

# B E E R T

BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES

"Above all else, Christmas is about the coming of Jesus into our world as one of us".

**Here we are at the end of another year** with Christmas fast approaching and the wonderful story of God's coming to earth in Jesus. God coming to us in a tiny baby is an astounding, truly wonderful thing that I'm not sure we ever come to terms with, much to be celebrated and cause for great worship.

**Another thing that amazes me** is the total faith and obedience of both Mary and Joseph. How could they possibly have imagined any of what was to follow when this humble local couple announced their engagement?! Certainly, a hurried marriage with Mary coming to the altar with a "baby bump" was not what they planned. It wasn't like our culture where people are fairly tolerant of a pregnancy outside of marriage. It was seen as a deeply shameful thing in those days. Yet somehow Mary found it in herself to say *"I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."* Joseph *'did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife'* despite all the confusion and questions.

**I wonder how we might have coped** given that situation? Would even a visit from an Archangel, even Gabriel himself, have convinced you or me to drop all our plans and give ourselves completely to God's plan at the risk of likely disapproval and rejection by most of our family, friends and possibly even punishment from their community?

**Could Mary or Joseph have said "no" to God?** I don't know, but they didn't. They committed themselves into God's hands and I'm sure that God, in his grace, gave them the faith they needed. Faith to journey to Bethlehem with Mary at full term; faith to trust that they would find somewhere to shelter, even if it turned out to be a stable, then much needed faith for Mary's delivery!

**Even after Jesus' birth** and the visitors who came to worship had been and gone, there was another unexpected turn as things went "side-ways" again and Joseph and Mary had to run for their lives as refugees to Egypt, to avoid Jesus being killed. Could all of this really be part of God's plan?! It was, and while there are plenty of unanswered questions as to why it should be so, Joseph and Mary continued to follow in faith and obedience. Amazing... and so impressive!

**I wonder if you ever look back** on how things have gone for you. How has following Jesus changed your life or taken you in unexpected directions?

**This year will be my 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas with Emmanuel Group**, and there are all sorts of great memories of things we've done together and unexpected ways that God has led us. By Christmas 2008, the year we came to Northampton, I was just about getting

back to full-time work after I nearly didn't make it at all following a serious illness in the summer.

**When I signed on for a further 3-year** period of ministry in 2018, it was to work with Emmanuel toward the change in Free Church minister. It never occurred to me that in the November things would go "sideways" as I would fall ill and be off work for several months and end up returning in a redefined role, part-time with Emmanuel and part-time with the Methodist Circuit.

It has been really hard work for Haydon and the Emmanuel leadership, and I can't thank them enough for their care and support. This was not what any of us expected at all. Could all of this really be part of God's plan?! While there are plenty of unanswered questions as to how or why it could be so, the Lord has been faithful and he is Emmanuel, God with us.

**Above all else, Christmas is about the coming of Jesus** into our world as one of us. Through Jesus his Son, God came among us as a human but without sin, the one perfect human uniquely qualified and equipped to bring God and people back together. Through faith we can be restored as children of God and enter into his gift of eternal life, forever with God, instead of an eternity separated from him by sin.

**Surely we must truly celebrate!**

God called both Mary and Joseph to be a vital part in his plans to rescue the world and its people. And He calls us to part of that too, to share the invitation of his presence and his love.

**No doubt the New Year will bring** new things and fresh challenges for each of us, sometimes unexpected.

Can I encourage you to be inspired by Mary & Joseph's example and something else the angel told Mary: "For nothing will be impossible with God."

**"Whatever God calls you to do**, seek to respond in faith and obedience, trust in God's purpose for you even if you don't always understand "why" or if it all seems to be going a bit "side-ways"!

Praying God's peace for the Christmas season and in the New Year to come

Phil

★  
For  
God so  
loved the  
world He gave  
His one and only  
Son that whoever  
believes in Him shall not  
perish but have eternal life  
John  
3:16

# Squeeze support foodbank



Northampton's Weston Favell Centre Foodbank Team with Glen Tilbrook (L) and Chris Difford (R) of Squeeze

Squeeze became well known in the new wave period of the late 1970s, and continued recording in the 1980s and 1990s.

