

B OOTHVILLE E MMANUEL & R ECTORY FARM T IMES



BIG RED COMBINED HARVESTER

'Big, red combine harvester' The favourite song in so many Harvest Festival assemblies and church celebrations that I've attended over the past few years. I think the record for me was singing it in eight services in one week! So, whenever I think about this time of year, the words (and compelling rhythm) of that song haunt me, but are softened by the endearing actions of Reception and year 1 pupils singing and acting out the words.

These days, especially in towns, the celebration of ingathering of the harvest is less about thanksgiving than an outpouring of generosity as we think about those who have less than us. Tins and packets of vegetables, soup, cereals, disposable nappies, soap and toothpaste, and so much else are brought up to the front, or offered at the altar in church as our contribution to relieving the plight of those who have less than us, often nothing. Thank you for your generosity during this season, and during the past year.

This year is especially highlighted by the arrival of Afghan refugees and those from Hong Kong who look to find a place of freedom, democracy and peace in our country. Many have arrived in Northampton, and we are proud at Emmanuel Group of Churches to be part of the welcome and hospitality for them. I do hope that we will all be generous and go beyond our usual efforts to welcome and support them in their hour of need.

Recently I mentioned the plight of these two specific groups in a service I was leading in one of the local churches and lifted them in prayer to God. At the end of the service I was approached by two individuals, both with tears in their eyes. One had recently moved into the community on arrival from Hong Kong, whose neighbour had invited her to come to church. She was at great pains to tell me she didn't believe in Jesus, but had come to find conversation and company, and was moved to find that we had prayed for her people. It was for her a turning point in her life and

wanted to explore this Jesus more. The second, an Indian gentleman, had been in this country only four weeks. Again a non-believer but he had been given a Bible and was reading it through bit by bit to improve his English. He had come by chance to church for the first time. Whilst he said that he knew that prayer was specific to other peoples, he felt included and now understood so much more of what Jesus had been saying. Two lives transformed. Both wanted to know more and to return regularly to this church.

One of the things that always strikes me when I take group of pilgrims to the Holy Land is the way that the rhythm of seasons is so ingrained in religious observance in that land. It's no mistake that faith and the seasons of growing are part of the cycle of the country's calendar, worship and economy. Rules laid down back in the time of the Exodus for times of being thankful to God for his provision and the blessings of a fruitful harvest are honoured today. But it was also given that, with the thanksgiving, people should remember their own failure to link God's love and provision for humanity with their too frequent falling away from following his ways to live, and to ask for forgiveness. It's a salutary lesson to understand the true relationship between God and ourselves. We can micro-analyse production of our food, but we can't actually provide a drop of rain or a second of sunshine! That's beyond us, and we are dependent upon another source - God - to bless us and our work, our harvest and our generous response. So, as you sing 'Big Red Combine Harvester', perhaps for the eighth time this autumn, remember to give thanks, to ask for forgiveness for our failures and to be generous with our response to God's generosity to us.

Have a wonderful harvest!

Doug

Hello everyone!

I have left the sea but have gained the river!
Thankfully Northampton has an abundance of green spaces to be out and about in as I do enjoy walking and exploring.

I was inducted into Emmanuel group of Churches on the 11th of September and have felt welcomed with warm words, conversations, coffee's, and lunches and I'm enjoying getting to know the church community and the roles people play. I have moved to Northampton from Plymouth, which was quite unexpected, but I am so pleased to be here and to have answered God's call to Emmanuel.

During the last four years I was a Minister in Training with Bristol Baptist College and Devonport Community Baptist Church. Such was a very enjoyable, forming, and equipping time. I loved Ministering in Devonport, a more deprived area of Plymouth with a great sense of community but an area also lacking in hope.

I come to Emmanuel with ideas, some of which I hope will contribute well here, with both the church community and local community. I'm looking forward to what the future holds and to journeying together! If you would like to have a conversation, I shall be happy to hear from you.

Rachael Warnock (Baptist Minister)



Northampton Health Walks

Walks are FREE volunteer led walks, running right across Northampton.

