

# B E E R T

BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & FACTORY FARM LIMES

## You are a gift!

by Yvonne Desroches

**Dear Friends,  
It is an absolute pleasure that I have been asked to write to you as the Assistant Curate and member of the Clergy team at Emmanuel Group of Churches.**

I am writing this during this new season of life for Emmanuel. We have just said goodbye to Haydon and Jo, who were such a gift to the Emmanuel Group of Church, to individuals and to our community. Many attended Haydon's leaving service where we celebrated his time here at Emmanuel, followed by sharing food and the giving of gifts to take with them and enjoy into the next season of Ministry.

When it comes to giving gifts, we sometimes find ourselves worrying about what to buy, how much to spend. Pondering on things like, 'will they like it'. I understand that during this time of preparing for Haydon and Jo's parting several discussions were had during this time. It is natural that we want to give the best gift possible for the person who the gift is intended.

As people we often find ourselves worrying about many things such as these and others, changing circumstances, challenges, and responsibilities. It is only human to do so. As we recognise it, let us have confidence and place our trust in Jesus.

***I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart, and the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give- so don't be troubled or afraid.(John 14:27)***

In the previous edition of 'BERT' Haydon's shared his parting words with us as he wrote to say goodbye and to take up his new role as DDO with Peterborough Diocese. Haydon quotes "As Easter comes closer, let's choose the way of love, the way of the Cross, the way of hope."

We have celebrated 'Life at Easter' received as a gift from the Father, through the Spirit.

*Christ offers himself as gift for the life of the world.*

The gift of Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Further, as he ascends, Christ gives gifts into the developing life of the Church

**– You are a gift,**

it is through the giving and receiving of a kind word, a message of care, encouragement, and hope that the community/family of faith grows.



***Be a gift to someone ...today***

Therefore I invite you to Be a giver.... Contact a forgotten friend, offer to help a weary parent, invite a neighbour in for coffee. Share some special time with those around you who might least expect it. It need not cost anything but time and prayer.

Sending Every Blessing with love and many thanks for the gift of who you are,

Yvonne



On the 9th and 10th of April, Boothville Community Choir held concerts in aid of the Ukraine Appeal. The two concerts raised a magnificent £1,115. Correct me if I'm wrong but I think that's a record! Everyone in the choir thanks all who contributed in any way to the concerts. The money has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal. Here is a prayer read out at the concert by Margaret Johnson

**God bless the Ukraine**  
**Guard her people**  
**Guide her leaders**  
**Grant her peace**  
**Amen.**

The Choir's next concerts will be on Saturday 9th July at 7.30pm and Sunday 10th July at 3pm. In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and appreciation of her 70 years of service to this country, the theme of the concert will be 'Royal Blue.'



Both Concerts will be held in the Boothville Centre. To order tickets contact Elizabeth Weaver 01604-408439



# A month of celebration

**S**eventy years on the throne: our Queen is an amazing woman, totally committed to duty, honour, country and commonwealth, and to her Christian faith. Although her accession to the throne was in February, this is the month of celebration, and the time for us to honour our Queen and to thank God for her.

Some people find public celebrations very easy, and love big events, street parties, mega concerts, and so on. Others prefer a quieter life. However, this is a unique national occasion, and we ought all to find ways to honour such a remarkable person and all that she has brought to our national life.

From the first weekend of the month to the last, and June is also the month when we ordain new deacons and priests in the Cathedral. Not every parish is directly involved, but it should be a great cause of rejoicing for all of us that men and women, younger and older, are continuing to offer themselves for ordination in healthy numbers. Our selection process is quite rigorous, training takes several years, plus at least three years of on-the-job training as curates. It usually takes around eight years from someone first offering until they can be in charge of a parish or in an unsupervised chaplaincy role. Even through lockdown, we have had a steady stream of good candidates, and the future looks promising in terms of the



availability of future clergy. In the middle of June, among other things, I will be presiding at confirmations, instituting a new vicar in a parish, dedicating major refurbishments in another church, spending a day in a rural multi-parish benefice including a school visit, spending a morning with the group of people training to be licensed as Lay Ministers and Readers later in the year.