Their best known songs "Cool for Cats", "Up the Junction" and "Labelled with Love" were top ten chart hits.

Their autumn tour aims to raise food, funds and awareness for the Trussell Trust network of food banks. Glenn Tilbrook said "I am over the moon to be touring with Squeeze and raising donations for Trussell Trust. I've been so humbled and moved by the generosity and compassion of the people coming to the gigs and donating. It's disgraceful that in 2019 people can't

afford to put even the most basic food on the table. More than 1.5 tonnes of food has been raised for those that need it, and I can't wait to see how much we can achieve".

The concert at the Derngate was on the 5th November. The band had a promotional CD of which all the proceeds (£230) came to the food bank, Caroline Giles, Jayne Redding and myself had collection buckets which in total collected £269.65. So all in all, it was a very profitable night for food bank... a grand total of £499.65. - Thank you Squeeze!

*Simon Burgess (foodbank administrator)*

## A CONCERT OF

Christmas Solos & Duets

at

St. Peter's Church,

Weston Favell

On

Friday, Dec. 13th

at

2.30 pm

Free Admission & Refreshments

## [www.emmgroupp.org.uk](http://www.emmgroupp.org.uk)

'We have a great new website. If you haven't already done so, take a look. You can find it at [www.emmgroupp.org.uk](http://www.emmgroupp.org.uk)

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

We are also in the process of improving our communications. To this end, we have invested in **ChurchSuite**, a great piece of software which will enable you to keep up with Church life through an app on your smartphone or on your laptop.

There will be more info about how you can join in with this soon. For those of you who prefer a pen and paper, don't worry, these will never go out of style!

*Haydon*



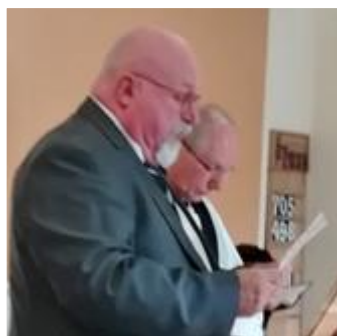
# David Bell's... Boothville Diary



Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity for all to remember the sacrifice made by members of our armed forces, the commonwealth and other allies who fought alongside us; and the civilian servicemen and women involved in the two world wars and later conflicts.; and those who have lost their lives in acts of terrorism.

This year, Doug and Precious led a very touching Remembrance Service.

We started in the Community Hall where during the service Simon read a poem written from a soldiers point of view



During the service the congregation were invited to go outside to the green and gather at the cross.

Joined by passers by, Doug and Precious led us in prayer which included the 2 minutes silence.



Peter, with some of the ladies at Southfields home displaying their wreath

Services are held on the first Wednesday of the month at The Leys Residential Home, Boothville and on the first Friday of the month at Southfields Residential Home.

It is a privilege for Peter, Sheila. Gill and I to worship with the residents, visitors and staff in the homes.

This month their remembrance services featured wreaths which were then laid at the foot of the Cross the following Sunday on their behalf.



Sheila, Peter and Gill with residents of The Leys.  
(Gill is holding their wreath)

At the appropriate time flowers and wreaths were laid at the cross, including one from Boothville Community Church and the wreaths from the two residential homes.



## Community Care Update -

### December (and a little bit of January)

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas (well it here's a round up of what we have lined up this year.



### Christmas Parade Thank You

Weston Favell Centre invited us to be part of their Christmas again and it was brilliant time together, leading the parade in nativity outfits and many little angels from our very own family tots group. See the Emmanuel page for photos. (BERT Page 9)

**Shoeboxes Thank You -** Many thanks to those who took part in the new shoebox scheme called link to hope. The boxes are sent to one of four places Romania, **Bulgaria, Moldova or Ukraine**, when I find out where they were sent I'll let you know.

