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Are you a Doctor?



by Stuart Jenkins

Patients who haven't met me before sometimes ask 'Who are you?' I wear quite a large yellow name badge that says STUART, but they mean what do I do? What is my job in the hospital? Why am I there on the ward? 'Are you a doctor?' they ask, thinking my clothes are a bit square for a nurse, and because it would be nice if I was - a doctor can get you out. So I say I'm a chaplain, and a bit of conversation I am very familiar with happens:

'What's that?'

'I'm a minister.'

Blank look.

'Like a vicar or a priest?'

A glimmer of understanding. 'What do you do then?'

'I listen to people. Talk to them. About God and life and so on.'

I'm significantly embarrassed by this point. What sort of job is it if you can't easily explain who you are and what you do? 'I talk to people about God and life and so on,' is a truly terrible job description. Chaplain clearly doesn't communicate to many people, and in fact we have renamed ourselves the Spiritual and Pastoral Care Service. I wouldn't call it a clarification, though. If you counted the minutes you would find I do indeed do far more listening than talking, but listening seems such a feeble thing to claim to do. In truth, I don't really know what I do.

What I find, though, over and over again, are patients who want to tell me about God in relation to their lives. People who feel the presence or absence of God very deeply, and who strive and long to bring life and faith together. They are the experts, not me. I am the one being instructed, they are the theologians (though they don't always use God's name). And when it is my turn to speak, it is very often to tell them that they already know about God, because God has long been at work in their lives. And even as I say it, we both know this is an obvious thing.

What I learn at St Andrew's I try to apply elsewhere. Turn on the news or tut with a neighbour, and it's very soon clear that we know about goodness and truth, we feel the pull of justice and joy. God is alive in us and between us. God is no stranger, but is in us already.

This is part of the world turned upside down that Jesus tried to show us. The one who seems to be the teacher is really the learner. The felt absence of God may be the way God is present. Augustine has God say 'Why would you be searching for me if you didn't already know me?' A good question! The problems we diagnose which can make us feel quite depressed about life, are also evidence that we have a vision of a better way for things to be, a better world and people living well within it.

Augustine also says, when describing how he finally found God, 'you were within me all the time, but I was outside myself.' I really like this. And I'm coming to believe that people like chaplains who don't really know what they are doing - listening, maybe? - are really important because we only stop being strangers to ourselves, outside ourselves, if there is someone, a bit like a mirror, to show us who we are, to reflect us back to ourselves.

I think I would like to claim that this is the work of the Body of Christ, of all of us in the Church. We are to be the place where every member, every newcomer, is known, is understood, and is recognised. It is to be the place where we are all able to see ourselves. And all it needs is for most of us to remember that we don't really know what we are doing, and therefore to really look and really listen, and see each other for what we are. A non-judging, unshockable community. A gentle but unflinching gaze.

Not such a difficult task, just so long as we remember we don't entirely know how to do it.

What's in your hand?

September is usually the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break.

With the current coronavirus pandemic, it is very different this year! However, it is still a good time to consider how God can use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community. He equips us with everything we need to make His love known.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He asked the question:

'What is in your hand?' (Exodus 4:2).

Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down).

God asks the same question of us:

What has God given you? Our gifts, temperament, experience, relationships, mind, education. All can be used in the work God has given us to do.

How will we use them to make a difference in the places where He calls us to serve Him?



John Ortberg, in his book *It All Goes Back in the Box*, speaks of Johnny, a 19-year-old with Downs syndrome. He worked at a supermarket checkout putting people's items into bags.

To encourage his customers, he decided to put a *'thought for the day'* into the bags. Every night his dad would help him prepare the slips of paper ready for the next day. As he put the thoughts into the bags he would say, *'I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.'*

A month later the store manager noticed that Johnny's line at the checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted Johnny's thought for the day. He wasn't just filling bags with groceries, he was filling lives with hope! What has God given you to help and encourage others?

Canon Paul Hardingham

a psalm for the pandemic

There are few psalms as personal and real as Psalm 23. It records David's experience of God as his Shepherd going through dark times. In the midst of the effects of a global pandemic, this psalm speaks to the fears that can overwhelm us.

He Knows Me: 'The Lord is my shepherd...' Just as a good shepherd knows every sheep in his flock, so God knows each one of us intimately.