Emmanuel Church WALK

Meeting Point:

Emmanuel Church
 (In the bus bay)

Weston Favell Centre
 Billing Brook Road

NN3 8JR

Day	Walk	Time
Friday	10:00am:	30-40 mins

- Meet new people
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For more information contact the Health and Wellbeing Development Team on 01604 838333 or visit www.trilogyleisure.co.uk



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Could you offer a few hours to help out at our Food Bank?

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It's been delayed twice during the last 18 months, but at last, it's here! Journey with me on a pilgrimage to that special place we call the Holy Land and allow the Bible and our faith come alive.

We'll be walking in the footsteps of Jesus and seeing how the ancient stones and landscapes speak into life today, both in that land and within ourselves. Many find their faith renewed in fresh ways and new friendships formed. We'll be meeting some of the people today living amongst the political challenges in this beautiful land of contrasts.

If you've often thought you'd like to come to the Holy Land, this

may be the right moment – it's a journey of a lifetime. I'm happy to chat if you want to know more. You can visit the Lightline website to look at the full details of the pilgrimage, and to book a place at: <https://www.lightline.org.uk/tour/the-holy-land-the-revd-doug-spenceley/>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Doug Spenceley

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Community Care Update

October/November

Here we go again, with another update of what has been happening in the world of community.

Brookside Drop In

We continue to run the drop in at Brookside community centre every Thursday between 10 & 12. It is open to anyone, so if you are passing and fancy a coffee, feel free to pop in and say hello.

We work a lot, with 'Growing Together'. One of the community workers has recently left. To keep the hub running until they recruit a new person, they have asked me and others if we could help cover some sessions and have provided me us with some funding. So I am now helping to run another 'drop in' session on Monday mornings. Feel free to pop in and have a coffee if you are passing.

Please pray that the right person for the post will be found to fill the position soon.

FISH

We ran for five weeks of the summer holidays and were really pleased with the attendance, especially as the last time we had run FISH was Feb 20. We entertained and served about 30 kids and 10 adults each week. A big thank you to the volunteers who helped at FISH over the summer holidays.

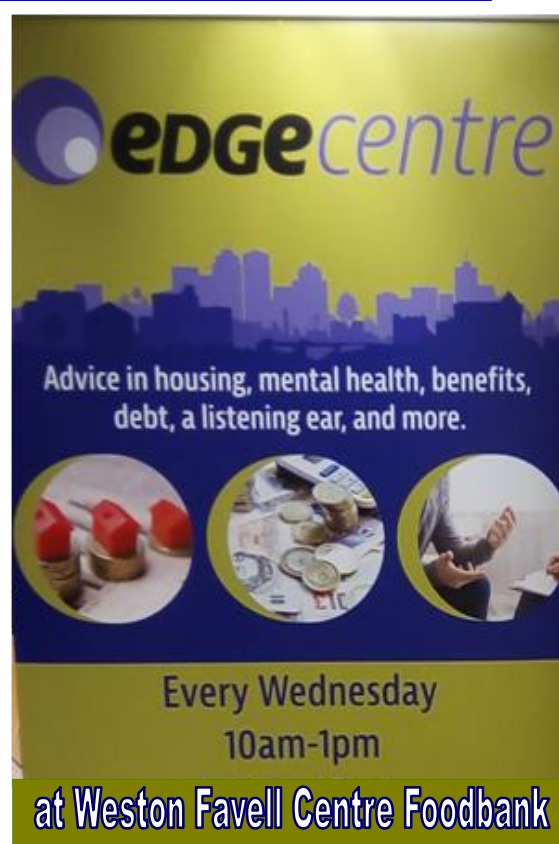
The next FISH is likely to be Tuesday October 26th.

Wellbeing walks

We started our wellbeing walks in September. They normally take 45 minutes and will start and end at our church, these will run every **Friday morning**, Meet downstairs door of Emmanuel under the bridge and we will be walking every week come rain or shine!