In one way, these are just standard, "bread and butter" activities in my diary: but they are also signs of a church that is truly alive. That is something more to celebrate. Praise God!

With best wishes

*+ Donald*

+Donald

Bishop of Peterborough





## David Bell's... Boothville Diary



This is the entrance to our Church. We pride ourselves on being part of the Community. We meet together on Sunday for our Services at 10.30am. You will be most welcome.



Just come through the Green Door (song by Frankie Vaughan and Shaking Stevens). It was suggested by the Editor that we give an update on future Church activities and also activities in the Community Centre during the week. This will start in the next

**Leading up to Easter ladies of the Church and also several of the Community Group, knitted hand held crosses.** They are of great comfort to people in Hospital or people who are not well. We had several some leftover which we plan to take to the 2 local Care Homes in our area (The Lays and Southfields).



## A prayer for our Congregation

*We thank Thee O Lord for our friends.*

*Help us remember all human love is a beam of Thy light.*

*Take from our hearts all selfishness, all jealousies and possessiveness.*

*May we seek at all times to give and not get.*

*Keep us ever open to Thy love in Christ Jesus, that our love may communicate and reflect*

*Thine own, and our friendship become a gateway to Thee.*

*Amen*

**Elizabeth Weaver** organised a display of booklets (daily prayers etc) for people to take away with them. The last two Sundays, has resulted with all the booklets being chosen and taken away.

Encouraged by this Elizabeth will continue to provide the booklets on a table at the far end of the Church room.



## Philip Thompson.

It is with great sadness that we have lost a member of the Church Family. It was with joy that we celebrated his life with his family at a Memorial Service at Boothville.

Precious led the service and described Phillip as 'a friend and a member of the family of the Church. He was truly our elder statesman. Phillip was so proud, to lay the reef at the 'Remembrance Sunday' Service last year.



## Community Care Update – June and July

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

I have some good news, my contract has been extended, what an answer to prayer, thank you all who were involved in extending and finding the funding.

### FISH

**An answer to prayer..** Mike, our treasurer, has found some money to keep FISH running for the rest of the year, which is brilliant news. Now I know FISH will run throughout the summer holidays, but I'm not sure where it will be. I will let you know by email.

### Wellbeing walks

The Wellbeing walks are still happening. They normally take about 45 minutes starting and ending at our church.

We meet on **Friday mornings at 10am** by the bus stop, at the door of Emmanuel Church. We will be walking every week come rain or shine.



### Money support centre

The money support centre is at Foodbank every Wednesday. **Please pray** for people to feel comfortable to talk to us on a Wednesday and help them with their money struggles



### The Money Course

The money course is designed to help people who are long term regular visitors to the foodbank and aims to provide them with the tools to manage their budgeting better. The course is provided by Holy Trinity Brompton, who write the Alpha studies.

### Family fun

In partnership with Growing Together, we are helping to run a family fun session. It runs at Blackthorn Community Centre on Wednesdays in term time, 3:30-4:30.

It's a time for families to do crafts, eat snacks and chat.

This new project has only been running for a couple of months so numbers can be low on some weeks. **Please pray** that we find new people to reach.

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)



You can contact me at the church office  
**01604 402150** or email:  
[paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk](mailto:paul.foster@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)

### Look UP job club

We are working in partnership with The National Careers Service to promote The Job Club which is held in the library on Mondays 10am—12noon

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

**Thank you to all  
 our volunteers**





# This month the Queen makes history by celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. 70 years in the job!

We join with millions across Britain and the Commonwealth who thank God for Queen Elizabeth's dedication, wisdom, and steadfastness over the past seven decades.



A special extended bank holiday weekend this month will give communities across the UK a chance to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In February this year, HM the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years of service.

The weekend, from Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> will include a birthday parade, beacons across the country, a 'platinum party' at Buckingham Palace, a pageant and thousands of street parties and lunches.

Many churches will be holding special services and events. A centrepiece of the celebrations will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is fitting that the service will form a key part of the Jubilee, as the Queen has been vocal in speaking about her Christian faith in a series of high-profile broadcasts.

In her Christmas Day broadcast in 2016, she said: "Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives.

"I am one of them, because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe."

