

# B OOTHVILLE E MMANUEL & R ECTORY FARM T IMES

## Journeying and trusting together this new year

Our church community along with so many others, has recently prayed the Methodist Covenant prayer together. In doing so we celebrate our relationship with God and affirm that we give over our day to day lives and choices to him.

The words of the prayer are deeply committal. They are indeed challenging -every line requires us to give over ourselves entirely. It's not easy to let go of our personal wants and desires; of our present and future plans and to place them in another's hands. Yet through these words we surrender ourselves to God and deny ourselves too. Jesus said "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

This prayer at the start of a new year begins a journey for us, a journey which involves learning to loosen our grip on the things that separate us from God, surrendering to him in love and joy.

It's all too easy for us to say this prayer with good intent and then to discard it and get on with our lives, but these words of prayer are the journey of a disciple. We must be and do. We are participants with Christ in his mission and restoration project. We must reflect him where we are by seeking to yield to him in love, joy, hope and humility. This requires us to listen to and know God's voice, which comes from growing in our relationship with God and one another.

We journey with Christ together, as a community and group of churches. The words of the covenant are expressed as "I" although we don't say them alone but together, as one body. On our journey with God, we support and care for one another. We can't do this Jesus way of life on our own. The Covenant prayer reminds us of what the Jesus way of life looks like, and what it is to love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

When we let go and let God, we are liberated from the chains which bind us, whether that be power, control, lack of rest or others. Walking with the strength of God rather than our own, allows us to lovingly shed light and act on injustice and oppression in our communities.

In saying the covenant prayer together, we promise to live as a committed family of God and to reflect him in how we serve our church community, and local communities. We promise to enter Jesus' mission as his disciples and representatives in the world. This prayer describes Jesus' missional life of love-drenched self-giving and emptying that we are to emulate.

I read this prayer again and reflect on these challenging words, can I truly promise this? Can I commit to trusting God so completely? It is only in community that we can try to live and love this way- a community centred on the life and mission of Jesus, and this is why house groups or similar are important. This is why we must be community, not only at our Sunday worship gathering but during the week too.

It is with God and in community that we will learn how to walk in his strength, prayerfully and actively.

*Revd Rachael*

### The Covenant Prayer

*I am no longer my own, but yours.*

*Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.*

*Put me to doing, put me to suffering;*

*Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,*

*Exalted for you, or brought low for you;*

*Let me be full,*

*let me be empty.*

*Let me have all things,*

*let me have nothing.*

*I freely and wholeheartedly surrender all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, glorious and blessed God,*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

*You are mine, and I am yours. So be it...*

*And the covenant now made on earth,*

*Let it be ratified in heaven.*

*Amen. \*\**

# February - *the month for celebrating with candles and groundhogs!*

For Christians throughout the world, February gets underway with Candlemas, a special celebration officially held on 2nd February, or the nearest Sunday to it. This year, according to the Church of England lectionary, it has been moved forward to Sunday 30th January, other denominations may be different.

Candlemas is also known as the 'Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple' and recalls the events recorded in the Gospel of Luke 2.22- 40. The ceremony described by Luke complied to the Old Testament Jewish rite of purification when, following the birth of a child the mother had to be 'purified' by offering a burnt offering in the Temple of a lamb, although for the poor, a young pigeon or dove was acceptable.

Candlemas is held 40 days after Christmas a length of time that is prescribed for most of the major events in the Christian calendar, for example the 40 days of Lent which this year begins on Ash Wednesday 2nd March, and what was originally, 40 days of Advent.

For some Christians around the world, it is still the time decorations are taken down. Today, however, it is more generally recognised that The Epiphany, which marks the visit by the magi, and which is celebrated 12 days after Christmas Day, is the time to take them down.

For many parish churches, Candlemas became the time when the new stock of candles arrived for the year and a feature of the service was for them to be blessed and dedicated to serve God. This was, of course, before electricity took over as the prime source of lighting. In recent times,



some churches have adapted Candlemas to incorporate Christingle, while other churches include Christingle in their pre-Christmas celebrations.

Another spin-off from the ancient Christian festival of Candlemas is Groundhog Day which is also on 2nd February. Groundhog Day is primarily a time for a family feast and party in North America. It has its roots in Germany and it reached America via Dutch speaking emigres who took with them their superstitions about predicting spring.

Basically, this superstition says that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on Candlemas Day and sees its shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will persist for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.