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



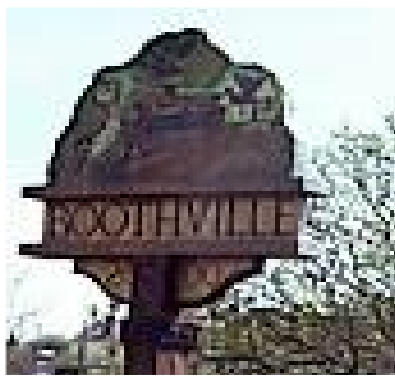
Edge: The money support centre

The foodbank has some visitors who are fairly regular and I am working with Anne, the foodbank manager, to offer help and support for them to work towards becoming independent again. The Edge Centre is at foodbank every Wednesday from 10.00 - 1pm to provide advice and we are currently looking into running a budgeting course. Please pray for this venture.

Well that's me done for another couple of months. If you have any questions about anything, or want to help with anything, you can message me on paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk.

Paul

David Bell's... Boothville Diary



In the last edition of BERT, I shared with you 2 photos of the view from the front. The photos show our congregation assembled and worshipping together, safely. It is important that we understand the view that visitors have of us as a Church family. Welcoming and so pleased to see you.

Over the recent weeks in both our services and also our Sunday worship, we have been looking at Mission. In mission it is important that we invite people to visit our church. It is equally important that we make them feel welcome, loved and want to come back.

Sunday we as a church were pleased to meet with and talk to Rachael Warnock. Rachael was recently inducted as our Freechurch Minister. Rachel sat with us and worshipped with us and I am sure she will be back. Can you spot her? Here is a clue; she is sat at the back next to our Rector's wife.



Psalm 5

Listen to my words, LORD,
consider my lament.

² Hear my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

³ In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly.

One of the members of our Church, Rita G attends a number of social events held at the Boothville Community centre. On our notice board is a copy of a poem she wrote to describe her experience. If you would like to find out more about the groups, please contact our Church office and we will get someone to contact you. (01604 402150)

BOOTHVILLE HALL

Saturday morning the place to be
Is Boothville Hall for coffee or tea
Twice a month I get a dinner
No wonder I'm not getting thinner.
The service here is very good
I'll get a dinner and a pud
Once a month it's fish and chips
Which isn't good upon my hips
So dancing in a line
Will keep my hips looking fine
The people are a friendly bunch
They even ask me back for lunch
They are a very active lot
Come and show us what you've got
If you are a slower mover
Come and try a spot of yoga
Special sessions we can do
It's not just for a privileged few
So come and give the hall a try
You're very welcome. Don't be shy
By Rita G

SAY THIS PRAYER QUIETLY

*Dear God, I come before you
at this moment. Please
Enlighten what is dark in me,
Strengthen what is weak in me,
Mend what is broken in me,
Heal what is sick in me,
And revive whatever peace and love
that has died in me.
This prayer is for me, my family, my
friends, my enemies
and even those who hate me.
Amen*

Greetings everyone,

Elsewhere in this edition of BERT you'll have read articles from Doug and Rachael. It's been a full and intense couple of months in all sorts of ways, but it's certainly a delight to have Rachael join us to fulfill a crucial role as Free Church Minister in our Ministerial team. I hope she'll continue to settle in well over the next few months and you'll all enjoy meeting and hearing from her. She may have said in her own piece, but she loves good coffee...

It's been good to see those who wish to do so, joining us for worship in our buildings since the start of September when we began to meet weekly again; as well as meeting online. I'm very grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to have services able to take place in buildings. Thank you.

It's been exciting to see the new development of our Encounter service at Rectory Farm Community Centre at 4.30 on Sunday afternoons. New people are regularly joining in with that gathering, which which is really pleasing. Yvonne and the leadership team at Rectory Farm are doing a good job of navigating the needs of our existing congregation with trying to meet new people.