Journalist Catherine Butcher, who wrote 'Our Faithful Queen – 70 years of faith and service' to mark the Platinum Jubilee, recalls: "The Queen Mother subscribed to daily devotional Bible reading notes. She regularly read Bible stories to the young princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret and taught them to pray.

Both girls started their weekly school lessons with half an hour of Bible reading, under the guidance of their governess, and weekly church attendance has been a lifelong pattern for the Queen, who is said to keep a well-read Bible by her bedside."

Catherine Butcher tells how evangelist Billy Graham wrote in this autobiography, 'Just as I am' about meeting the Queen on several occasions. He said: "I always found her very interested in the Bible and its message."

The Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England but her interest in faith goes well beyond this title. She holds a strong Christian faith and has exemplified this in her lifetime of dedicated service.



# Weston Favell Centre foodbank



## 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**

Throughout 2021, WFC Foodbank received 4,678 referrals for emergency food provision for 1,014 households.

This has continued to increase during the first months of 2022, with 1,608 referrals being received on behalf of 591 households – that is over half of the whole of last year, in the first 15 weeks of this year.!

We are expecting that the increased demand will continue for the foreseeable future as more and more people can't afford the essentials - and looking to the year ahead, it is likely that we will become even busier as everyone is impacted by the current cost-of-living crisis.

The rising cost of living is impacting on everyone and the foodbank is very grateful to people continuing to donate enabling us to continue to feed those in need.



We are currently feeding 1300 people a month on average, although this figure is rising. This is a huge pressure on foodbank to consistently support this number of foodbank users.

To maximise resources we are cutting costs and promoting the need for donations to foodbank where ever we can. We are also exploring improved efficient and effective ways of working.

Thank you, as always, to those of you who give so generously to help others.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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!***







As always, we are incredibly grateful to all who donate food, or money for food to the foodbank. In response to the increased numbers of people needing our help We have formed a fundraising team who are attempting to raise some funds ourselves.

## Murder on the Churchill Express



**Saturday 15th October**  
**7.30 to 11pm**

**at Cafe Emm**

**Weston Favell Centre**

**3 course meal**

**£25.00 per head**

**approx 40 spaces**

With the Big Adventure Acting Company

"Murder on the Churchill Express" is set in 1930's

DRESS CODE: 1930's Style.

There will be a number of rounds  
Prizes will be given at each round

and a Grand Prize for the overall winners

Teams = 2 to 8 people.

There will be a raffle

Tickets will go on sale in August

All profit will go to WFC Foodbank

## Fundraising Events coming soon

### Karting Event

Where: Wilton Mill, Daventry

When: Friday evening in the summer

Who: In partnership with Rotary club

Teams of 4 drivers x 20 take part in a 2 hour endurance race

Cost: Each team has to raise sponsorship of £300

### Store Collection

Morrisons Supermarket Town Centre

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

November date to be confirmed

### Concert

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June Weston Favell Centre

Outside Tesco in the main concourse.

Ukulele band, Jazz band and Silhouette theatre group performing from 1pm - 3pm

### Car Treasure Hunt

Where: In and around the county

When: Sunday afternoon in September

Cost: £10 per car + £5 for a buffet meal. The idea is to complete the challenge in the shortest mileage possible whilst looking for cryptic questions around local villages. The hunt finishes at a local pub with a buffet meal.

### Barn Dance

Emmanuel Sports Hall. with the Burton Latimer

Ukulele Band

Tickets: £7.00 inc ploughman's supper will go on sale in September.

### Fashion Show

In partnership with Northampton Lions. - TBA



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*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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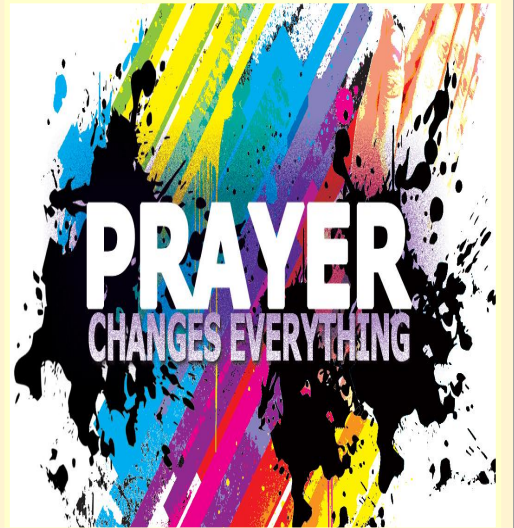
# Monday Night Prayer

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 Yvonne and she'll send you the zoom link.