Like the St Swithin's Day superstition – which is on 15th July and predicts 40 days and 40 nights of rain if it rains on 15th. There is no real scientific evidence that supports the groundhog phenomenon, but this doesn't stop people enjoying themselves!

## CHRISTIAN AID AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

### People are starving in Afghanistan with more than 8 million on the brink of famine

Drought, conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic are causing a catastrophic rise in hunger. Children are dying today, and a million more under the age of five are at risk of dying over the next three months. We need to act now to save lives.

Decades of conflict, poverty, and the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic were already taking their toll on the people of Afghanistan.

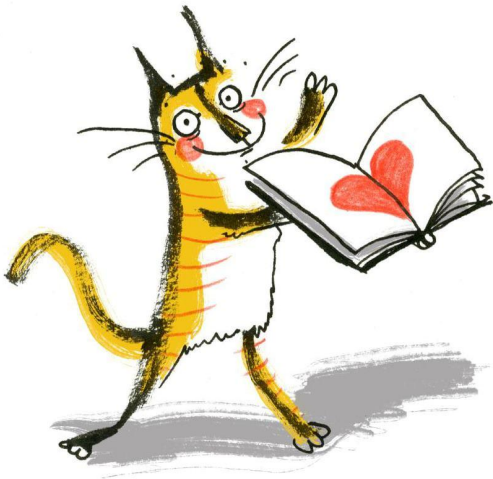
The recent conflict and change of government, coupled with the worst drought in 27 years, have tipped the country over the edge. Economic collapse has sent food prices soaring. Afghanistan's health care system has reached the brink of collapse.

**If we don't act now**, many lives could be lost. More than 22 million people face going hungry as the freezing winter sets in, with children amongst those most vulnerable.

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) charities are already on the ground scaling up their operations, and are able to reach the people most in need. With your support, they and their local partners can:

- provide emergency food and nutrition support for children
- support healthcare facilities
- provide winter kits to help displaced families stay warm
- supply clean drinking water
- protect women and girls

**People need help now. To make a donation go to: [caid.org.uk/Afghanistan](https://caid.org.uk/Afghanistan) or telephone 08080 004 004**



# Make St Valentine's Day memorable - give a book!

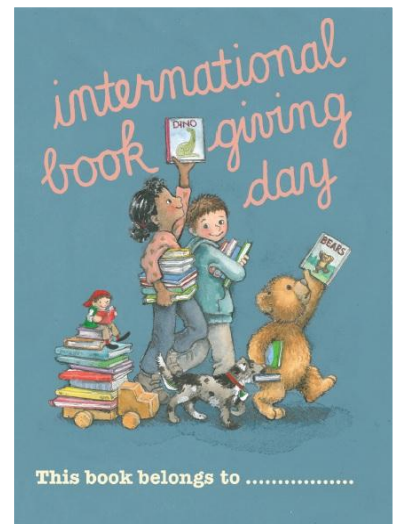
**International Book Giving Day, on 14 February, is about getting books into the hands of as many children as possible. The idea was started in 2012 and is now run entirely by volunteers in 44 countries. In the UK it is organised by Emma Perry of My Book Corner, [emperry@gmail.com](mailto:emperry@gmail.com)**

According to the National Literacy Trust, in 2012 only one in every eight children in the UK owned a book and today generally, literacy is still much lower than most of us would expect. The Covid lockdowns have slightly boosted the amount of reading that children have been doing, although much of this is not always with printed books – online activities and games were a prime source.

Perhaps one of the most important comments the Literacy Trust's latest report, published last year, is that: *'Some children and young people reported that a lack of access to books (with schools and libraries closed), a lack of quiet space at home and a lack of school/peer support had negatively affected their ability to read and their motivation to read for enjoyment'*.

Getting books into the hands of children remains, therefore, as important as ever. To find more about how you can help visit <https://bookgivingday.com> where you can also download a free printable bookplate to use with the books that you give away.

Make Valentine's Day truly memorable this year and show your love for a deprived child by giving them a book of their own to read!



Time flies by. Its now been over eight months since I was elected. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. I am still learning so much and enjoying the work most of the time. It can be very challenging at times. I'm so glad that I don't face them alone and that Our Father grants wisdom and strength exactly when needed.

I find myself thinking about how we as God's people are conduits for His transforming power. Often we want to click our fingers and make it happen but instead it takes time and energy. At times we may wonder what's the point but I am continually reminded of Galatians 6:9 NIV 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

Cllr Keith Holland-Delamere, Billing & Rectory Farm

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God bless,

Keith



## Community Care Update

### February/March

Here we go again, with an update of what has been happening in our community.