He Provides for Me: 'He makes me lie down in green pastures...' Just as the shepherd knows the needs of his sheep, so God will provide what we need in our lives and circumstances.

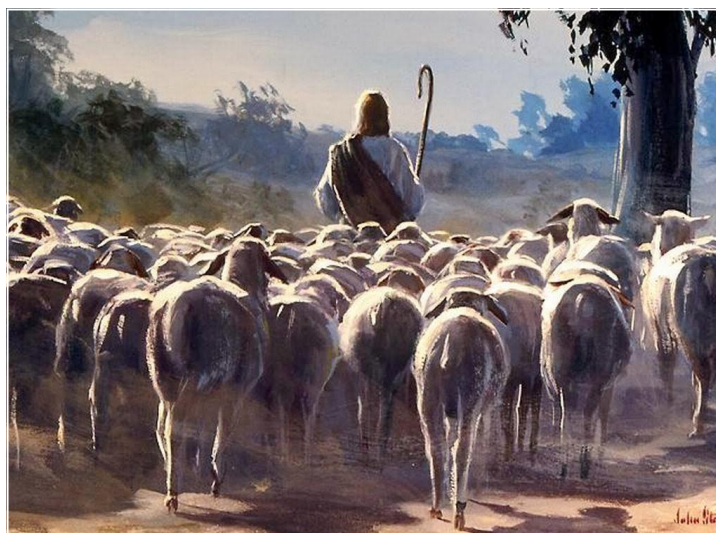
He Guides Me: 'He guides me along the right paths...' Just as the shepherd leads the sheep to the best pastures, so God provides the best for us, as we listen and follow Him.

He Protects Me: 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley...' Just as the sheep have no need to fear danger when following the shepherd, so we live knowing God's presence and protection.

He Comforts Me: 'your rod and your staff, they comfort me.' As the shepherd's rod defends the sheep, and the staff enables him to control the sheep, so God comforts us through His Word and discipline.

The final verses of the psalm (v5-6) offer the security of knowing that our lives are in His hands, even through death, as He leads us to the home we've been looking for all our lives.

Some years ago, a great actor was asked to recite Psalm 23, but asked one of the other guests to do the same. His remarkable rendition was followed by the other man, an older Christian speaking from the heart. Afterwards the actor said: *The difference between us is that I know the psalm, but he knows the shepherd.'*



Jill Knight

It was with great sadness that we heard the news from John Knight that Jill had passed away on 3rd July after a long illness.

Jill and John played a key role in the life of Emmanuel for many years. They left Zimbabwe with their family in 1986 and spent several months with a fellowship in Theydon Bois, before arriving at Emmanuel in June 1987. They ministered at Emmanuel until their departure ten years later.

Jill was someone for whom prayer was central to her being, and she was soon involved in prayer ministry, counselling and Bible teaching.

John says Jill had a “quite amazing knowledge of the Bible as a result of dedicated study throughout her life.”

Jill was John’s ‘right hand’ and was clearly fulfilled in her role as a vicar’s wife. She was an experienced and welcoming hostess with a warm personality and a ready smile.

She also possessed a wonderful sense of humour! There was a period in the 1990s when Emmanuel held New Year’s Eve parties and concerts in which the clergy frequently took part. One memorable year Jill was the inspiration behind a concert in which all 5 (yes, 5!) ministers’ wives, dressed in frilly skirts, danced to the music from *My Fair Lady* and ended their performance with the can-can!

Jill and John left Emmanuel for a new ministry in Greens Norton in 1997 and have since lived in Brackley and Marston St Lawrence. Jill unfortunately suffered a stroke in 2018, which left her partially paralysed. However Jill’s memory was as sharp as ever and she would often ask visitors for updates about their families and circumstances they couldn’t recall ever having told her!

Jill was greatly loved and the vicar in Brackley, in writing to John, said: “Jill is one of the most special people I have ever met – a truly great, prayerful, courageous, kind and thoughtful, dear disciple of the Lord – and an inspiration.”

Pip Thompson



New Beginnings

Is it possible to write in the present day without mentioning the c*****virus or C****-19? This time of late summer and early autumn is when we have to press the reset button and start life all over again. In fact, of course, some wonderful things have gone on, and there has been some very beautiful living during the crisis – as well as some tragic dying – and we mustn’t lose the lessons we have learnt. But now, we have to look hard at how best to get back to a sustainable future: going to work, opening our churches, learning to socialise again. All those things are likely to look different, but we need to do them.