THE LATEST  
NEWS.

**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

Café Emm always offers a warm welcome to everyone who comes in.

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  
Sort Code – 60-15-55 –  
Account Number – 73106291

**Thank you.**

There is always something hot for lunch each day, some very delicious cakes and also the regular two course dinners for £7 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come in for a coffee and check out the table blackboards for what's being served each day.



Sunday Lunches have resumed. Watch the board for when the next one will be held and then please book your place.

Friday afternoon teas are also back. The next one is 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Do get your booking in early to avoid being disappointed.

We have Board games on Monday mornings. New members are very welcome. Also we hope the children's play corner will be set up again very soon.



We welcome new volunteers. If you have time to spare and would enjoy meeting new people, pop in and talk to Julie or Lucy.

welcome to  
**THE MEMORY CAFÉ**

**CAFÉ EMM**  
A HOME FOR THE COMMUNITY

We meet on the 1st and 3rd  
Wednesday of the month  
2.30pm - 4pm.  
Café Emm in Weston Favell  
Shopping Centre NN3 8JZ

The Memory Café is for people dealing with memory loss and for those supporting them.  
It's a place to meet new people and share experiences and strategies; to keep active and to have some fun!

We offer a safe and welcoming environment where you can participate in reminiscence and arts-based activities that help promote wellbeing.

Contact details: For more info call Annette on:  
07972 364 358 (café number)  
or email at: [annette.codrington@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:annette.codrington@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com)

*You will find a warm welcome here!*

The atmosphere in Café Emm is very friendly with customers coming in regularly and it is really encouraging to see new friendships being formed and to be able to greet our customers by name.

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 welcome your support. There is always room to welcome one more....



## What is the Eco Church group?

The group is a team of people that care about the environment and how we, as individuals and as a church, affect it. We believe that part of our responsibilities as Christians is to look after God's Creation in all forms



## What can I do?

Volunteer to be on the Eco Church group  
 There will be simple Eco changes you can make at home in each edition of BERT  
 Be more aware of God's Creation and our impact on it and how we can improve it  
 If you have any ideas or suggestions please tell Rachel Tighe or Rachael Warnock

More information can be found at [www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

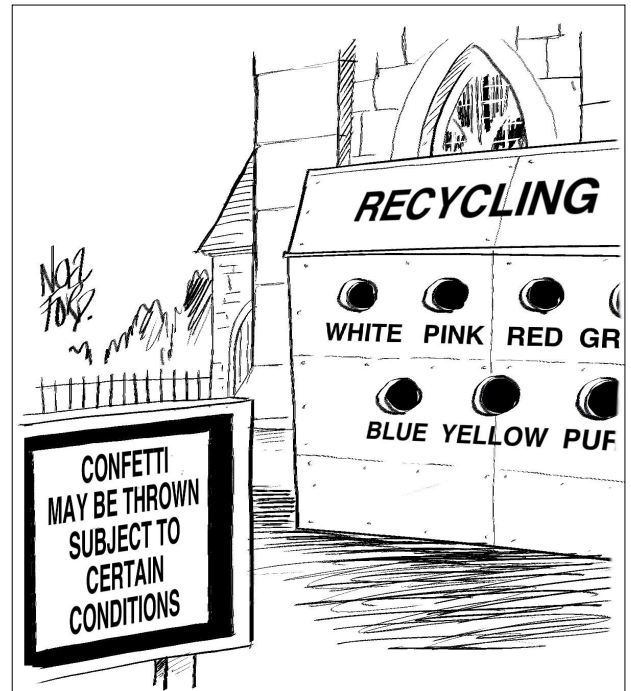
## Archbishop calls for the Government to work with faith groups to achieve net zero carbon

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has called on the Government to work with faith groups to achieve net zero carbon.

Speaking recently in the House of Lords during a debate on Behaviour Change for Net Zero, he said: "My Lords, like the Government, the Church of England has targets for reaching net-zero carbon, in our case by 2030.

