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BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & FACTORY FARM TIMES



HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926—2022

Queen Elizabeth's strong Christian faith was evident throughout her life in both her words and actions. As Queen she was 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England' but apart from these official roles, her own personal faith was demonstrated even before she was crowned.

'Pray for me ... that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'

That prayer request was made by the Queen in her first Christmas broadcast in 1952. Her father, King George VI, had died in February that year. She was crowned Queen 18 months later on 2 June 1953 at Westminster Abbey, London.

Her Christmas broadcasts to the Commonwealth were written by herself and frequently referred to Jesus Christ, whose birth is celebrated at Christmas. As she said in her Christmas broadcast in December 2000: 'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.'

The Queen was crowned in a deeply symbolic church service devised in AD 973 included prayers and Holy Communion. The orb, sceptre, ring and crown used in the ceremony each include a cross to symbolise the rule of Jesus Christ over the world. The crown jewels are set with many of the world's most valuable gems and yet, a Bible is presented during the coronation and described as 'the most valuable thing that this world affords'.

During the Queen's long reign, she was inspired by the sacrificial life of Jesus Christ, who said of himself: he 'did not come to be served, but to serve'.

In 2008 the Queen said: 'I hope that, like me, you will be com-

forted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life ... He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served.'

Her personal faith also prompts her to work for peace and reconciliation internationally and in her own family. In 2011 she said, 'Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.'

In her 2012 Christmas broadcast she said 'This is the time of year when we remember that God sent his only son "to serve, not to be served". He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer this Christmas Day that his example and teaching will continue to bring people together to give the best of themselves in the service of others. The carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter" ends by asking a question of all of us who know the Christmas story, of how God gave himself to us in humble service:

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part...

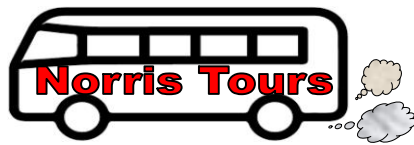
'The carol gives the answer, 'Yet what I can I give him – give my heart'.

We give thanks for our Queen and her example of dedication, integrity and service to this country and the commonwealth.

May her legacy live on in Jesus Name.

Amen.

Farewell to



My travel journey as a tour operator for the church and community started way back in 1989 when I was asked to run a day trip for the Emmanuel Church people, I hired a double deck bus to take people for a visit to Crick tramway in Derbyshire where we all went back in time to ride the old bus trams.

People enjoyed it and asked me to run another day trip. This time we went to Blackpool to see the lights. On the way home I was asked if I could arrange a little holiday for people and after much thought and prayer, I felt that the Lord was leading me towards a special role. I did some research, hired a coach and we went to Haven holiday park in Weymouth for five days, staying in caravans. During our time in Weymouth, we went to Abbotsbury swannery and tropical gardens and visited the town and beach, it was a special time when we got to know each other and make friends. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

I was soon asked if we were going to have a group holiday the following year. I asked for help at York's coaches to help me to find a hotel and we visited Newquay for five days. I also continued with day trips. We went to Great Yarmouth for the first time with two coaches and everyone had an excellent time.

The group holiday to Paris Disneyland stands out in my mind where we spent one day queuing for rides and watched the Disney parade. Our visit to Paris was excellent. We saw the Eiffel tower and many other beautiful places in the city another excellent four-day holiday.

We had holidays in Scotland to Oban and went by two ferries to visit Mull and beautiful Iona. The second time in Scotland was to Fort William and rode the train in the Harry Potter film. We have been to many other beautiful places in Great Britain and have had day trips out from our hotel to places of interest, we have been to Tenby in South Wales, Torquay, Isle of Wight, Perk district, Weston-super-mere, Lake District, Llandudno in North Wales, Blackpool, Paignton, twice to Northumberland and many more. By now I was known as 'Norris Tours' I based myself in the coffee shop on a Tuesday and people to come to see

me about a holiday or book a day trip. The day trips were to many beautiful places of interest Castles, Stately houses, beautiful gardens, animal parks and the seaside, one garden stands out is Leonardslee gardens where there was a fantastic display of rhododendrons of all colours. There were many more places I could mention but too many to mention them all.

There were Christmas market trips to Birmingham, Worcester, Dartford and Rochester for the Dickenson Christmas parade. special for many of us were the The day trip to Thursford for the Christmas Christian matinee show in Norfolk. There were a Christmas lunch at Pensthorpe bird sanctuary and onto the show in the afternoon. I ran this yearly trip for quite a few years. For the last few years of group holidays Maureen Luke (Precious) has booked and joined us. It has been a true blessing to have Precious around caring for us all and arranging morning prayers before breakfast for about twenty minutes for all who wanted to join, every day at prayers there would be more people who decided to join us from the group and even people staying at the same hotel it was a true blessing.