God is the expert at fresh starts. We need to take this to him, and seek his wisdom. Let’s ask him to give us his new birth – as individuals, as churches, as a society

Possibly (by cheating, as I did above), but it is not possible to claim that the world – our world, God’s world – isn’t already a very different place.

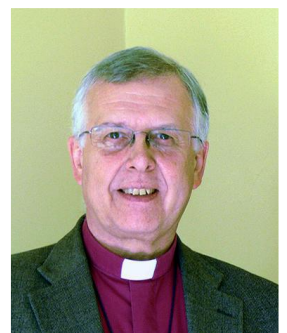
I am writing at the start of July. Most readers will see this in August. Things have been moving incredibly quickly since March, when the world we knew changed beyond our imagining.

As I write, we are preparing to reopen some churches for public worship, but many clergy, and many more lay people, are wary or reluctant about taking that step. Who could have guessed that?

From the beginning of August, ‘shielding’ will be no more, but it seems that most of those who had to be shielded are in no hurry to rush out to work, or to shop, or to go to church.

Who could imagine that people would be reluctant to leave their homes after over four months of virtual house arrest?

And who would have thought that we would be encouraged off public transport and back into our cars? Or that the government would still be paying people not to go to work?



+ Donald

**+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough**

Community Care Update – AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

So another month or two of lockdown over, and although things are still cancelled we look forward to a time when we might start things up again.

Deliveries and foodbank

I have been working at the foodbank for two days a week. On a Monday, being part of team preparing for the afternoon when people visit to collect their parcels, and on a Friday when we are still doing deliveries to those who can't get out. The deliveries peaked at about 65 parcels delivered by 10 drivers – the logistics were huge, but the team carried it out seamlessly.

Debt Centre

We have been training our team volunteer for a couple of Wednesday mornings. We have had to do it over zoom and is a lot to take in, but the team have been taking it all in I'm sure.

We think we will be re-launching the debt centre in September and we are getting the leaflets and other information ready to give to people who want money advice.

Missing FISH

As you know, we started FISH to help families who receive free school meals during term time, but struggle to feed the children during school holidays. During covid, the government provided vouchers for families to get food for Easter and May holiday, and it looked for a while the scheme would end before summer holidays.

After a lot of campaigning the government changed their mind and will provide vouchers throughout the summer. They state this is the last time it will happen, so we need to keep campaigning to the right people to make sure it carry on. I even made the paper!!

(see page)



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402150 or email:
paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk

We haven't run FISH now since February half term, and we won't be able to run FISH in the summer holidays either, and although FISH is a really busy for the times we run it, I'm really missing the people who come and the wonderful team who help each time, and the community it is building.

And finally

When we reflect on what has happened over the last few months, I believe we will see how the community has come together in new ways, neighbours talking to neighbours when we used to do the NHS clap. Also new community groups setting up to help their neighbourhoods and we were part of that as well.

PAUL



Weston Favell Centre foodbank
Operates from a shop in the centre. We will continue as long as we have supplies.

The foodbank has been operating an express social distancing service since the beginning of the pandemic.

foodbank is open on

Mondays 1pm-3pm

Wednesdays 10-1pm

Fridays 10am-12pm (from Aug 14th)

For everyone's protection and to comply with social distancing we ask that only one member of the household attends.

The unit is open to receive donations
Mon, Tues, Weds and Fri from 10-2pm

The foodbank is closed on Thursdays.

Ways to Give

If you have given financially to foodbank or have done so since the present crisis began or if you have donated food, **THANK YOU SO MUCH**. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

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Alternatively, you can download a standing order mandate from the Emmanuel Church/foodbank website: www.emmgrouppage.org.uk or you can donate money via the Weston favell centre foodbank page and follow the local giving link:

<https://locagiving.org/charity/weston-favell-centre-foodbank/>

The effect of the Pandemic

foodbank has been very busy throughout the pandemic. April, May and June were the busiest when we were distributing 120 parcels a week. In May, due to the generosity of many people, we were able to feed a total of 1,303 Adults and children, In June 1,115 and July 1,063.