It's a hard one and can be delicate at times, but ultimately part of our aim to live in a mission-shaped way is that we want to meet new people and introduce them to Jesus. That's a great and bold aim which we very much need God's help to succeed with. It can also require sacrifice at times from us, as things may not always go the way we would prefer. But it's a sacrifice well worth making if more people respond to the Good News of Jesus.

It's been a tough few months for members of our clergy team with illness and serious family concerns affecting many of us. Thank you for your prayers and support. Life can be really challenging and Church leaders are certainly far from immune from that. At times like these the rubber really hits the road.

Will I, will we 'trust in you alone' as the chorus to a well known song and the refrain from many a Psalm declares? I hope we will, but it is at times like these that the family of faith really can come alive and be a huge blessing. Let's all keep praying for and supporting one another. We will continue doing the same for all in the Church and the local community.

As we journey through the Mission-Shaped Living programme, I hope the importance of knowing what God

has done in our lives and sharing the story of His goodness and kindness will encourage us to be Good News people. Some people like talking about their faith. Some don't. Some people like asking God to show His love and power in various ways and particularly when praying. Others can't imagine praying for healing and seeing it happen there and then.

All of us are invited to be open and ready for God to give us opportunities to have an answer to the question of why we believe what we believe, or why we act the way we do as Christians.

To me, living in a mission-shaped way means recognising that Jesus is the saving one; the rescuing one; that no one and nothing else is. And recognising therefore, the importance that as many people as possible get the chance to meet and know Jesus and His saving love.

I would like to commend Tracy Barford to you all. She has done amazing work for many years as our Children and Families Worker. Tracy is stepping down for health reasons, although she is very much staying part of Emmanuel. She has done tremendous work with probably hundreds of families in showing them the love of God, as well as building several groups and tremendous teams.

She has been a great colleague and a good friend in my time here and our Staff Team will very much miss her. We are shortly looking to recruit a new team member to fill the position Tracy is leaving. Please pray for us as we do and, of course, for Tracy and her family.

Please continue to pray for Emmanuel's roof appeal, which is at a key stage of fundraising.

The fact I've written so much and there's so much more I could say, is testament to all that's happening in the life of our Churches at the moment. Thank you for being part of our family of faith. Where there is always room for one more. Perhaps the next 'one more' will be someone you invite or introduce to Jesus. Wouldn't that be great?

Every blessing,
Haydon



Revd Haydon Spenceley





OPENING TIMES For Donations

Monday
10 - 14.00

Tuesday
10 - 14.00

Wednesday
10 - 14.00

Thursday Closed

Friday
10 - 14.00

IDEAS FOR FOOD DONATIONS

Tinned Fish	Tinned Meat
Tinned Veg	Tinned Beans/spaghetti
Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Fruit
Tinned or packet custard	Tinned Rice Pudding
Jam or marmalade	Biscuits
Tea bags and coffee	Dried Pasta
Long life fruit juice/squash	Long life milk
Packet Rice	Jars of pasta/curry sauce
Sugar	Cooking Oil
Salt	Toilet Rolls
Men's and Ladies Toiletries	Dog and Cat food
Washing up liquid	Washing tablets or gel pods
Baby nappies (all sizes)	Baby Wipes
Toothbrushes/toothbrushes	Razors

We have seen a decrease in people visiting the unit over the last couple of months. Last month we fed 600 people compared to 1400 earlier in the year. The delivery project and the extra opening time of Friday foodbank came to an end as we came out of lockdown. Both were part of

our response to the pressures created by the pandemic. They were always emergency measures and not financially sustainable for the long term.

Food donations have increased since lockdown has ended. Fareshare are donating as much fruit and vegetables as we are able to distribute. Supermarket donations have also increased and we look forward to the Christmas supermarket collections when we will be able to promote the Food bank face to face which we haven't been able to do for some time.

For the start of a new school year we hosted our first School Uniform pop up shop in the foodbank. We helped 20 families with uniform and have quite a bit left over. We plan to host a pop up shop at the start of each term to support families and we have applied for funding to help with back packs, lunch boxes, pencil cases and stationary.