Although it is different to before, I really pleased that we were able to send 15 from our group of churches. See if you can find yours on this pile!



### Debt Centre

And for the new-year - a bit ironic, but maybe timely, as we all know that people tend to spend a tad too much at Christmas. We have agreed that we will be running a debt centre through Edge Ministries (not CMA as mentioned before).

We will still be looking a couple more people to join our mini team which is slowly starting to build. You don't need to be a financial whizz because some training covers it; But you do need to be able to listen; and have a reasonable grasp of your own finances.

So that is me done for another year, have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.



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

### Messy Christmas

We are running a joint Messy Christmas with other churches again on Saturday 7th December in our foodbank storeroom (previously New Look).

It's a great way to show the stories of Christmas in crafts, stories and videos to those who might not know them. Feel free to pop along between 11 and 1. If you can help on the day please let me know, there is always room for more.

### Lumbertubs Pub and Elwes Arms (Great Billing)

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we are back at Lumbertubs Pub for our annual Christmas sing along with Boothville community choir. It all starts at 7pm, you are more than welcome to join us and have a sing along as the choir's makeshift support group!

We will also be eating after we have sung and would love you to join us, when Men's pie and Pint merges with Women and Wine for its annual get together!

Then on 24<sup>th</sup> December, we are part of Elwes Arms Christmas Eve celebrations from 8pm. When we sing carols and hear about Christmas. It's a great way to start Christmas, even gets me feeling Christmassy..

 Paul



# December

## Women & Wine

### Meets

## Men's Pie & Pint

For their annual get together

Not to be

**MISSED!**

If you are a man or a  
woman  
be there, or be square!

Where?



**Emmanuel Church Hall,  
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**12TH DECEMBER**  
*From 7pm*  
*Featuring*  
*Boothville Community Choir*  
*and many others*



# JULIE'S NEWS



## Encouraging Story

Day to day I often pray about various aspects of my work, seeking inspiration and direction and trusting God to lead me. I am not always aware of how God may be working through my creative efforts. However, A few months ago I heard an unexpected story that changed my perception of how God can use my work. A man from a Muslim background had started going to a church in Liverpool. At the back of the church he picked up a copy of the Mission Opportunities magazine that I produce.

He read an article about missional communities in the Muslim world. The feature included a short story of an

Iranian refugee who came to Christ after arriving in Turkey. The account told how the refugee then took part in a mission training program and is now teaching and preaching.

This man in Liverpool felt really challenged by the article. He saw that if this refugee from a Muslim background could find faith, then so could he. He is now an active member of the Liverpool church. I must admit I was surprised when I heard this man's story. It encouraged me to discover yet again that God often works in ways we just aren't expecting.

**Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.**

## Prophetic art

I recently went on a weekend prophetic art retreat at a Christian centre on the Gower. I felt it was something I should find out more about. I wanted to develop tools for leading creative prayer and worship. I also wanted to rediscover the more artistic side of my creativity and see how God might use that.

I wasn't sure what to expect. Although I am very comfortable with art and design I haven't ventured into prophetic art before.



It was interesting to discover how prayer and worship can be expressed through painting. We heard stories of how God had spoken powerfully to people through

visual imagery and even brought healing or encouragement. I haven't painted for a long time and found this a good impetus to break the creative block. Joining with others to explore painting while listening to worship music released a new type of creative expres-



### Prayer Point

Pray for continued creative inspiration in my design and writing roles as well as further exploration into prophetic art and how God might use that.

**Julie Goodlad**

## What's in a Food Parcel?

Foodbanks provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable tinned and dried foods that have been donated by the local community. Trussell Trust have worked with nutritionists to develop a food parcel that contains sufficient nutrition for adults and children, for at least three days of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families.

It is only supposed to be to fill a stop gap, not as their main means of shopping.

Without your continued help we could not carry on with this very worthy cause so please give generously and

**make a difference now.**



## Ways to Give

We don't think anyone should have to go hungry in the UK, but we need your help to make this happen.

Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

**Please join us to help stop UK hunger.**



## Make a One-Off or Regular Donation

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

PLEASE REMEMBER **food bank**

**AT CHRISTMAS**

**- ALL THE USUAL THINGS**

**AND**

**PERHAPS SOME EXTRA SPECIAL**

**ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS?**



**EMMANUEL**  
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**& St. Peter's Weston Favell**

Here is a prayer/poem by my old friend Phil Streeter.  
(Clearly written pre-recycling!)

## The Garbage Bin

by Phil Streeter

Bean tins, eggshells, tea bags, potato peelings,  
sodden paper and broken glass clattered into our garbage bin  
which wheezed with surprise  
as I stamped my foot on its fly-freckled assortment  
in a search for more space.  
Thankfully, two days later,  
the bin was empty:  
the fetid debris having been humped off  
to a faraway rubbish dump where dogs pad,  
cats wash silently in the sunshine  
and sparrows argue among dust and paper.

Jesus,  
I come to you tonight  
with all the muddled rubbish of my life  
feeling so soiled,  
so crushed,

sick with myself.  
It's been a gruelling day  
and the rubbish which I tip and pile and press  
on you  
has made me feel twenty years older;  
has caused me to hate myself for loving myself more than you;  
has resulted in a longing to be more naive  
and unaffected instead of  
enlightened, cultured and professional  
(as I sometimes consider myself to be);  
has made me wistful of slipping far away  
from the public glare into obscure nonentity.  
I cry out to you tonight Jesus  
because of broken resolutions;  
temptations I thought I had the power to play with;  
loss of patience when you were alive within me;  
help me Lord!  
Please help me,  
because reeking rubbish is scattered everywhere  
in the backyard of my heart and I feel in such an awful muddle.  
I am filled to overflowing  
Lord -  
collect me.

*Supplied by Peter Goodlad*

# 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)**



**Sadly this is a very busy time of year  
for foodbank. We always need...**

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)





## Yes, it's that time of year again!

Once again Emmanuel Church members joined in the annual Christmas parade in Weston Favell Shopping Centre.

The centre was busy. A lot of people had come to see the arrival of Santa. Others doing Christmas shopping stopped to watch.

The largest contingent in the parade was the group from Emmanuel dressed as characters from the Nativity.

An opportunity to remind folks what Christmas is all about...

Oh yes, and it was fun!



**Emmanuel; God with us**



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of

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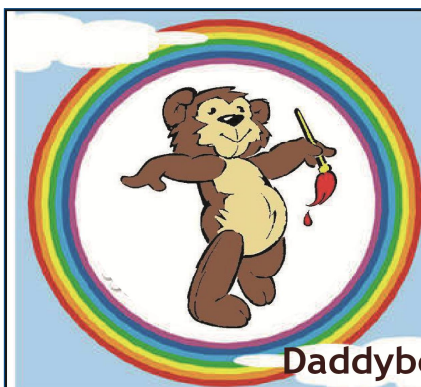
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 claim tax back, maximising your gift.*

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



Stephen Scott

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## Christmas Singalong (free)

December 6 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Abington Avenue United Reformed Church invites you to come along and join us for an opportunity to sing some of your favourite Seasonal songs and Carols. Bring your own nibbles and drinks (tea and coffee available). A fun way to get into the festive spirit.

**for further information please contact:** Revd. Jane Wade

Email: office.aaurc@btconnect.com Phone: 01604 604623

## The Gospel Music Showcase

December 7 @ 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm

A fundraising concert featuring some of the best acts from the midlands

UPMASS CHOIR (Britain's got talent)

BEDFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

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December 7th

7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

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£5 tickets, 18 and under free

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For £5 tickets text/WhatsApp  
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**For further information please contact:**

Nathan

Email: bigbrummy@hotmail.com

Phone: 07497899719

## General Election – Hustings –

### Northampton North

December 8 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Venue: Emmanuel Church**