Looking forward

Distribution has now stabilised to around 80 to 90 parcels per week now but with the furlough scheme imminently coming to an end, sadly we are expecting a rise in foodbank guests as people find themselves in a situation where they have been made redundant.

Delivery Service

We have been offering a delivery service to those foodbank guests who are self isolating or shielding. With this period coming to an end we expect more people to now be able to pick up their own food parcel. However there will be a small number of foodbank guests who will still need us to deliver their food parcel to them.

Befriending Service

We have launched a befriending service that offers people the opportunity to talk to us and not feel alone. We want to offer comfort and someone to talk to when they need it and we will also be able to signpost foodbank guests to enable them to access the services they need.



Thank you for your support!

Anne Woodley (Weston Favell Centre Foodbank)

Youth

ALL youth groups and gatherings have been postponed until further notice...

A lot of things for young people will be happening in private groups on Facebook and Instagram. If you are a young person, or parent of a young person, please contact us and we will give you more information about those aspects of our life together.

if you have FB and haven't already done so, you can add me on [Mell AT Emmgroup](#) and then I can add you to the group [chat Emm3tribe](#) where we will be posting videos, challenges, studies, quizzes and worship videos in order to keep us all connected, encouraged and supported.

Facebook

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There is also a closed group called [Nxt Generation](#) I will post links and videos from Soul Survivors youtube account. Parents, feel free to add my work FB for updates but please be aware, parents wont be added to Nxt Gen or the group chat as this is a space just for the youth, other than joint admins: Jan Burditt, Haydon Spencerly, Paul Foster, Fiona Potter and Rachel Tighe

Whatsapp

This is a youth group chat called **prayer-hands** - set up for prayer requests only

Instagram

Emmanuel Youth Northampton
(emm_youth)
this is open to ALL

GODSQUAD
Continues on whatsapp

PARENTS

Join our parent group chat on whatsapp
If you would like to be added, just let me know.

HOPE Together

We have created a space to celebrate all the best [Online Youth Evangelism Resources](#). We are continually adding to this page as we come across amazing resources that help you reach young people online and disciple them to live evangelistically.

Plus - Amplify youth stories

Young people on the [Amplify](#) programme have made testimony videos to watch and share on social media – find the stories on [Youtube](#)

Young Christian Climate Network launch

Launching on Saturday 1 August, Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) is an action-focused community of Christians in the UK aged 18-30, choosing to follow Jesus in the pursuit of climate justice.

They have three aims:

- to connect young Christians into an inclusive community engaged with climate justice
- to take and facilitate collective action towards climate justice, motivated by faith
- to see ourselves and our communities grow in passion and understanding, learning with humility and reflection

The network is ecumenical – the set-up team has members from the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Quaker traditions.

Follow YCCN on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook (all @YCCNetwork). Contact them at hello@yccn.uk.

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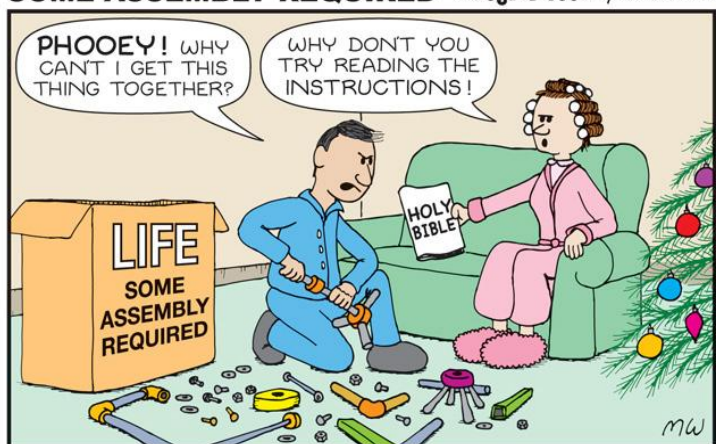
Café EMM *re-opening soon*

We are working towards re-opening the coffee shop on Wednesdays and Thursday's only, hopefully from the middle of August. This is dependent on getting all the necessary equipment, screening etc in place. There will be a reduced menu but we are planning to serve a hot meal on Thursdays. We will only be able to accommodate about 30 customers at any one time with social distancing.

We still have funds left for free meals, so these will be able to continue for some time to be delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are assessing if there is still a need for regular hot meal deliveries in the future, when the funding runs out. It seems that there is a real need for this.