We are currently advertising for more volunteers. This has become necessary as the furlough scheme has wound down and volunteers have gone back to work. Also students have gone back to their Universities and Colleges.

Foodbanks were established to provide food to people in an emergency situation.

We are very aware of the danger of people becoming dependant on foodbank. Whilst we will never turn away anyone who is in need, we must also take care to ensure that food banks do not become viewed as an established, 'normal' part of daily lives.

Our long term aim is to support and encourage families to regain independence by offering them advice and support to deal with any outstanding debt and make sure they are claiming all benefits for which they are entitled. In the future we would like to be in the position to offer coaching to gently move them on to achieve independence and take back control of their lives.



Ways to Give

However long this emergency lasts, people will still need our help. If you have given financially to foodbank or donated food, thank you so much for your support

We couldn't do what we do without your support.

Many people have asked if they can make a donation of money to the foodbank instead of food. This can be done via bank transfer to:

**EMMANUEL BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT
NATWEST
Sort code: 60-15-55
Acc no: 73955787**

You can download a standing order mandate from the Emmanuel Church/foodbank website:

www.emmgroupp.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-cent-foodbank/>

**Thank you
for your support!**

COP26 Climate Change:

'Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (Genesis 2.4-7), to sustain our world.'

- Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Francis, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

33 years after Dr James Hansen warned of the dangerous situation the world's climate was heading towards, the leaders of the three largest Christian Churches - the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion - are demanding more urgent action.

Their statement — *A joint message for the protection of creation* — was published in October and was signed by Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby. They urge us all to play our part in 'choosing life' for the future of the planet and called on us to pray for the world leaders attending COP26 this month. Their message begins with a summary which includes the following:

We call on everyone, whatever their belief or world view, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us. Today, we are paying the price ... Tomorrow could be worse. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.'

We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them.'

The three world church leaders invite us to pray:

- For world leaders attending COP26
- For individuals: To make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources.
- For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To choose people-centred profits and lead the transition to just and sustainable economies

Emmanuel Group Prayer Walk for COP 26

(United Nations climate change conference in Glasgow)

Why?

This year is crucial in the struggle for climate justice and preservation of God's creation. To rise to the moment, we must underpin it in prayer and action.

Who?

All are welcome to join for all or part of the walk, or to join for the prayer vigil in Emmanuel Church if you would prefer not to walk or can't

Plan:

1. **Meet on Saturday 9th October 10.00am** for a 10.15am start outside Rectory Farm Community Centre for prayer
2. 10.30am Walk to Boothville Hall, arriving at approx. 11.30am for prayer,
3. 11.45am walk to Emmanuel Church, arriving at approx. 12.15pm to hold a prayer vigil in the church,

Tea & Coffee will be available-

Please bring your own reusable cup/mug.

Note: mes are approximate (taken from Google maps)

Prayer For COP26 from the Archbishop of York

Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations. In this time of climate crisis, grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor.

Challenge us to change our lifestyles. Guide our leaders to take courageous action. Enable your church to be a beacon of hope.

And foster within us a renewed vision of your purposes for your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by and for whom all things were made,
Amen.

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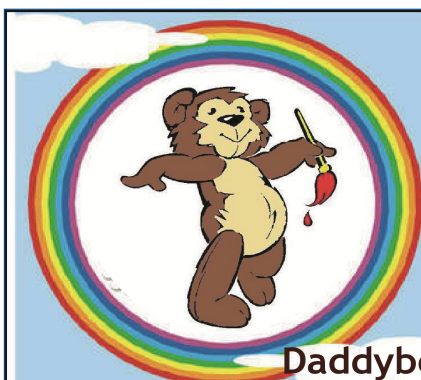
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Caring for Creation

This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one in whom: 'all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.' (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!

Canon Paul Hardingham

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This year, more than any other, please support our loyal exhibitors by bringing at least one full car from your church!

We may miss the 'old normal' but, being realistic, this 'new different' is the future. Our ever-creative exhibitors are rising to the challenge, too. I invite you to look through an online version of the [CRE National 2021 brochure](#).



