Channel



***The TV is my shepherd, I shall not want.***

***It makes me lie down on the sofa. It leads me away from the faith. It destroys my soul.***

***It leads me in the paths of sex and violence, for the sponsors' sake.***

***Yea, though I walk in the shadow of my responsibilities, there will be no interruption.***

***For the TV is with me, its cable and remote control, they comfort me.***

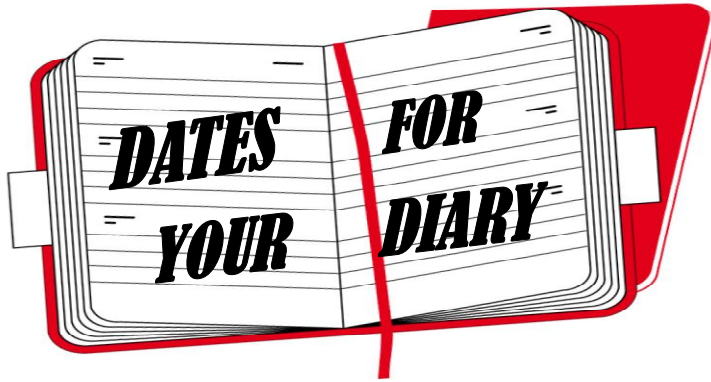
***It prepares a commercial before me in the presence of my worldliness.***

***It anoints my head with humanism and consumerism.***

***My covetousness runneth over.***

***Surely laziness and ignorance shall follow me all the days of my life***

***And I shall dwell in the house, watching TV forever.***



## Great Billing Methodist Church

*You are invited to*

**A PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
8.30 – 9.30 a.m.

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

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

### + Reflective mornings at Great Billing

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

Meeting 10.30 to 12 noon. More details from:

Joan Beswick (638687) or Norma Baxter (844316)



## GROUP HOLIDAY 2020

### To North Wales

Staying at the Chatsworth House Hotel  
in Llandudno

**Saturday June 6th to Saturday 13th June 2020**

**Cost is £499.00 for eight days**

the hotel has a indoor heated swimming pool.

**£20.00 deposit to book yourself a place**

### Day Trips 2019

Saturday September 7th Boston Town Centre.

Lovely market town in Lincolnshire. Cost £14.00

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT**

## **& FOOD FAIR 2019**

**At Ely Cathedral Saturday November 16th**

Now in its 8th year, this popular event is one of East Anglia's exceptional Christmas shopping experiences.

Over 120 bespoke trade stalls are located in the Cathedral's magnificent nave, its famous Lady Chapel and a heated marquee in the beautiful Cathedral grounds.

This high profile event, inside one of Cambridgeshire's most iconic venues, makes Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food

Fair a perfect day out. **Cost: £16.50.**

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

**Book with Kathy Norris at 'Cafe Emm'**

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to book your place with a deposit of £5.00.

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# Gavin Calver announced as new chief executive of the Evangelical Alliance

**Gavin Calver, an accredited Baptist evangelist, will be the new CEO of the Evangelical Alliance. He will succeed general director Steve Clifford, who announced in April that he will step down later this year**

Gavin has been the Evangelical Alliance's director of mission since 2015, and he previously spent 14 years at Youth for Christ, six of which in the role of national director. During his time as director of mission Gavin launched the [Great Commission hub](#), which inspires and equips Christians to share their faith with boldness and confidence. He is chair of the Spring Harvest Planning Group, and regularly preaches and teaches in churches around the UK and beyond.

Dr Tani Omidoyi, chair of the Evangelical Alliance's board of trustees, said, 'Gavin excelled throughout the interviewing process. With a strong field of applicants, he impressed the board with his extensive expertise and his vision for the future, and he left us with a sense of excitement and great expectation.'

'We came out of the process feeling confident that we have found someone chosen of God for this new season. His appointment is fully endorsed by the whole board.'

Gavin commented, 'I am privileged to be taking on this leadership role at the Evangelical Alliance. The Evangelical Alliance has been at the heart of evangelicalism in the UK since 1846. This unity movement, which has a rich and prestigious heritage of gospel unity in the church, has had a profound impact on the social fabric of the UK, and I am deeply humbled to accept the role of CEO..