### FISH (Food & fun) in School Holidays

We had a great time at FISH in December having our covid friendly Christmas party. We served 60 meals and gave out presents, which was far and away above our budget. But God really looked after us as we managed to find some presents to give to all the children, and the picnic bags we gave out miraculously grew. Here is a picture of our Santa, played wonderfully by Richard Seaby – thank you so much for helping out.



Parents, they were saying how grateful they were, as it costs £5 to see Santa in the centre which is something they can't afford.

We should be back in the school for February half term which will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.



### Wellbeing walks

Just a reminder that that wellbeing walks are still happening. They normally take approx 45 minutes starting and ending at our church. These run **every Friday morning at 10am**. Meet at the downstairs door of Emmanuel next to the bus bay. We will be walking every week come rain or shine.

### Money support centre

The money support centre is still running in the foodbank on Wednesdays. It has been quieter than normal, which is odd, as the foodbank is so busy on Wednesdays. We know the main reason people come to the foodbank is because of low income and debt, and we are there ready with advice, to help them deal with these issues.

Please pray that people to feel comfortable enough to talk to us on a Wednesday so that we can help them with their money struggles.

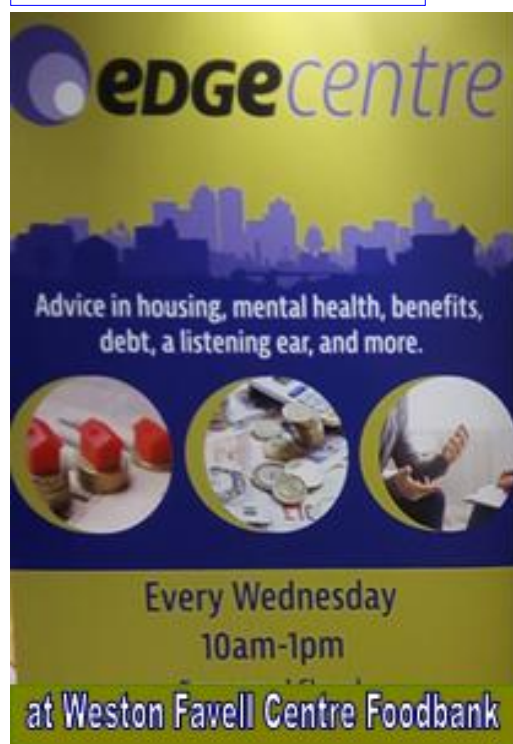
### Look UP job club

The job club continues to run and I have had a few people coming to see me. However, I'm sure we should be able to reach more.

Please pray for this venture that we are able to reach the right people and able to help them in their quest of moving into work.



You can contact me at the church office 402150 or email: [paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk](mailto:paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)



### Acts 435

I've been an advocate for Acts 435 for a few years now, and we can claim up to £150 for people who are struggling. The money can be used towards replacement white goods, school clothing, or much, much more. In the 3 years I have been an advocate £3480 has been raised and helped 29 different people, which is fantastic.

To find out more and acts, and if you can help in anyway, their website is <https://acts435.org.uk/>

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](mailto:paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)

*Paul*



## Wellbeing Walks

A big THANK - YOU to Paul Foster for organising the Well Being Walks on Friday mornings. We have been most weeks and have really appreciated the routine, the exercise and the friendship.

We have discovered places nearby which we had not previously seen and it is much nicer to walk in a group than alone.

If you are ever free on a Friday at 10am then do come and join us.

*Pat Acock*

### 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 s	10:00am:	30-40 mins

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## God so loved the world

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

This month, as we mark St Valentines' Day, we focus on the importance of love. In understanding the way God loves us, this verse shows us how we should love others.

***God's love is unconditional:*** God demonstrated His unconditional love for us by sending His Son into this world, to show us how we should love others, especially when it is undeserved!

***'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* (Philip Yancey).**

***God's love is sacrificial:*** God's love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of others first. This is demonstrated by the cross, which is the supreme demonstration of God's love. He died for our sins to give us access to God's love, which is made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit.

***God's love is forgiving:*** According to the film *Love Story*, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' Yet Jesus' love for us enables us to forgive others, as we find His forgiveness through the gift of eternal life, available to all who put their trust in Him.

In this World Cup Year, we remember Bobby Moore describing the terror of receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966:

***"I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud!"***

Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, because of His love, we can shake hands with a holy God and share that love with others.