I felt the Lord telling me it is time to retire, the past year has been very busy I had five-day trips planned and they have been mostly fully booked. This last year before retiring the group went to Weymouth in a hotel on the seafront different from caravans over 30 years ago, I had my last seaside trip and guess what I started with two coaches for Great Yarmouth thirty years ago and I finished with two full coaches on my retiring year! God Bless you all for travelling with me over the years it has been a very special time and blessings to know I have given special holidays to many, to know my Lord has been with me every step of the way as most of the holidays and day trips we have had sunshine, people used to say that I had booked the sunshine for them. Jesus called me over 30 years to help and give people a holiday or day trip I have made many friends and I miss those who have taken their last journey to heaven.

Love Kathy Norris

Thank you Kathy

As I am sure you are aware after many years serving Emmanuel Group of Churches and the Community, Kathy Norris has now closed down "Norris Tours" and her wonderful holidays and day trips will now cease.

She has closed the account on Norris Tours, (which she kept herself, no Church involvement) and has generously donated excess monies in the account to the Benevolent Account.

Mike Maddocks - Treasurer

Thank you Kathy for your generous contribution to the Foodbank which will be of enormous help in helping to feed the needy folk who use it. And thank you too, for all you have done for so many people over the last 30 years.

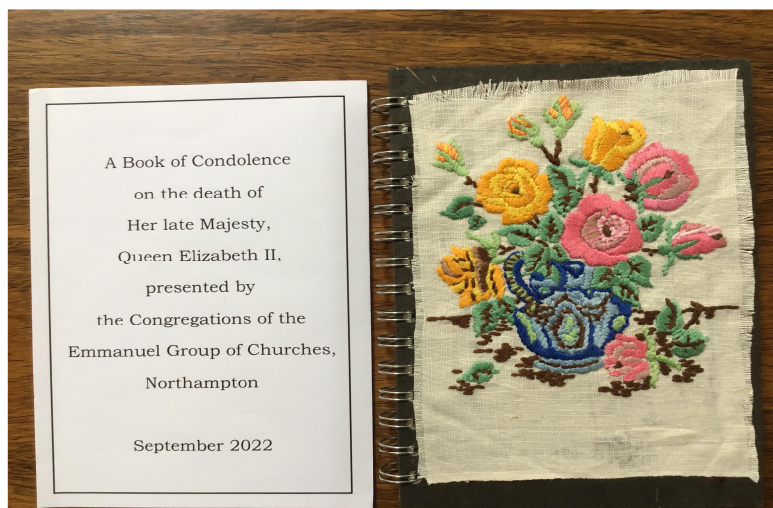
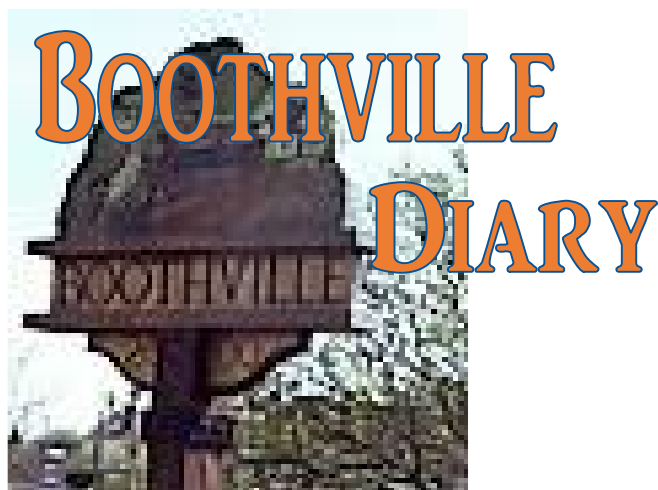
Kathy's ministry, with her trips and holidays and the way she has looked after people and made it possible for them to take part has been phenomenal. She has quietly got on with it, with no fuss or complaints. Kathy is one of our unsung heroes! She also runs the friendship circle who meet in Café Emm on Tuesdays and will continue with this.

Liz Bateman

Kathy has provided a wonderful service to the local community and people of the Emmanuel Group of Churches with the days out and holidays provided by Norris Tours. Her hard work and dedication has meant that there has been a wide variety of choice to cater for all tastes.