Many of our volunteers are over 70, or vulnerable adults, so we have a shortage of volunteers. Some of our regular volunteers have decided not to return and some of them have been helping with meal deliveries.

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

— PROVERBS 3:5-6 KJV



"But did they plough the fields and scatter at a safe distance?"

Feel theTug..

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is?

"I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.

The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

"He's done brilliantly":

Northampton holiday club leader praises

Marcus Rashford's free food voucher campaign

Carly Roberts Northampton Chronicle & Echo Wednesday, 17th June 2020

Food In the School Holidays was set up by Emmanuel Church in 2017 and has fed 1,800 children over the school summer holidays in Northampton

A Northampton school holiday club leader has applauded the Manchester United player Marcus Rashford for drawing attention to children who go hungry during the school holidays.

Project coordinator for Food In the School Holidays (FISH), Paul Foster, has said "it's a pleasant surprise" to see the Government make a U-turn on its decision to extend children's free school meal vouchers for the summer holidays - but the campaign must be continued.

FISH was set up by Emmanuel Church Group and Growing Together Northampton three years ago at Blackthorn Academy where it is hosted every Tuesday in school holidays.

The groups organise one free meal for struggling families where they feed 100 hungry bellies each week, including parents and children. He said: "We always make sure that we have enough food for the parents because we know that they will skip meals to feed children so we make sure they are fed as well. Where possible we try and do a cooked meal even if it's maybe hot dogs, fish finger sandwiches, stews, soups, or pasta - something warm and filling really.

Even though it was one lunch a week we were providing it was time for parents to get out, socialise and feed the children - it was one less thing they'd have to fork out for."

It comes as England footballer Marcus Rashford has prompted a Government U-turn that will see parents claim vouchers for about 1.3 million children in England during the summer holidays. That means any family with an income of less than £7,400 before benefits will qualify for free school meal vouchers for £15 a week per child

He's done brilliantly," Paul added. "It's a pleasant surprise to see the Government do a U-turn but we have to be careful because it's only for the summer and we need to continue campaigning and speaking to the right people so it carries on for the future. During the school holidays that facility isn't there and that's why we started the club up. It's had a knock on effect to people being able to go out and have something to look forward to."



Marcus Rashford plays as a forward for Premier League club Manchester United and the England national team.

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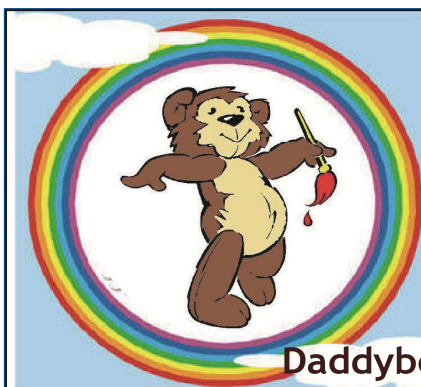
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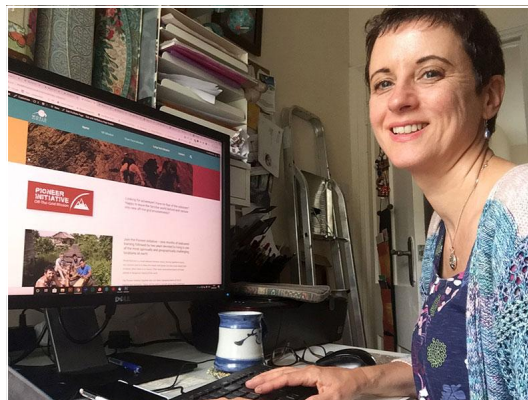
My ministry continues

In March, I moved my large computer monitor and other office equipment and books from my shared office at our World Horizons base into my small home office. My main responsibilities have carried on pretty much as before. My desire for this season is to give some time to online design training (to master some new techniques), research and study.

On a positive note I have found working in my home office has given me the space to stretch my creativity and try new approaches to design and writing without the usual interruption. I do however, miss the two colleagues, Jackie and Jocelyn who I shared an office with.

I have recently been working on communications and graphic design for an exciting new project called the Pioneer Initiative, which will launch early next year. Applicants will receive nine months of dedicated training followed by two years devoted to living in one of the most spiritually and geographically challenging locations on earth.