*Paul Hardingham*

This is the new address of Revd Keith & Sue Dally, who used to take church services at Boothville. They have retired now and live at:

**'Goshen' 8 Bradley Close, Louth, LN11 8YL**

## David Bell's... Boothville Diary



Things are changing at Boothville. Work has begun to improve the entrance to the Boothville Hall. The ramp for disabled entry has been made less steep. The corridor leading to the main room is being adjusted, again with ease of access in mind. On behalf of all the groups who use the Hall, our thanks must go to the Trustees of the Hall for the planning and the action. As a Church, it is important that we are welcoming, and that welcome is reflected by the building.



### Golden Wedding

In December, as part of the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, we were touched when Doug agreed to bless the wedding bands we had bought for each other (his and hers).

We were then presented with a very special hand-made card, with the signatures of all the members of our congregation.

All those years ago our wedding was held in a Registry office. It was so important to us, that this time our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration was held in our Church. We truly both felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and the love of our Church family.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:34a)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:34b)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:35)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 15:12)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 15:17)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (Romans 13:8)  
MAKE YOUR LOVE INCREASE (1 Thess 3:12)  
LOVE EACH OTHER (1 Thess 4:9)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY (1 Peter 3:8)  
LOVE EACH OTHER DEEPLY (1 Peter 4:8)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 3:11)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 3:23)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:7)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:11)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:12)  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (2 John 5)

### The message of LOVE.

If there is one word that describes the content of the New Testament it is LOVE.

Jesus' teachings constantly instructed and reminded us of this. Love is what keeps us going; love is what makes our lives worth living; love is lasting. We must love one another, we must love those around us and we must love and protect our environment. ...God's wonderful creation.



Linda and David Bell on their  
Golden Wedding Anniversary





### Sad Statistics

These yearly statistics demonstrate the increase in footfall at foodbank over the last 3 years:

2019 = 5911  
2020 = 12003  
2021 = 13374



## OPENING TIMES FOR FOOD PARCEL COLLECTIONS

**Monday**  
**13.00-15.00**

**Wednesday**  
**10.00-13.00**

**Friday**  
**10.00-12.00**

## OPENING TIMES FOR FOOD DONATIONS

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Friday**  
**10-14**

**THURSDAY**  
**CLOSED**

Numbers have slowed slightly during January; which is to be expected following the Christmas season, which is one of the busiest times of the year. We are expecting an increase in footfall during February and March as gas and electricity costs are due for a big increase and the cost of food is also on the increase.

No-one wants to have to come to Foodbank, so as well as providing food parcels, Community Law Service, Adult Social Services, Advice on financial matters and the new 'Look Up' job club are now available in Foodbank to give people advice and support to help them to see their way out of their crisis situation, improve their lives and make changes for the better.

We have re-opened on Fridays. This makes Foodbank more accessible to people but also spreading the load over three openings takes some of the pressure from our volunteers'.

There will be another school uniform pop-up shop during the half term school holiday. Thurs 17th Feb. Donations of decent quality used uniform should be at Foodbank By Fri 11th Feb please.

Donations continue to come in. Thank you all, we couldn't exist without you!

The new Aldi in Moulton are one of the newest donors. When the store opens we will be picking up food from them three times a week.



## Ways you can Give

If you have already donated food or given financially to foodbank, or volunteered to help,

**Thank you so much for your support .**

If you have some time to spare could you offer a few hours to help at foodbank? We are looking for packers, runners, stockroom helpers and people with computer skills. Plus drivers to pick up donations from local supermarkets.

If you are able to offer us some time or would like to know more, pop in to foodbank, or email Simon at:

**Info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk**

**07467 074 496**

If you prefer to make a financial donation instead of food this can be done via bank transfer to:

**Emmanuel Group of Churches -**

**Sort Code - 60-15-55**

**Bank Account Number - 73955787**

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

**www.emmgroupp.org.uk**

Or via the Weston Favell Centre foodbank page and follow the local giving link:

**https://locagiving.org/charity/weston-favell-centrefoodbank/**

**Thank you  
for your support!**



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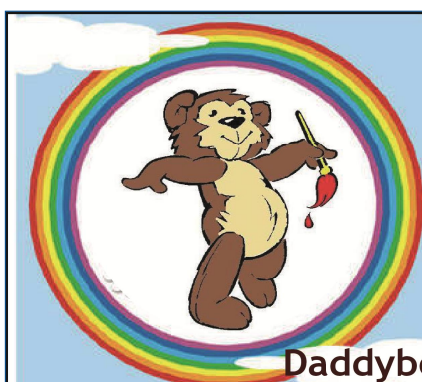
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## REGULAR GIVING