People have really benefitted from the small, personal and friendly manner of these trips and they will be greatly missed. Thank you Kathy from The Trustees of Emmanuel Group of Churches

Rachel Tighe



The congregation were obviously very shocked and upset when they heard about David Bell's sudden death. David joined the Boothville family when he was in the process of doing his readers course and soon became fully involved in all that was Boothville. For many years he led the service on the third Sunday of the month but he was always ready to do more. He has taken both Harvest Festival and Remembrance services and enjoyed leading our Carol service for a number of years. He even was persuaded (with much trepidation!) to lead a Christingle service on one occasion.

David made himself available whenever possible and arrived early on a Sunday to welcome. He did more than his fair share of stewarding and setting up for the service.

He was a great support to many, visiting members of the congregation in hospital on a number of occasions.

He was involved in the setting up of a new Boothville house group and visited the local care home. He also made a point of dropping in to the Saturday morning coffee club on a number of occasions. Apart from those who were away or unwell all members of the Boothville congregation attended his funeral which only goes to show how much he was loved and respected. Of course his third Sunday slots are being filled but he is still greatly missed as a friend and a leader.

One of David's great joys when he came to Boothville was that his wife Linda started to join him and she soon made friends with the other ladies in the congregation. How pleased he will be now to see Linda still at church each Sunday!

David was unable to contribute to the last edition of Bert but I know he was busy taking photos of our Jubilee event ready to report. With the help of the Saturday morning coffee club we prepared afternoon tea for the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend. The craft group made lovely table decorations. We put up the bunting, had a Royal Quiz, a good tuck in and toasted the Queen. 70 people attended from church and



community. It was very appropriately '70 people for 70 years'. Looking back it was wonderful that the Queen, although frail, was able to enjoy her platinum celebration. One wonders if she was determined to make this milestone.

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Chris Pearson led us in a special service. Elizabeth Weaver produced a Book of Condolence for us to sign if we so wished. This was passed on to Rectory Farm and Emmanuel Congregations.

Just after David's death we had our regular garden visit. This year we went to Joy Haywood's lovely garden in Creaton. Joy holds the flower arranging class at Boothville. We visited her neighbour's garden as well. Our thoughts of course were with David and Linda who so enjoyed these visits.

At the beginning of the summer we had some wonderful news from Precious. As you will all know, she is being made Lay Canon of Peterborough Cathedral in recognition of her work done within the diocese. Kathy Norris is organizing a coach and the Boothville congregation are attending the induction service en masse on 1st November. We have invited the other congregations to join us and we will have lunch at the Lumbertubs before boarding the coach. I am sure we shall have a report on this event in the next edition of Bert!

Kathy has now led her last coach trip and has closed the bank ac-



count. She was able to send £900 to the Air Ambulance and £400 to the Food Bank. The food bank is very short on donations at the moment so on the fourth Sunday of each month the congregation bring in their contributions. People have been very generous.

Moving on



Paul Foster

When you read this I will already have left my job as Community Care Co-ordinator, but I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thanks for my time working for Emmanuel Group as your community worker, for the last 5½ years.

I have represented the church in various different community settings throughout the time. In particular Growing Together and Blackthorn Primary school in Blackthorn, Networking meetings with the council, Volunteer impact Northamptonshire, End Hunger Campaigns and Northants Community Foundation. At these meetings I've had the opportunity to raise the profile of the community work that the church does in this area.

There have been so many projects that I've set up or joined, either at the church or in the community. They include: The money support centre, Job club, Running a money course, Well-being walks, Board games café, Drop in, Youth hub, Family fun, R-zone, Messy Church Specials, One to one befriending, Prison visiting, Foodbank referring, National Citizens Service decorating lower deck, Photography Competition, Designing and delivering welcome cards to new and existing estates, Acts 435 Advocacy and F.I.S.H.



These activities had varying degrees of success, but by far the most successful is FISH. I am so proud of the project and the team of 'willing' helpers each time we run it, and I know the partnership with growing together and the school are impressed with the way the team turn up and help serve the families each time we run it.

**Thank you
to all
our volunteers**



So, thank you again, for all your support and to the volunteers who have helped on all of the projects I have run.

I couldn't have done it without you.

Paul

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JULIE'S NEWS

by Julie Goodlad



New Website launched

The challenge of rebuilding and designing a brand-new website for World Horizons UK was an intense project. Although I enjoyed the process, it meant juggling multiple tasks at once. I was happy with the result, although a website is never finished as it always needs updating. The new website was launched in the spring to a positive response.