'Every week I have the opportunity to visit and share with local churches that are living out the hopeful reality of the gospel, and I am continually amazed at what the church is doing. I am looking forward to the Evangelical Alliance developing even deeper relationships with local churches as we seek to understand and celebrate what God is doing in our communities.'

'I am grateful to Steve, who has been a big influence in my life.

His tenure leading the Evangelical Alliance has been exemplary. The legacy he leaves, especially around the work of uniting ethnically diverse evangelicals, will last for years to come.

'I have loved working with the great team we have at the Evangelical Alliance and I am looking forward to working with such a gifted team in the weeks, months and years to come.'

Steve Clifford, general director of the Evangelical Alliance, said, 'I am delighted that Gavin is to be the next CEO of the Evangelical Alliance. I believe he is uniquely equipped to build on what God has been doing in and through the Evangelical Alliance during my



time as general director. I have so appreciated working with Gav, and I know the Evangelical Alliance is in safe hands as it steps into what God has planned for its future.'

The Revd John Risbridger, chair of the Evangelical Alliance's council, said, 'Gavin has been a dedicated and prolific evangelist, faithfully preaching the gospel in churches across all four nations of the UK week in and week out. He leads with integrity and an unwavering commitment to unity. I am thrilled that he will be leading the Evangelical Alliance, supporting the church as we make Jesus known throughout the UK.'

Gavin is married to Anne - a Baptist minister - and has two children. He is an ordained evangelist, a regular public speaker, and has authored five books. He loves new challenges, is an avid AFC Wimbledon supporter, and was part of the team that broke the world record for the longest five-a-side football match.

## Men's pie & pint



**Thursday 5th September  
7.30pm at  
The Lumbertubs Pub**

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE 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

25th SEPT

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**

# First meal on the moon

**Almost everyone knows Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first people to stand on the moon. Almost everyone knows the words Armstrong said, but how many know what Buzz Aldrin did before they stepped out on to the moon's surface?**

Aldrin was a convinced Christian and an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas. Before the flight he had wondered about how to mark the landing. He wrote in an article in 1970 that his pastor Dean Woodruff had told him "God reveals himself in the common elements of everyday life' – like bread and wine.

Woodruff gave him a silver chalice to take with him on the flight, and there was just enough gravity for him to be able to pour the wine from a plastic container. He wrote in 'Guideposts': "In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements." He also read from John 15.5: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.'

Before he took communion, he radioed back to NASA: "I would like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever they may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in their own individual way.

NASA kept quiet about what he was actually doing, though. It was bruised by the activities of atheist campaigner Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who had fought a series of court battles – all of which she lost – against it, because the crew of a previous mission - Apollo 8 - had read out the creation story from Genesis during their orbit. She thought it violated the constitutional division between church and state.



The Bible and the moon have a lot more history besides all that. Three hundred microfilmed King James Versions were carried on the Apollo 14 mission at the instigation of the Apollo Prayer League, 100 of which went down to the moon in the lunar module with astronaut Edgar Mitchell. There's also a paper Bible still on the moon; it's on the dashboard of an abandoned lunar rover and was left there by Apollo 15 astronaut David Scott.

*(Author: Mark Woods, 20 July 2019)*



**Women & Wine**

**Thursday 26th September  
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  
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# Services in September 2019

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH GROUPS
Sunday 1st	Joint Communion Service at Emmanuel Haydon Spenceley & Henry Martin			Rectory Farm Praise & Prayer  Emmanuel Own Group
Sunday 8th	ipraise Haydon Spenceley + The iPraise Team	Communion Doug Spenceley 'Education'	Morning Worship + Junior Church Kris Hatherly + Peter Angus	Rectory Farm Own Group  Emmanuel ipraise
Sunday 15th	Communion Licensing & Confirmation Bishop Ed Haydon Spenceley + Phil Snelson	Morning Worship  David Bell	Confirmation Service at Emmanuel Bishop Ed Haydon Spenceley Phil Snelson	Rectory Farm & Emmanuel all together @ McDonalds
Sunday 22nd	Café church Ken Clark + Phil Snelson	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion + Junior Church Haydon Spenceley + Congregation meeting	YOUTH SERVICE 7 - 9pm @ emmanuel
Sunday 29th	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Harvest Maureen Luke	Morning Worship Keith Holland Delamere & Ken Clark	

and - COMMUNION EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME at 1.30pm