Weston Favell Shopping Centre  
Northampton NN38JR

**Come and enjoy an evening of fabulous Christmas music to raise money for CYNTHIA SPENCER HOSPICE**

**On Saturday, 14th December 2019 7pm**  
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Cynthia Spencer Hospice

## Unite Youth Event

**Dec 15, 2019 06:30 pm**

**NAYC are launching a NEW worship experience for young people and youth leaders across Northamptonshire.** Everyone is invited to join us for Unite. Unite is a FREE event for church youth to come together for lively Worship, making new Friends and enjoying a lot of Fun. Activities include inflatables, a Surf challenge and Sumo fun

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet up with other young people and connect with other churches. Music and worship is provided by 'The Sense' who are YFC's accomplished touring Band. A Leaders lounge is available for group Leaders and Drivers. Come and join us for this exciting new event. Doors Open at 18:30. Event ends 20:30

**For further information please contact:**

Contact: James Yates

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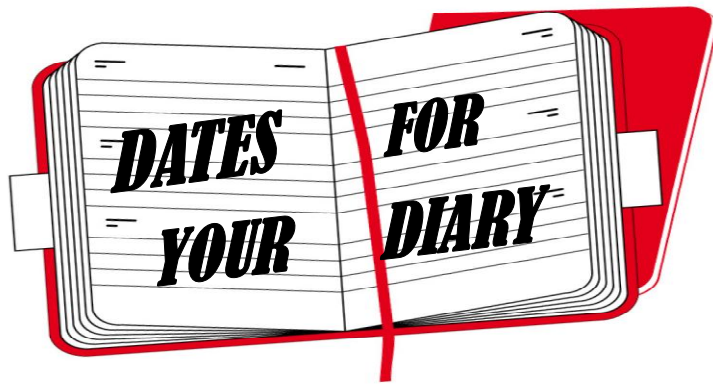
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- call Mell on 402150 (church office)





## Great Billing Methodist Church

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**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.

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Meeting 10.30 to 12 noon. More details from:

Joan Beswick (638687) or Norma Baxter (844316)



Pop in for  
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**Thursdays 9 to 12**  
*Except school holidays*  
*Hosted by*  
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**All Welcome**



## GROUP HOLIDAY 2020

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**13th June 2020**

**The hotel has a indoor heated  
swimming pool.**

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## Day Trips 2020

Easton Walled Gardens Lincolnshire on Wednesday May 20th  
the cost is £20.00 original gardens plus several walled enclosures, glass houses fine trees, turf maze, yew tunnel and much more.

Gloucester/ Warwick steam railway on Saturday June 27th  
cost is £32.00 Adults £31.50 OAPs visiting Toddington station to catch a steam train at 10.30am a shop, engine sheds and cafe a most enjoyable journey.

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

Weston Super Mare on Saturday August 29th cost £18.00 a great seaside resort with plenty of things to do plus the wonderful sand sculptures, big wheel and plenty of shops.

Lincoln on Saturday September 12th cost is £15.00 where you can visit the Cathedral for around £8.00 or take in the many shops in the quirky streets and shopping centres.

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

**Book with Kathy Norris at 'Cafe Emm'**  
**Weston Favell Centre on Tuesdays**

**OR PHONE**

**01604 494057 or 07923017619**

**to book your place with a deposit of**

**£5.00.**



# 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**  
**18th December**  
**7AM - 8AM**

**JOINT**  
**PRAYER MEETING**  
WITH  
**STOREHOUSE**  
**CHURCH**

AND THE  
**SALVATION ARMY**  
**PENISTONE ROAD**

AT  
**EMMANUEL**  
**COFFEE SHOP**

PRAYER FOR  
NORTHAMPTON  
EAST  
AND FOR OUR  
CHURCHES.