*If you give regularly to the work of The Emmanuel Group, please consider giving via the envelope scheme and, if you pay income tax... 'Gift-aid' it so that we can claim tax back, maximising your gift.*

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



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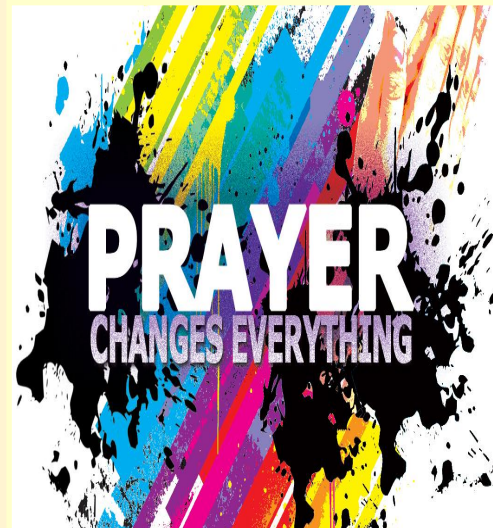
# Monday Night Prayer

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

We pray mostly for our local communities and for our churches 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!

Want to join us? Contact Haydon and he'll send you the zoom link.



## Christmas Yarnbombing

"In December a few of us decorated the trees and bushes with bunting and pompoms in the green space between Emmanuel and Lings Forum, to bring some Christmas joy, care and love for this local space.

We were delighted to see this area in colour and uplifted - passers by did too and the event enabled both positive conversation and interest in what we were doing and why. I hope we can continue to show something of God's hope and love for our locality and the people through our ongoing presence here,

Revd Rachael



**Join us for a litter pick**  
at 11am on Saturday 19th February,  
followed by a prayer walk outside and around  
Weston Favell Centre  
(bring gloves with you!)





## THE LATEST NEWS.

**Maureen Timms** - Café Emm Trustee.

We opened for the New Year on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and were very pleased to welcome our new cook, Lucy to join the staff. She has fitted in very well and coming up with some new ideas for the menu. Sue, our other cook unfortunately started the year with Covid as did several of our volunteers. Hopefully everyone will be back on board very soon.

We have been very fortunate in that Howdens have kindly donated new sinks, taps and a worktop for the kitchen, and we thank them for their continued support. We are hoping these new items can be fitted one Saturday very soon so that there is no disruption to our opening hours.

We are also replacing the dishwasher

**We are open  
10.00 – 2.00 Monday to Friday.**

We offer good quality, well cooked food, drinks and homemade cakes at very reasonable prices. Our Special hot dinner days are Tuesday and Thursday

We also have Board Games every Monday morning from 10.00am. Café Emm always offers a warm welcome to everyone who comes in.

## The Memory Café

Started last November and is open every other Wednesday from 2.30pm – 4.00 pm in the café, offering a variety of arts-based dementia friendly activities. At present we are still a small group, but as word gets around we are hoping to build up numbers of people attending.

If you're dealing with memory difficulties, or have friends that are in that position, please come along. If you would like more information, please call .

Annette on 07972364358, or email:

[annette.codrington@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:annette.codrington@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com)

We always welcome new volunteers. If you can help in any way or have any friends that have time to spare in the week, please pop in to see us and find out more about it.

Everyone has been asking about Sunday Lunches and afternoon teas. Hopefully these will resume in March. Just keep asking!

Do come in and visit us for coffee or lunch if you are in the Centre, we really would love to see you and your friends, and we very much need your support.

Café Emm is in need of financial support. Currently donations are quite low at £100.00 per month, so any form of cash injection would be welcome.

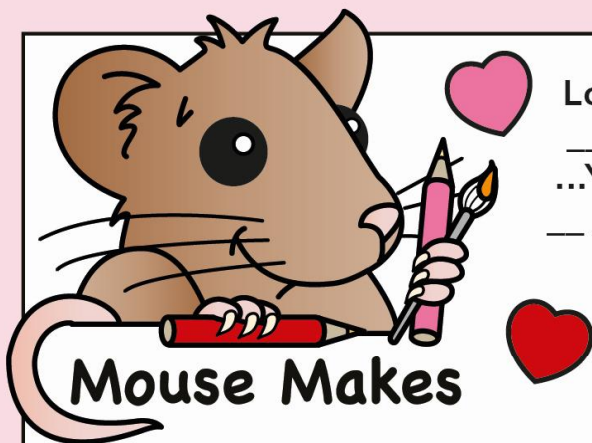
If you want to donate by bank transfer the bank details for Café Emm are: Emmanuel Coffee Shop

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Thank you.