***In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses,
row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks,
still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'***

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan.

But why do we remember?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3).

Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours.

'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.' (Micah 4:5).

Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

***'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At
the going down of the sun and in the morning we will
remember them.'***





CAFÉ EMM – THE LATEST NEWS.

After what has been a very tough time for everyone, and the finishing of hot meal deliveries to the house-bound, we are pleased to report that Café Emm is now open 5 days a week from 10.00 – 2.00.

We are now back to serving two course lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Two courses £7 or, main course £5.50. There is some hot food every day, and we offer specials each day. Home made soup, all day breakfasts, quiche, salad and potatoes and wonderful cakes to name just a few.

Customers were thin on the ground in the first few weeks of opening, but we are now beginning to build up our takings each week which is good news for everyone. We have received some grants to assist with peoples general wellbeing and this is enabling us to try new ventures.



Afternoon Tea for two

Why not come in and look at our interest board, and treat yourself to a cup of coffee from our friendly staff. Or treat yourself, and a friend, to Afternoon Tea on every second Friday from 2.30 – 4.30 - just £5 per head.



I am told the line dancing demo the first week was really special. We managed to have 15 customers the second time. Please Note. You do need to book in person, or email coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk.

Sunday Lunch is also taking off well. This happens on the Second and last Sunday of the month.



Again, you will need to book in person or by email. Roast Dinner is £6 each or Family booking, 2 adults and 2 children £15. Puddings and drinks are charged separately. Served from 12.00 till 3.00pm.

The first time 20 people attended, we have 30 booked for the next one and already have bookings for the following one as well. Just check the next dates by asking the staff.

We have appointed a new cook, Karen, who started on 23rd August but unfortunately she is not able to stay very long so we are on the lookout to appoint a new cook.

Julie Hollingsworth will be staying with us as Manager in a part-time role. We do have several new volunteers but are always on the lookout for more to join their-numbers. If you feel able to help please contact Julie on the new Café Emm mobile which is:

07942364358.

If you haven't been in to enjoy a snack in Café Emm for a while, please come and give us a try. You will be given a very warm welcome.



Maureen Timms - Café Emm Trustee.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 14:13-21, Mk 6:30-44, Lk 9:10-17, Jn 6:1-15

Jesus and his disciples went by boat to a quiet place to have some time alone, but the crowds noticed, and followed them.

Jesus felt sorry for them so he taught and healed them.



It was now late afternoon, so Philip spoke to Jesus



This is a remote place. Send them away.

They can go and buy something to eat.



You give them something to eat.

There are thousands of them! Half a year's wages wouldn't be enough!



So what do you have?

Andrew brought a boy to Jesus.



He has 2 dried fish and 5 small loaves.

Get everyone to sit down in groups.



Jesus blessed the bread and fish and the disciples gave them out.



Everyone ate all they wanted.



Jesus told them to gather up the leftovers.



there were 12 baskets full!

Jesus sent the disciples off in the boat and stayed to dismiss the crowd.



We will make him become our king!



He can get rid of the Romans!

Free food!

But Jesus knew what they planned..



and had already gone.

God in the Sciences

Should We Have Faith in Science?

How do you feel about science after more than 18 months of pandemic: tired or interested, impressed or cynical – or a bit of everything? The response to COVID-19 has demonstrated how ideology or worldview are hugely influential in our interpretation and use of scientific data – and at times in the process of experimentation itself.

Should we trial a vaccine in Spain or South Africa? Is this treatment safe enough to administer to the general public? Should vaccination be made compulsory? The data doesn't tell us what to do.

So, when we are encouraged to 'trust the science' in our ongoing response to the pandemic, or in the run-up to the COP26 UN climate change conference, how can the Church respond?

The whole biblical story affirms that God is the only one in whom we can have complete faith. On the other hand, I do put a certain amount of trust in other things. I can have faith in a plane, a body of knowledge, or a person. This trust is within limits because I know that air travel involves hazards, a body of knowledge will contain some mistakes, and every ordinary human is fallible.