"Churches across the Anglican Communion are deeply affected by climate change. We are working right across the Communion on this question.

"Will the Minister set out the plans that the Government have to work further with faith communities, which have unique distribution and contacts, from the grass roots to the highest level, both nationally and internationally, and will he commend the work that they are already doing?"



## What will the group do?

The remit of the group will evolve as it develops. Firstly we need to assess how environmentally friendly our Church is by completing the Eco Church Assessment.

The result will highlight areas which we can work on improving. We also intend to create an environmental policy for our group of churches.

Going forward the group aims to encourage and support the congregation and users of the church to be more Eco minded and to make sustainable changes as well as helping ensure that creation care is an integral part of teaching and study within the church year.



# The Knife Angel Visits Northampton



I am CEO of C2C Social Action. We work with women and men across Northamptonshire who are in or on the edges of the criminal justice system. We aim to enable people to change their lives by breaking the cycle of offending, poverty and rehabilitation through changes in thoughts, behaviours and life styles that brought them into the criminal justice system

Time and time again, the people we work with have experienced violence and aggression in their home or community to the extent where it almost starts to feel normal to them. And all too often they carry that behaviour with them into adulthood, and their own relationships, which is why many of our service users have experienced domestic abuse. Sadly, their children are also at risk of being drawn into this cycle of violence and aggression.

The Knife Angel, the national monument against violence and aggression, was going to tour the country. It was originally booked to visit Northampton in June 2020. However, like so many other things, due to the Covid Pandemic, the tour was cancelled for 2020 and 2021.

The Angel comes with great responsibility! Apart from the obvious one of keeping it safe, we are also required to provide 28 days of youth engagement, addressing anti-violence and anti-aggression across the county.



Photos by - Liz Bateman

We have been working with NN off the streets, Police engagement teams, local football clubs, council safety teams, schools and community groups to produce educational materials that send this message.

We have developed schemes of work, podcasts, worksheets, school visits and workshops, as well as encouraging 10,000 people to sign up to be anti violence ambassadors.

To me the angel is asking why....

It's made of 100,000 knives that were handed in during a knife amnesty. Some of the knives had blood stains on them and had to be decontaminated before they were added to the knife angel.

At that time, our own Detective Superintendent Dennis Murry had the privilege to hand over some knives from the amnesty in this county.

He, himself, took time to be part of the construction of the Knife Angel and welded some of the knives in place



I hope that the stories shared by those that have been affected by knife crime will be heard by the wider community and that those stories will touch the lives of others, encouraging them to think about the lives that have been lost or changed due to the knife.



Although we only have the Knife angel for the month of May, I hope and pray that all the partnership working, programs, and activities that have been put together, will stand as a lasting legacy in the call to stand against violence and aggression in the county. Let's take knives off the streets of Northamptonshire, not just for May 2022, but for good, and my hope is that this is the start of the conversation.



Angie Kennedy





# *Living in love and faith*

by Hilary Spenceley

***The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them.***

*We also know that the life and mission of our Church - and of the worldwide Anglican Communion - are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.*

*These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices, especially in relation to lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex people.*

*The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship. (LLF course book)*

You may recall receiving an invitation to participate in this Lent course, which was run by St Peter's Church, Weston Favell via Zoom. The materials used were produced by the Church of England and included videos of people living in love and faith in differing types of relationships. They spoke about their experiences of trying to remain true to their Christian belief whilst being part of a relationship, which may be regarded by some as difficult to accept.

*Now as we lead the Church of England into making whatever decisions are needed for our common life regarding matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage, we appeal to you to join us in this period of discernment. (LLF course book)*

Doug, Precious and I attended the course together with 25+ people from St Peter's. Each of the five sessions followed a similar pattern of prayer, videos about relationship, Bible study and discussion in small groups.

The five sessions dealt with these themes:  
 What does it mean to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ?  
 How does our identity in Christ relate to sex and gender?