## Mouse Makes

See what great love the Father  
has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows  
\_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_  
...You have great \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 86:1



How did  
God show  
He **loved** us?  
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your  
God with all your

\_\_\_\_\_ with all your

\_\_\_\_\_ and with all your

\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 22:37

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\_\_\_\_\_ is love.  
Whoever lives  
in love lives in  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
lives in them.

1 John 4:16



Love is ..  
Read  
1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your

\_\_\_\_\_ the same as you love

Matthew 22:39

**Love is:**

PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL  
PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

**Love is not:**

JEALOUS • ENVY • BOASTFUL • PROUD • SELFISH • ANGRY • RUDE • EVIL

**God's love is:**

LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

## Five famous quotes from Desmond Tutu

*The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.*

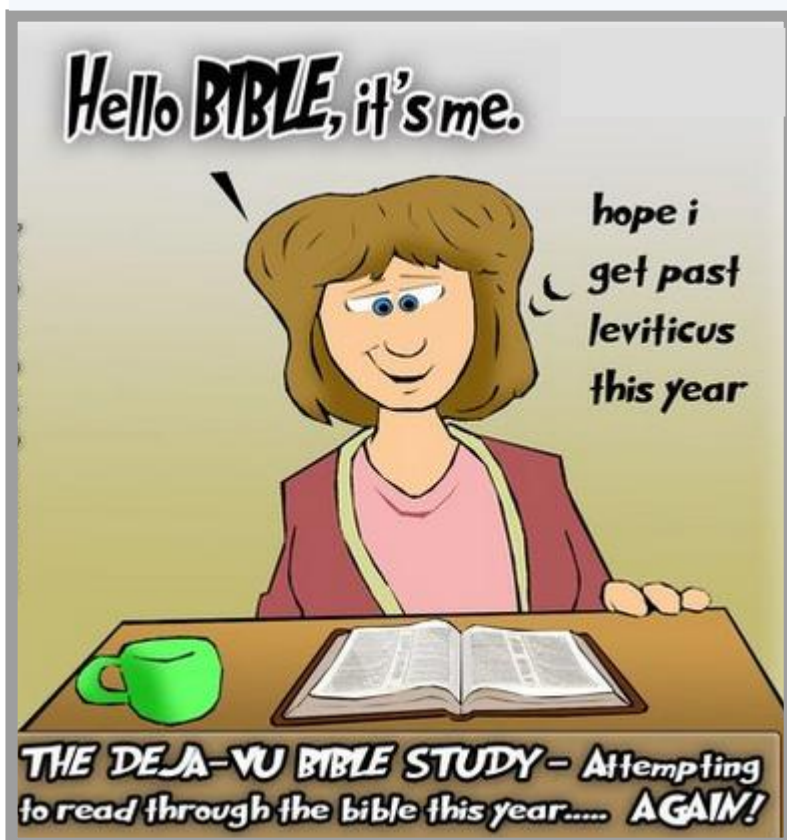
*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."*

*"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."*

*"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right."*

*"Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering – remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened."*

*"Differences are not intended to separate; to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another."*



## Saving the Planet via Kitchen and Bathroom in 2022

*The Ven John Barton*

As world leaders wake up to the crisis of global warming and plan emergency measures before it is too late, each of us can make a difference right now, beginning in our own homes.

### *Start in the KITCHEN*

25% of the world's food is thrown away. One supermarket discovered British households waste seven million tonnes of food waste every year, partly because most of our fridges aren't cold enough. Keeping the fridge temperature at a maximum of 4 degrees will help food last longer and save waste.

Vast quantities of greenhouse gases are released by animals reared to supply us with red meat and dairy products. Cutting down on quantities and conserving leftovers would help.

Conserving electricity by washing clothes at 30 degrees and replacing power-hungry tumble driers with a clothes line or old-fashioned clothes-horse would have the added advantage of reducing soaring power bills.

According to the Good Housekeeping Institute, "many mainstream detergents are brimming with synthetic chemicals like phosphates, chlorine and bleach that pollute our waterways, damaging delicate ecosystems, and may irritate sensitive skin." Plant-based and eco-friendly alternatives are now readily available and work well in the washing machine and dishwasher.