I trust science to some extent because it involves careful observation and measurement, collecting different kinds of evidence. Data is interpreted, and competing interpretations are tried out. We summarise our findings in general principles or mathematical equations.

Scientists keep each other accountable by looking critically at each other's work. Our knowledge is always provisional. You can't prove anything scientifically because we only deal in evidence, not proof.

On the other hand, there must always be the potential to disprove a theory or it's not science. Our aim is to keep getting nearer to the truth about the way the world is.



Overall, I believe this method is reliable and worth supporting, but that only God is completely trustworthy.

Psalm Eight reminds us both of the splendour of God's creation, and that He has placed us in a position of responsibility over it. Scientific knowledge can be part of what helps us to rule well.

The process of doing science can be a bit like a blurry image coming into focus. The more we learn, the better we can usually see what's going on, and hopefully the easier it is to decide on a course of action. So in answer to the question 'Should we have faith in science?' I would say yes, when used wisely and within its proper limits.

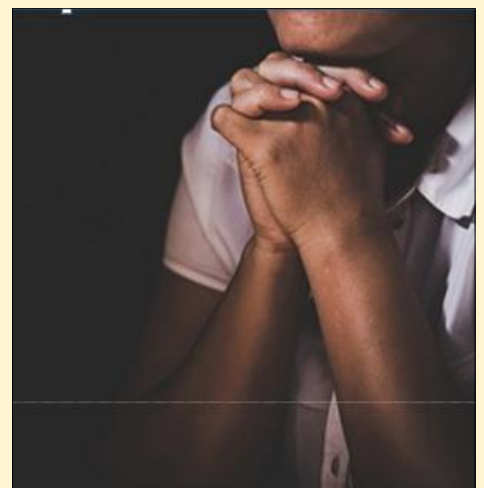
Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, (Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.)

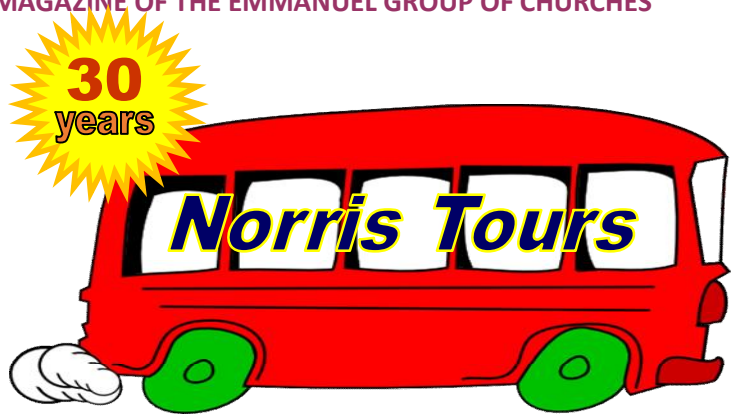
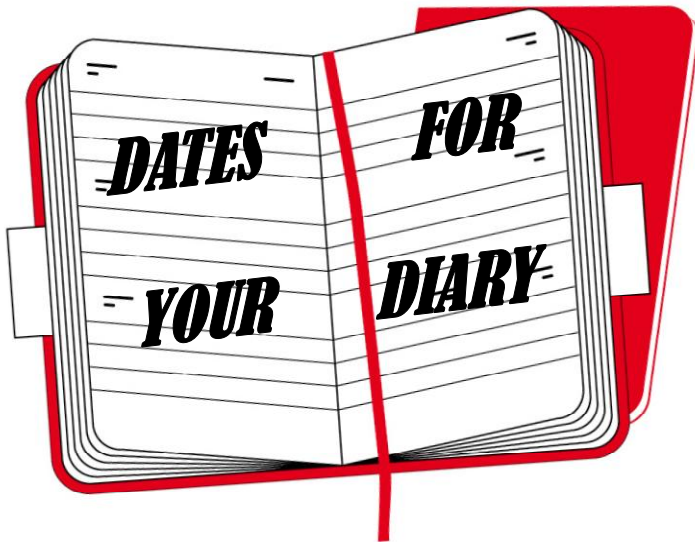
Monday Night Prayer

**Every Monday evening at 7.30pm
via zoom for an hour.**

We pray mostly for our local communities and for our church but also about issues from all over the world and, of course, for an end to the pandemic.