The weekly rhythm of prayer meetings I take part in have all moved online via video conferencing. We are now able to connect more widely with participants from around the world. We have been able to hear of challenging situations and support others in prayer.



My life under lock-down

I am part of two local church online 'connect' house groups. I also join in with a 50 plus church group.

We have been having weekly quizzes and this week a murder mystery party on Zoom (raising funds for Macmillan Nurses). I played a character called Lilly Iceberg!

Prior to lock-down I was aware that having to social distance when you live on your own was likely to be a challenge. I realised the importance of both mental and physical health. Even though I am alone I haven't felt lonely so far and I have been able to draw on the resilience that faith brings as well as maintaining regular online contact with family, friends and work colleagues.

I am grateful to have a garden. The local cats seem to enjoy visiting, which is a welcome distraction and actual physical company! I did go through a stage of nightmares and lack of sleep, as I am sure many of us have. After asking for prayer for this I am now sleeping much more soundly. I am

thankful to live so close to beautiful cycle paths with views across the estuary towards the Gower. It is a place where I can reconnect with God and find peace during what is an uncertain time for all of us.

Prayer points

- Pray for the opportunity to fit in study and research as part of my working rhythm.
To remain connected as this season of isolation continues.
- Pray for resilience as this isolation continues, for significant times with God and to be an encouragement to others.

Please also pray for my brother-in-law Neil, he appears to have contracted Covid-19 during the week before lock-down. He assumed his illness would pass, instead it went on and on in the form of extreme fatigue and breathlessness and he has been unable to return to work (Postman). It seems that one in 20 experience long-term symptoms. Please pray for Neil's recovery.

Julie Goodlad



Emmanuel Group

Prayer and Praise Hub

As Christians, it is always important that we are praying for the needs of the Church, our community and the wider world. In the particularly uncertain times that we live in now as we journey together through Covid-19 and all the changes to our lives that it is bringing, we in Emmanuel Group of Churches are committed to keeping on praying for our whole community.

Whether you are a Church goer or not, whether you'd call yourself a believer in God or not, we want to pray for you and the things you are facing. So let us know what we can be praying about for you at the moment.

When people pray, stuff happens. And whether the answer to the prayer turns out to be 'yes' or 'not yet', or even 'no' it's good for us to hear what has happened and to be thankful to God. So when you feel you've had an answer, do let us know that, too.

How do I add a prayer/praise request?

There are two ways to pass on a prayer request or report an answer to prayer. You can either use the handy interface on the right side of the screen or if you are happy for us to know who you are, you can email:

praise@emmprayer.co.uk
or
prayer@emmprayer.co.uk

What happens to my requests?

Requests will only be seen by a small team of Church leaders. If you are happy for your request to be shared publicly, we will do so, but we will not share your contact information and, if you prefer, will remove information which might let people know who you are.

If you don't want your requests to be shared publicly, they will only be shared via email with our confidential prayer and leadership teams who will pray.

*For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you,
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.*
Jeremiah 29:11



These days lots of people seem to be always looking at their mobile phone. Have you noticed that you can be speaking to them and know that they aren't really listening to you?

I know I have. And to be fair, I suppose that I can be like that sometimes when I'm busy on my phone or laptop, or perhaps reading or watching TV. Even though I hear the other person and even respond with the odd yes, no, or hmmm... I am not *really* listening! The thought struck me that sometimes (maybe a lot of the time) that is how we treat God.

God is always with us and speaks to each of us in many different ways. But how often in our daily 'busyness' and other distractions, are we really listening?

Even in the time we have put aside for prayer; Having praised, given thanks, confessed our wrongdoings and made our prayer requests; how much time do we spend actively listening for what God has to say to us?

Listening for God's voice isn't limited to our prayer time of course. God can and does speak to us at any time and in all situations but if we're not listening, we won't hear, and the more we listen intently, the more easily we will get to know and recognise His voice.

Especially at a time when the world faces so many huge issues, not the least of which is a worldwide pandemic; we all need to be, or begin, or try to listen out for God's voice, for wisdom, discernment, encouragement and strength.