What kinds of relationships does God call us to

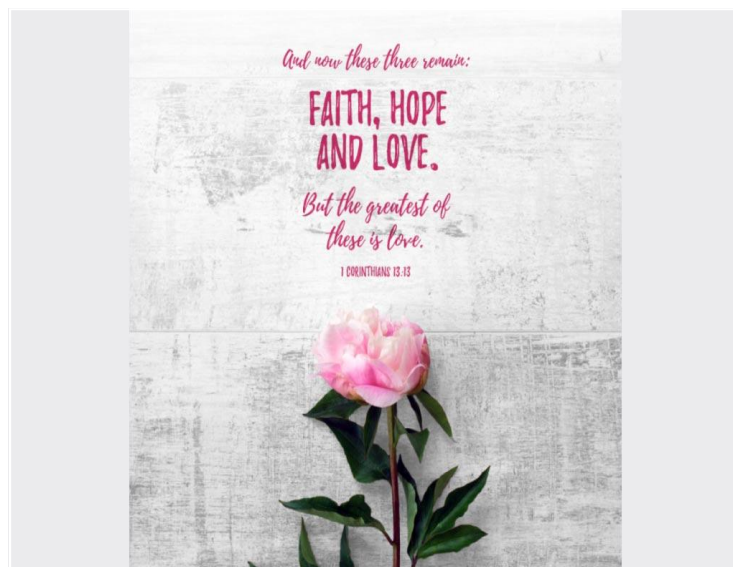
Where do our bodies and sex fit in to all of this? How do diversity and difference affect our life together as a church?

Four were led by a Reader from St Peter's, the final one by their Curate. From the outset it was clear that mutual respect and confidentiality were paramount: if anyone found any topic distressing there was access to a private conversation with one of the leaders or clergy.

We found each session stimulating and challenging. Some of the information shared in the relationship videos, made us reflect on our own reactions. The videos showed people speaking openly about both the sadness and joy they had experienced in churches' reactions to their particular style of living together.

Doug, Precious and I are glad that we participated in the Living in love and faith course. It was beneficial to be guided in our consideration of such important aspects of life. All churches have had an opportunity to take part in this period of discernment and hopefully many churches and individuals have completed the questionnaire to provide feedback to the Church of England, which will be used to decide any future changes.

The deadline for responses is past. However, if you are interested in looking at the materials, they are available on both the Diocese of Peterborough and Church of England websites.