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

**Book the last**  
**Wednesday**  
**of EVERY month**

## Emmanuel House Groups

meet at various times & venues during the week

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

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

***For further information speak to any of the house group leaders***

## Family Tots Wednesdays

9.45am-11.30am or 12-1.30pm  
at

**Emmanuel Church**

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

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

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

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

## Every Monday Evening

7.30-8.45pm

## PRAYER

in the chapel  
at

**Emmanuel**  
**Church**

**Open to All**

Please come and join  
us, you will be most  
welcome

## THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS

**IN THE COFFEE SHOP AT EMMANUEL WESTON FAVELL CENTRE**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: KATHY NORRIS or JEAN MARKS**

**It all adds up to**

# Livability

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



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## RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rectory Farm Primary School

Olden Road (opposite the local shop)

**Sunday service at 10.30 am**

## BOOTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Boothville Community Hall

Booth Lane North

(access via the lane by the hairdressers)

**Sunday service at 10.30 am**

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

Weston Favell Centre,

Billing Brook Road

**Sunday service at 10.30 am**

**Weds Communion at 1.30pm** (30 min)

**Group Office** - Mon - Fri 10 - 2 pm

EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES BILLING BROOK ROAD  
NORTHAMPTON NN3 8JR

## BOOTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHOIR

### New Year Concert

SUNDAY JAN 12th

7.30pm at

BOOTHVILLE HALL





**£5.00 - includes refreshments**

**(PHONE 01604 408439 For tickets)**


**PRIZE RAFFLE**

Proceeds split between Northamptonshire Young Carers and The Lowdown  
(a Northampton charity supporting young people through counselling).

# Services in December 2019

Date	Emmanuel	Boothville	Rectory Farm	Youth Group
Sunday 1ST	<b>Holy Communion</b> Doug Spenceley + Stuart Jenkins	<b>Morning Worship</b> Peter Angus + Maureen Luke	<b>Morning Worship</b> Keith Holland-Delamere + Micha	<b>Rectory Farm</b> Praise & Prayer <a href="#">Emmanuel</a> Own Group
Sunday 8th	<b>iPraise</b> Ken Clark + iPraise Team	<b>Holy Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley + Helen Cameron	<b>Holy Communion</b> Phil Snelson	<b>Rectory Farm</b> Own Group <a href="#">Emmanuel ipraise</a>
Sunday 15th	<b>Holy Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley + Archdeacon Richard  <b>CAROL SERVICE</b> 7PM Phil Snelson	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b> and Christingle David Bell	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b> 4PM Kris Hatherley	<a href="#">all together</a> @ McDonalds
Sunday 22nd	<b>Cafe Church</b> Peter Angus + Tracy Barford	<b>Holy Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Holy Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley	<b>Café Church</b> @ Emmanuel
Tuesday 24th	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b> Doug Spenceley	Closed	 <b>YOUTH SERVICE</b> 7 - 9pm @ <b>emmanuel</b>
Wednesday 25th	<b>Morning Worship</b> Peter Angus	<b>Morning Worship</b> David Bell		
Sunday 29th	<b>Holy Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Morning Worship</b> Maureen Luke & James Fearnley		

# Services in January 2020

Date	Emmanuel 10:30am	Boothville 10:30am	Rectory Farm 10:30am	YOUTH-GROUPS
Sunday 5th	<b>Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley + Peter Angus	<b>Morning Worship</b> Julie Goodlad & Maureen Luke	<b>Morning Worship</b> Keith Holland Delamere + Peter Squires	<b>Rectory Farm</b> Praise & Prayer <a href="#">Emmanuel</a> Own Group
Sunday 12th	<b>ipraise</b> James Fearnley + ipraise team	<b>Communion</b> Doug Spenceley	<b>Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley + Congregational meeting	<b>Rectory Farm</b> Own Group <a href="#">Emmanuel ipraise</a>
Sunday 19th	<b>Communion</b> Phil Snelson	<b>Morning Worship</b> David Bell & Ken Clark	<b>Morning Worship</b> Stuart Jenkins	<a href="#">all together</a> @ McDonalds
Sunday 26th	<b>Café church</b> Carl Beech + Haydon Spenceley	<b>Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Communion</b> Phil Snelson	 <b>YOUTH SERVICE</b> 7 - 9pm @ <b>emmanuel</b>

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