Liz Bateman

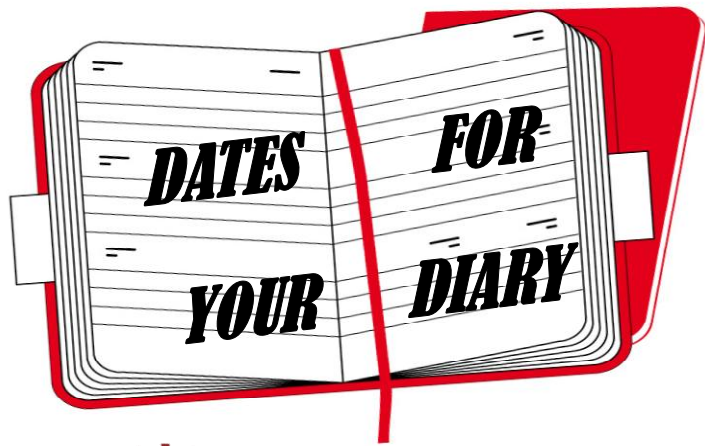
PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Are you worried, lonely,
or unwell.
Do you need to talk?
Jesus set the example of
servanthood for us to follow and
the Pastoral Care Team are
here to help.
Please contact
Precious or Sheila
if you know of anyone who
you think would appreciate
our help.

As each one has received a special gift, employ it
in serving one another. 1 Peter 4: 10

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Northamptonshire Theological Society

Provisional date

September 15 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - £5

Like many other organisations, Northamptonshire Theological Society are hoping to recommence meeting ASAP so this provisional date and speaker have been arranged for our next meeting at:

The Abbey Centre Chapel

“Designing Churches for today”

Speaker: Dr Nigel Walter FRIBA
(Archangel Architects, Cambridge)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Visitor's fee £5 (Annual membership £15)

All future dates are provisional - but hopeful!

Nov. 17. A review of Thomas Oden's book 'How Africa shaped the Christian mind' Rev. Phyllis Thompson
(New Testament Church of God Education Director)

Jan. 19 2021. The inclusion debate within the Church – esp. with regard to LGBT issues and same-sex marriage, Rev. Richard Coles (Finedon Parish Church)

March 16. Ecumenical progress in Milton Keynes, Canon John Robertson (Director of Ecumenical Mission, MK Mission Partnership)

May 18. How to be a Failure and Still Live Well, Professor Beverly Clack (Oxford Brookes University)



GROUP HOLIDAY 2021

For 8 days 5th to 12th of June

To Chatsworth House Hotel

Llandudno North Wales

Situated on Llandudno's seafront, the hotel features a heated indoor pool and separate kids pool.

Cost is £499.00

£20.00 deposit to book a place

Day Trips 2021

Easton Walled gardens Wednesday May 19th

Nestled in a beautiful, rolling valley in South West Lincolnshire Beautiful Gardens, Shop, Plant Sales & Tearoom

- £21.00

Gloucester & Warwick Steam Railway

Saturday June 26th

There's so much to see and do when you visit the Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway. **- £33.50 , OAPs £32.50**

Tewkesbury Saturday 24th July

Set on the banks of the River Severn, a vibrant market town with lots to offer. Tewkesbury Abbey, with its world-renowned Norman tower, decorative 12th-century ceiling, beautiful stained glass windows and rich history, is well worth a visit. **- £16.00**

Weston Super Mare Saturday 28th August

A great seaside resort with plenty of things to do. Wonderful sand sculptures, amazing beach, big wheel and plenty of shops. **- £19**

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

Book with Kathy Norris

01604 494057 or 07923017619

**For more information or to book with a deposit of
£5.00pp**

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RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rectory Farm Primary School
 Olden Road (opposite the local shop)

Sunday service at 10.30 (online for now)

BOOTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Boothville Community Hall
 Booth Lane North
 (access via the lane by the hairdressers)

Sunday service at 10.30 (see back page)

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Weston Favell Centre,
 Billing Brook Road

Sunday service at 10.30 (see back page)

Weds Communion at 1.30 (online)

Group Office - Mon - Fri 10 - 2

Café Em (coffee shop) - Mon - Fri 10- 2

The Emmanuel Group of Churches what we are doing during this crisis

On our website:

www.emmanuelgroup.org.uk

While we are unable to meet together and many of us are isolated at home, you can find daily posts reflecting on Bible readings which you can find on the [Bible Reflections page](#) and hope you find them helpful and encouraging.

For Sundays there will be service plans, songs, talks and sermons that we would have preached in our normal church services. You will find material for people of all ages to worship and pray on the [Worship page](#).