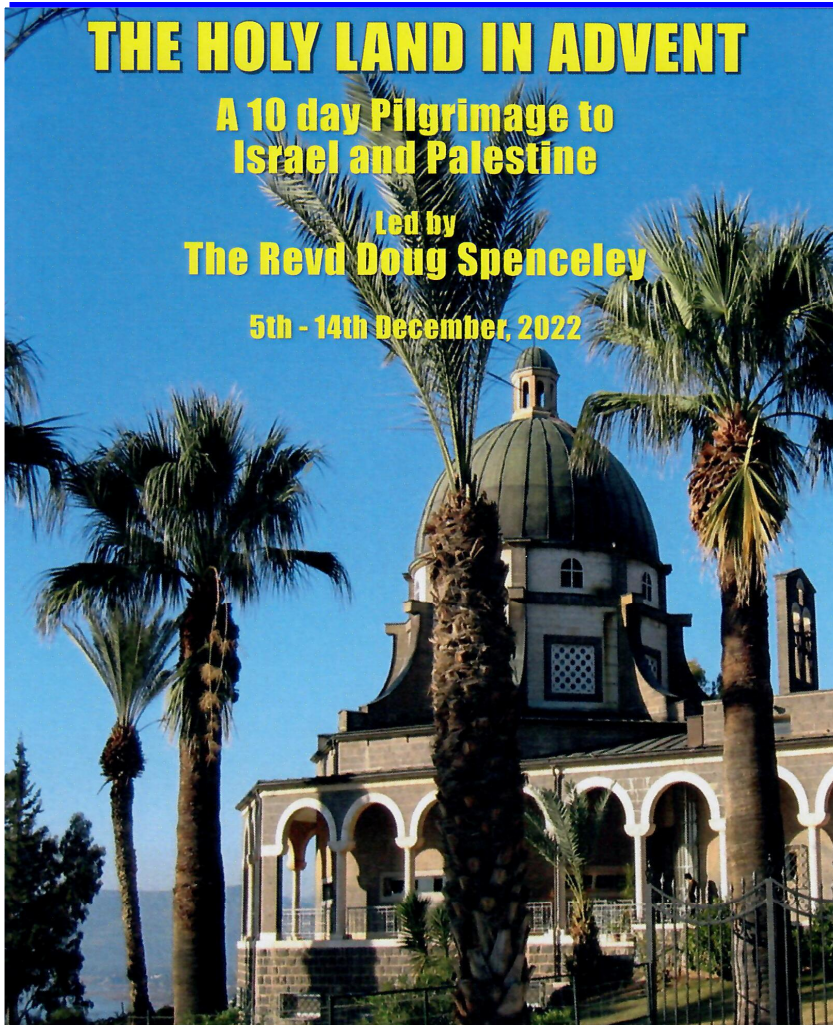


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# The Holy Land In Advent

At last!

**After repeated delays over two years, the pilgrimage is now set to happen!**

Join me on a pilgrimage to journey through **The Holy Land in Advent**. We'll spend time visiting and worshipping at many of the sites associated with the life, teaching and times of Jesus, helping the Bible to come alive in a special way.

We'll be talking with people who live through very similar strains and stresses or politics, social justice and religion as the people of Jesus' time did. There'll be times to pray, to reflect and to enjoy simply being in this beautiful land – even time to bathe in the Dead Sea.

It'll be the journey of a lifetime and a wonderful way to prepare to greet Jesus this Christmastide.

Brochures are available in the Emmanuel Church office or visit: <https://www.lightline.org.uk/tour/the-holy-land-the-revd-doug-spenceley/>.

I'd be happy to chat with you about the trip, and look forward to seeing you in the Holy Land in December.

**Doug Spenceley**

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or phone: 01604 407977

## One Year On..

Its now been a year since I was elected to both the unitary and Town Councils. I have learnt a lot over the past year and I'm still adjusting to this new season. Sometimes the responsibilities weigh heavily on my shoulders but then I remember that I hold it lightly in the power given to us as followers of Jesus.

This past month has been mainly about the Knife Angel visit to the county. Angie Kennedy CEO of C2C Social Action and a member of our Church has been doing incredible work on the visit.

Knife crime and violence is sadly ever present, fear of it is greater than actual incidents but there are issues that need resolving.

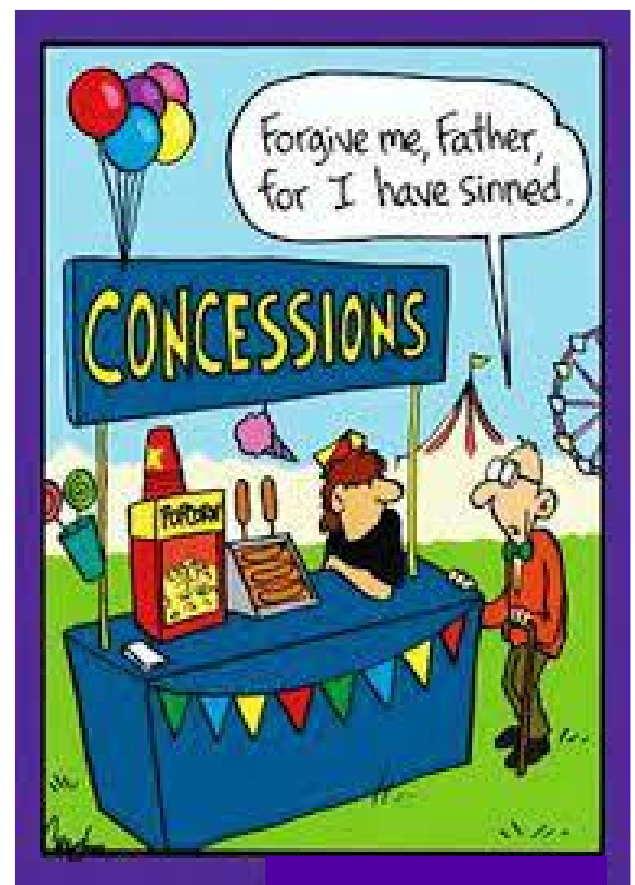
There are so many issues, some many problems, a number of opportunities and its easy to be pulled in multiple directions. Listening for the leading of the Holy Spirit into the few things I'm called to do is