I have been busy over the summer designing new promotional leaflets and banners, as we are now able to get out and about more (after the pandemic) to events where we can promote our opportunities and work. All the new promotional material ties in with the style and content of the new website. I have enjoyed designing the promotional items and hope it will strengthen our promotions and enable us to connect with more students, churches and individuals and see new people playing a part in our work.

I also held a couple of workshops with our team in Llanelli to facilitate the rebranding of our residential centre in South Wales. Taking the ideas that were generated from those discussions, I will now be developing the logo and branding.

Prayer points:

For new enquiries from interested people about collaborating with international communities, both locally and globally.

For creativity and inspiration as I develop a new logo for our residential centre.



Possibility of visit to Jordan

Having had little opportunity to travel overseas as part of my ministry in the past few years, I am currently exploring the possibility of visiting Jordan in November to help Anne (I'm not using her actual name for security reasons). I used to work with Anne until she moved to the Middle East.

Part of Anne's ministry involves supporting refugee women in the city. Several of these women have been exploring issues of faith with Anne and others in the team, and are taking steps towards discovering a personal relationship with Jesus.

Due to understandable cultural barriers, the women are reluctant to discuss faith and pray together as a group.

In July we had a practical work-day at our centre in Llanelli, where we spent the day painting and deep cleaning our building. This was followed by a meal together. It was great to work together in a practical way with all ages, as several families joined in.

The idea is to use creative activities as a way of drawing the women together in a relaxed setting, breaking down the obstacles of fear and suspicion. We hope that one day they will support and strengthen one another as a growing faith community.

I will be teaching textile arts and crafts with simple natural dyeing techniques, pattern creation and silk painting.

Although the women are unable to draw or write competently with a pen or pencil, they are proficient in the art of drawing henna tattoos, and this should prove to be a useful transferable skill in the production of decorated scarves.

Prayer point:

Pray for the preparation, planning and timing of this visit to the Middle East.

40 years of World Horizons Celebration

World Horizons is currently celebrating its 40th year. Each month we are holding events, or times of personal reflection, focusing on different themes associated with our global ministry,

including: creation, creative arts, cultures and people groups, festivals, young people, hospitality, salvation, prayer, provision, and vision.

We recently held a weekend event at our centre in Llanelli to celebrate the cultures and people groups we have worked

with over the years.

We prayed, giving thanks for all that God has done and for God's vision for the future.

You can see more news from Julie at:

<https://mailchi.mp/f0f04e311b29/julies-christmas-news-5625233?e=ef813e>



We Have Moved !

Sadly we have had to leave our unit in Weston Favell Centre as it has now been rented out. We would like to thank the centre management for their wonderful support over the last four years

For the time being we have made arrangements to distribute food from Emmanuel Church and are renting a storage and packing space at Moulton Park.

These arrangements are 'temporary'. We are still looking for a place which will accommodate storage, packing and foodbank itself + plus our partner agencies, in the area we serve as a church and as a foodbank.

The foodbank at WFC was closed for the week from Mon 19th – Mon 27th September to enable us to pack up and move; and re-opened in the ground floor room at Emmanuel on Wednesday 28th September.

We are only able to open for two days per week; Wednesday and Friday and because of this we have increased our opening time by an hour each day.

There is information about all of these changes on our facebook page and website.

To operate successfully between two sites we needed a van but had no idea how we would be able to afford it. The cost of renting one was unsustainable.

Daily Bread' generously offered use of their van initially. But O'Riordan Bond have offered us the free use of a van for one year which is an amazing answer to prayer!

Stats for Aug 2022.

You will note an increase of 19% since last month.

This is the highest number of guests we've fed this year in any one month.

The West Northampton council project rollout of the household support fund of £100 food vouchers may have influenced the increase, as many of these guests were new to the food bank.

Aug 22 - 1485

Aug 21 = 564

June 22 = 1379

July 21 = 1059

There was a big increase in our food spending budget last month, we are hoping this will reduce for September as we were closed to the public between 19th - 26th September, whilst the move was taking place.

We gradually allowed our stocks to shrink in the run up to the move so we urgently need food donations at this time.

We realise that the rising cost of living is impacting on everyone and so foodbank is extremely grateful to people continuing to donate, enabling us to continue to feed those in need.