### *Don't forget the BATHROOM*

Annual increases in UK water consumption would be curbed, if we were to shower rather than bath. Exchanging the shower head for a water-saving type, which regulates or aerates the flow, would save both water and cash.

Spending less time in the shower needn't be a hardship. Daily shampooing may actually be counter-productive – it's best to let some oils remain in the hair, so they can act as moisturisers. Biodegradable body wash is available in bulk, from which re-usable containers can be filled.

Eco-friendly toothpaste is now on the market, some of it in plastic-free containers. More water can be saved by turning the tap off as we brush. Beware wet-wipes which may be 'flushable', but aren't biodegradable, because they are part plastic. Eco-friendly alternatives are now available.

**Saving the planet needn't cost the earth**





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**On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.**

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

In addition, initiatives including 'The Queen's Green Canopy' and the 'Platinum Pudding competition' will create a lasting reminder of The Queen's Jubilee, while The Queen's private estates will also join in with special Jubilee themed events offering more opportunities for members of the public to celebrate the historic milestone.

### **Get Baking!**

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee there is a nationwide baking competition. If you are a UK resident aged 8 and over you can apply to take part in the competition to create the perfect Platinum Pudding recipe dedicated to The Queen. Five finalists will prepare their pudding for an expert judging panel including Dame Mary Berry, Monica Galetti and Buckingham Palace Head Chef Mark Flanagan. The winning recipe will be made available to the public and the pudding enjoyed at Big Jubilee Lunches during the Jubilee weekend, and by generations to come.

### **Get Planting!**

More than 60,000 trees have already been planted in the UK through The Queen's Green Canopy project in the two months since the planting season began. Communities and cities from Cornwall to Glasgow have come together to make 2022 a truly special year to "plant a tree for the Jubilee" as a celebration of The Queen's 70 years of service to the nation and the Commonwealth.

The Queen's Green Canopy is generating the planting of large, celebration trees, majestic avenues of trees, urban planting, and expansive new forests that will benefit future generations. Every planting is recorded on a digital Queen's Green Canopy map which will be presented to Her Majesty at the end of the Jubilee year.

The Queen's Green Canopy is also working to protect 70 ancient trees and woodlands that are a valuable part of the UK's heritage and history and launched a training programme to teach unemployed young people new skills in tree planting and management, and a Young Foresters Award to highlight the value of trees to school children. The Queen's Green Canopy will continue throughout 2022 and into March 2023.

### **Let's Create Platinum Jubilee Fund**

The Let's Create Jubilee Fund is a £5 million programme that will support community and voluntary organisations in England to develop creative and cultural activities as part of the celebrations in June 2022.

Applicants will be able to apply for grants of up to £10,000 and are encouraged to partner with established artists, creatives and cultural organisations to develop their activities.

### **Key Dates:**

Application deadline 28th February Decisions by 1st April

Projects take place by June 2022

More information can be found on the [Northamptonshire Community Foundation website](#)



## **The Queen's Baton Relay baton-bearers nominations**

Following its journey across the Commonwealth, the Baton will return to England, where it will spend 25 days travelling the length and breadth of the country,

[We need 2,022 Baton-bearers to take on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of carrying the Baton!](#)

### **Get involved**

Birmingham Organising Committee for the 2022 Commonwealth Games encourages you to submit a Baton-bearer nomination via their website, for an inspiring individual in your life or networks.





**WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE**  
**at Moulton Parish Church**  
**on**  
**Saturday 26th February**  
**2022.**

Our main speaker, Carrie Sandom, has had vast experience at teaching God's word faithfully to women for many years both in UK and abroad. She also trains women in how to read the bible and we're delighted that she will also be leading one of our 3 seminars.

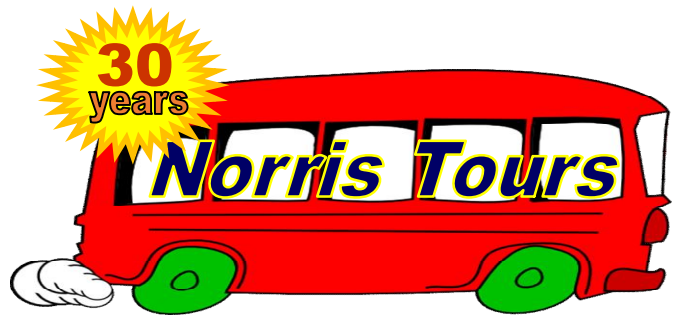
**Places limited, booking closes 24th Feb**