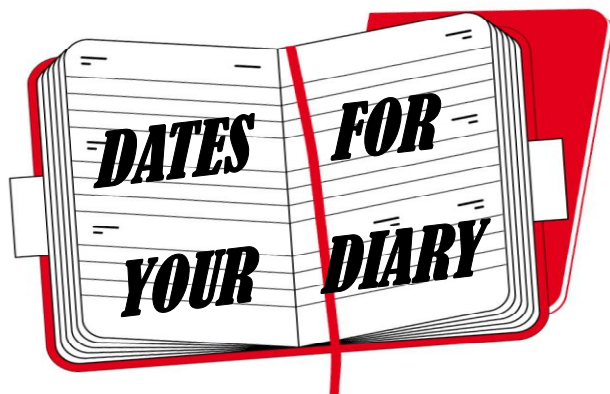
important. Investing in our young people is so important.

I recognise that our call to transform is as part of a wider community, and above all the work of God in the hearts and minds of all of us. I pray that we would all listen, reflect and take the steps of obedience we need to take in order to bring transformation and the work of the Kingdom to save a generation and our community.

Pray also for me, and for us that we would fully reflect the image that is ours in Christ Jesus as lights in the darkness bringing hope and a future.

God bless,  
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**2022 2022 2022 2022 2022**

**THIS YEAR'S GROUP HOLIDAY**

**To Weymouth**

**Sat June 11th - Sat June 18th**

**Cost: £499.00 for 7 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

## DAY TRIPS 2022

Saturday August 6th - The Gloucester & Warwick Steam Railway  
Saturday 9th July - Bourton-on-the-water: Back by popular demand. This excellent railway trip is not to be missed. You will travel by coach to Toddington where you will take a 28 mile railway journey through the Cotswolds on the steam railway. There is a café for lunch and a small shop, it is a day trip not to be missed. Price includes coach and train fares. £40.50 person

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**



## To Emmanuel and Rectory Farm Congregations

Come and celebrate with the  
Boothville Congregation  
The Queen's Platinum  
Jubilee

**at Boothville Hall  
on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
2.30-4.30pm**

**There will be afternoon tea  
and more...**

If you would like any further details  
please contact Mary Langley





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THE LORD IS GOOD, A REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. HE CARES FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM.

### RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rectory Farm Community  
 Centre Olden Road  
 NN3 5DD

**Sunday service at 3.45pm**  
*(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**

**Online Church 10.30am every Sunday**

Find us on our website or facebook page  
*(see back page)*

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

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

## 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 Group of Churches  
 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**

# SERVICES IN JUNE 2022

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30am	Boothville CC @ 10.30am	Rectory Farm CC @ 3.45pm	Midweek Communion 11.30am	
5th	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock	<b>Morning Worship</b> Maureen Luke	Yvonne Desroches	8th	
12th	<b>Morning Worship</b> James Fearnley	<b>Communion</b> Doug Spenceley	<b>Communion</b> Kris Hatherly + The Young people	15th	
19th	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock + Colin Pye	<b>Morning Worship</b> David Bell	Obi Hez + Fiona Potter	22nd	
26th	<b>Morning Worship</b> Peter Angus	<b>Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Communion</b> Yvonne Desroches	29th	

# SERVICES IN JULY 2022

Sunday	Emmanuel 10.30 am	Boothville 10.30am	Rectory Farm 4pm	Midweek Communion 11.30am	
3rd	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock	<b>Morning Worship</b> Maureen Luke	Yvonne Desroches	6th	
10th	<b>Morning Worship</b> TBA	<b>Communion</b> Doug Spenceley	<b>Communion</b> Kris Hatherly	13th	
17th	<b>Communion</b> Rachael Warnock	<b>Morning Worship</b> David Bell	Obi Hez + Fiona Potter	20th	
24nd	<b>Morning Worship</b> Peter Angus	<b>Communion</b> Chris Pearson	<b>Communion</b> Yvonne Desroches	27th	
31st	<b>Communion</b> Yvonne Desroches	<b>Morning Worship</b> TBA	Rachael Warnock		

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