If the pandemic has brought up questions about life, hope and faith for you, we understand because we too have questions about life and faith. That's healthy and the only way we can get to good answers which help us, is if we get there together. If you have a question, or would like to talk to someone, please get in touch with us via the [Contact us page](#). We'd love to spend time with you.

If you have requests for prayer or want to tell us all a story relating an answer to prayer, we have a new Prayer and Praise Hub where you can do just that at: www.emmprayer.co.uk
We will only share your requests or updates if you allow us to do so.

You can also find other things we are doing on our social media pages, facebook - Emmanuel Group of Churches and Twitter -

Lots of things for young people are happening on Facebook and Instagram. (see page 6 of BERT)

If you don't have access to the internet: if you find yourself in need of help, a listening ear or something else in these days do get in touch with us in the Church Office. **01604 402150**
 We will do all we can to find the right way to support you.

Or if you know of someone who doesn't have internet access and may be in need of our support, please let us know.

Financially, these are going to be tough times for everyone. Churches and charitable institutions will not be exempt from the struggle.

If you normally give financially to the Church, thank you. Please keep giving as generously as you are able to. If you would like to give regularly to the Church, you can do this via bank transfer:

EMMANUEL BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT
 NATWEST

Sort Code: 60-15-55

Bank Account Number: 73955787

If you'd prefer to give another way, you can give via: <https://localgiving.org/charity/emmanuelgroup/> which has the option for single or regular gifts.

Similarly, the Foodbank:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/weston-favell-centre-foodbank/>

Cafe Emm is also in need of support to enable them to keep delivering food to those who are most vulnerable.

Thank you

for helping us continue our work in our community

SERVICES in AUGUST 2020

| Date/time | Readings | Boothville | Online | Emmanuel | <u>Wednesday Communion</u> |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------------|
| Sunday 10.30 | | | (pre-recorded) | | 1.30pm |
| 2nd | Acts 5:17-26 Do as God says | | James Fearnley & David Bell | | 5th Kris Hatherly |
| 9th | Acts 5:27-41 Suffering Disgrace for the name of Jesus | | Haydon Spenceley Ken Clark & Jo Pearson | | 12th Chris Pearson |
| 16th | Acts 6:1-7 Everyone plays a part, God's kingdom grows | Doug Spenceley & Helen Cameron | Haydon Spenceley Kris Hatherly James Fearnley & Keith H. Delamere | | 19th Doug Spenceley |
| 23rd | Acts 6:8-15 Stay focused on the goal, no matter what others say. You'll get your reward | Chris Pearson & Maureen Luke | Haydon Spenceley Obi Hez Peter Angus Maureen Luke | | 26th Haydon Spenceley |
| 30th | Acts 7 Stephen's witness and suffering - focus on 51ff after laying out sermon | Haydon Spenceley & David Bell | James Fearnley Paul Foster Doug Spenceley & James O'Sullivan (James last service) | | |

SERVICES in SEPTEMBER 2020

| | Emmanuel 10.30am | Boothville 10.30am | Online (pre-recorded) | | Weds Communion |
|------|---|--|--|--|------------------------|
| 6th | Haydon Spenceley | Morning Worship Maureen Luke & Peter Angus | Haydon Spenceley David Bell Maureen Luke | | 9th Doug Spenceley |
| 13th | James Fearnley | Communion Doug Spenceley & Ken Clark | Doug Spenceley & Maureen Luke | | 16th Chris Pearson |
| 20th | Stuart Jenkins Paul Harcourt 7pm Evening Celebration | Morning Worship David Bell | Peter Angus & Sheila Angus | | 23rd Doug Spenceley |
| 27th | Haydon Spenceley | Communion Chris Pearson | Kris Hatherly Fiona Potter | | 30th Chris Pearson |

Join us **ONLINE** every Sunday at 10.30am

for a Live Streamed Service

(+ a short prayer & praise on Wednesdays at 7pm)

@ [www.facebook.comTheEmmanuelGroupOfChurches](https://www.facebook.com/TheEmmanuelGroupOfChurches)

You can find daily Bible reflections and 'thoughts for the day' at

<http://emmgroup.org.uk/category/bible-reflections/>

We hope you will find these helpful

Please visit our website for up to date information

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