**Cost: £10 per person.**  
 includes bacon butty on arrival,  
 tea & cake through the day  
 + a complimentary book

**Book in either of the following ways:**  
 - Midlands Gospel Partnership  
 Northampton website, upcoming events  
<https://www.mgpnorthampton.org.uk>

Email: [mgpnwomensconference@gmail.com](mailto:mgpnwomensconference@gmail.com)

**Payment in cash on the day**



**2022 2022 2022 2022 2022**

**NEXT YEAR'S GROUP HOLIDAY**

**To Weymouth**  
**Sat June 11th - Sat June 18th**

**Cost: £499.00 for eight days**  
**A wonderful holiday for all!**

**Staying at Berkeley Hotel**  
**on the sea front**

Includes trips out to: West Bay (where they made the tv drama Broadchurch) Monkey World (also televised) Norden, to catch the steam train to Swanage. 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 the next few months!*

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

**01604 494057 or 07923017619**

**DAY TRIPS 2022**

**Saturday 30th April - Highclere Castle**  
 home of Downton Abbey Cost of entrance and coach is £33.50.

**Saturday May 21st - The Gloucester & Warwick**  
**Steam Railway** back by popular request. Cost £40.50 per person for coach and 28 mile round trip on a steam train from Toddington in the Cotswolds.

**Saturday 9th July - Bourton-on-the-water** cost £14.00.

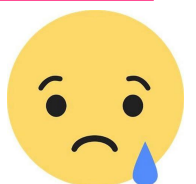
**Saturday August 27th - Great Yarmouth** £21.00 each.

**Saturday September 10th - St Albans Town Centre**  
 £13.00 each.

**a £5.00 non-refundable deposit books your place**  
**with Kathy Norris**  
**01604 494057 or 07923017619**

**2022**

**will be the last year of 'Norris Tours'**  
**as Kathy retires after 30 years.**



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## RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rectory Farm Community  
 Centre Olden Road  
 NN3 5DD

**Sunday service at 3.30pm**

[\(see back page\)](#)



## 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 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

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## On our website:

**[www.emmanuelgroup.org.uk](http://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](http://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: **72882948**

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**

“

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

**ROMANS 8:31**

# SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Emmanuel @ 10.30am</b>	<b>Boothville CC @ 10.30am</b>	<b>Rectory Farm CC @ 4pm</b>	<b>Midweek Communion 11.30am</b>	
<b>6th</b> Genesis 2:4-17 (15) Genesis 1:28-31 (28)	<b>Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley	<b>Morning Worship</b> Maureen Luke	<b>Morning Worship</b> Yvonne Desroches	<b>9th</b> Haydon Spenceley	
<b>13th</b> Jeremiah 12:10-13 (11) Romans 8:18-25 (22)	<b>Morning Worship</b> Doug Spenceley	<b>Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley	<b>Communion</b> Yvonne Desroches + Fiona Potter	<b>16th</b> Doug Spenceley	
<b>20th</b> Isaiah 41:1-10 (10) Mark 4:35-41	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock + Peter Angus	<b>Morning Worship</b> David Bell	<b>Morning Worship</b> Haydon Spenceley	<b>23rd</b> Yvonne Desroches	
<b>27th</b> Micah 6:8 Amos 5:21-24	<b>Morning Worship</b> James Fearnley	<b>Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock + Obi Hez	<b>March 2nd</b> Ash Wednesday	

# SERVICES IN MARCH 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Emmanuel 10.30 am</b>	<b>Boothville 10.30am</b>	<b>Rectory Farm 4pm</b>	<b>Midweek Communion 11.30am</b>	
<b>6th</b>	<b>Communion</b> Haydon Spenceley + Rachael Warnock (Dedication)	<b>Morning Worship</b> Maureen Luke + Rachael Warnock	<b>Morning Worship</b> Yvonne Desroches	<b>9th</b> Haydon Spenceley	
<b>13th</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> James Fearnley	<b>Communion</b> Doug Spenceley	<b>Morning Worship</b> Haydon Spenceley + Kristin Hatherly	<b>16th</b> Yvonne Desroches	
<b>20th</b>	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock + Yvonne Desroches	<b>Morning Worship</b> David Bell + Haydon Spenceley	<b>Morning Worship</b> Obi Hez + Fiona Potter	<b>23rd</b> Haydon Spenceley	
<b>27th</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Haydon Spenceley + Peter Angus	<b>Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Communion</b> Yvonne Desroches + Rachel Warnock	<b>30th</b> Doug Spenceley	

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