Anyone can pray as they feel led, or you can just be quiet and listen. We find it very encouraging. It is wonderful how much we can feel the Holy Spirit's presence in a zoom meeting! Interested in joining us? Contact Haydon and he'll send you the zoom link.





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NEXT YEAR'S GROUP HOLIDAY

To Weymouth

Sat June 11th - Sat June 18th

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Staying at Berkeley Hotel
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Includes trips out to:

- West Bay (where they made the tv drama Broadchurch).
- Monkey World (also televised)
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- Poole to catch a ferry to Brown sea island where you can see red squirrels and have a gentle walk.
- Beaulieu in the New Forest to the famous motor museum
- Palace house & gardens & ride the mono railway, if still running

There will also be two free days to enjoy Weymouth

*This trip is available to all
and you can spread the cost over
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Rectory Farm Community
Centre Olden Road
NN3 5DD

**Sunday service at
4.30pm**

(see back page)

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NEW VENUE !**

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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 11.30 am

Group Office - Mon - Fri 10 - 2

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

Online Church 10.30am every Sunday

Find us on our website or facebook page

(see back page)

On our website:

www.emmanuelgroup.org.uk

If you have 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** on our website. 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 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 website and Twitter -

We have lots of things for young people on Facebook and Instagram.

If you don't have access to the internet; and find yourself in need of help, a listening ear or something else, do get in touch with us at the Church Office. **01604 402150**

We will do all we can to find the right way to support you.

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 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

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What then shall we
say to these things?
If God is for us, who can
be against us?”

ROMANS 8:31

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30am	Boothville CC @ 10.30am	Rectory Farm CC @ 4pm	ONLINE SERVICE	
3rd John 4:1-26 John 4:27-42	Communion Haydon Spenceley & James Spencer (Compassion UK)	Maureen Luke	Communion Yvonne Desroches & Ken Clark	10.30am	Midweek Communion
10th Deut 8:7-18 Luke 12:16-30	Rachael Warnock	Communion Doug Spenceley	Obi Hez + Kris Hatherly	EVERY SUNDAY	Every
17th Luke 19:1-10	Communion Yvonne Desroches + Peter Angus	David Bell + Julie Goodlad	Communion Kris Hatherly + Fiona Potter	ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE (Emmanuel group of Churches)	Wednesday 11.30am
24th Psalm 40:1-10 Luke 15:11-32	Haydon Spenceley James Fearnley Angie Kennedy	Communion Chris Pearson + Rachael Warnock	Yvonne Desroches + Julie Goodlad	OR ON OUR WEBSITE www.emmgroupp.org.uk	at Emmanuel
31st Acts 2:2:38-47 Matt: 13:18-23	Ken Clark		Obi Hez + Keith Holland Delamere		

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Emmanuel 10.30 am	Boothville 10.30am	Rectory Farm 4pm	ONLINE SERVICE	
7th Psalm 62:5-end Mark 1: 14-20	Communion Rachael Warnock	Maureen Luke	Communion Yvonne Desroches	10.30am	Midweek Communion
14th Remembrance Sunday Mattn5:1-12	Haydon Spenceley + Ken Clark	Communion Doug Spenceley	Rachael Warnock + Fiona Potter	EVERY SUNDAY	Every
21st Psalm 93. John 16:7-15	Communion + Peter Angus	David Bell	Haydon Spencely + Obi Hez	ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE (Emmanuel group of Churches)	Wednesday 11.30am
28th Advent Sunday 1Thess3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	James Fearnley & Krissy Cressey +team	Communion Chris Pearson	Yvonne Desroches & Kris Hatherly	OR ON OUR WEBSITE www.emmgroupp.org.uk	at Emmanuel

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