OPENING TIMES FOR FOOD PARCEL COLLECTIONS

Wednesday
10.00-14.00

Friday
10.00-1.00pm

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Emmanuel Church Office**

**The church office is
open**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday
10.00 -14.00

**If you take your food
donation to Tesco
they will add another
20%**

Ways you can Give time, food or money.

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 you can 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 so much
for your generosity!**

As always, we are incredibly grateful to all who donate food, or money to the foodbank.

In response to the increased numbers of people needing our help We have formed a fundraising team to raise some funds ourselves and provide some fun events.



Weston Favell
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Murder on the Churchill Express



Saturday 15th October

7.30 to 11pm

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Weston Favell Centre

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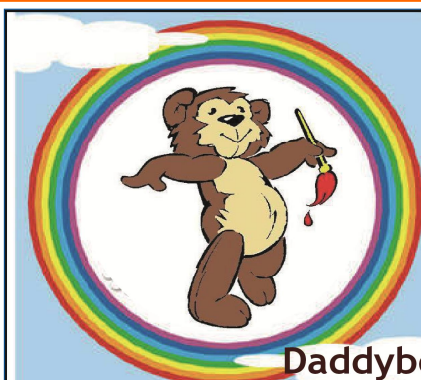
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Monday to Friday.

You will find Café Emm very welcoming. It is really good to see new friendships being formed and to be able to greet our regular customers by name.

We offer good quality, well cooked food, drinks and homemade cakes at very reasonable prices. Our Special hot dinner days are Tuesday and Thursday £7 for two courses. Do pop in for coffee or lunch.

We really would love to see you and your friends, and we welcome your support. There is always room to welcome one more....



Café Emm serves Lunch to Korean Bishops

Café Emm has now been serving customers for a whole year since reopening after the pandemic. We now have a very regular customer base again and takings have been rising, which is very good news.

We have also been busy cooking meals for visitors from overseas, and providing refreshments for West Northants Council and the regular monthly NHS GP surgery Birthday scheme. Refreshments have been provided for funerals, as we remember friends who are no longer with us.

In August we were very honoured to host a visit from a party of Bishops from Korea. They were ++ Peter, Bishop of Seoul, + Onesimo – Bishop of Busan, + Moses, Bishop of Daejeon, + Moses' wife, recently ordained Song Woo Hur. They were accompanied by + John – Bishop of Brixworth and Revd Jun Kim. Yvonne gave them a conducted tour of Emmanuel and lunch was served by Lucy and Fiona. – see photo.



Our Sunday Lunches and afternoon teas are very popular.

There is still time to book in for Afternoon Tea on Friday 14th October and Sunday Lunch on 9th October.

Just ask one of the staff in the Café. Spaces are filling fast.

**Go on !
Treat Yourself
to
Afternoon Tea**



We have received funding for staff training, and are using this to train some of our volunteers who have special needs. **Congratulations go to Gordon** who has successfully completed his Food Safety Certificate.

We aim to give training in Food Safety, Counter Service, and till operation to all those who are able.

At present we have a Vacancy for a part-time cook.

This is for 15 hours per week, starting in October, for one year, to cover maternity leave. Hours 11.00 – 2.00 Monday to Friday. This would be ideal for someone with a family. If you know of anyone suitable, please get them to enquire at Café Emm for more details. This is now getting urgent.

Annette is still working hard to organise regular events in the Coffee Shop. Monday morning games are popular,

Monday morning Board games at Café Emm.

New members always welcome.

The Memory Café for people dealing with memory loss and for those who support them runs on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Café Emm from 2.30–4.00pm

and the Memory Café is growing.

A new initiative, Singing for the Brain, is being launched on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm hopefully starting on 4th October. This is a dementia friendly singing group. If you would like to join a fun and friendly group to sing, and meet new people, please contact Annette on 07940028012, or email:

annette.codrington@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com.

Do come and visit us if you are in the WFC. We are open 10.00 – 2.00 Monday to Friday. You are sure to receive a warm welcome, friendly service and good food and drink at affordable prices.

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

Café Emm is a charity in need of financial support.
Any donations will be very 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 !



"This year the Manna House is celebrating our **40th Anniversary** of Serving the Community of Northamptonshire and the UK. As a Christian Organisation we do this today by providing the second largest Counselling Service in Northamptonshire and accredited Counsellor Training both in the County and to Churches and Voluntary Organisations across the United Kingdom. We also continue to play a major role in the Association of Christian Counsellors.

As a Christian Organisation the Manna House has always had strong connections with the Methodist Church and appreciate the positive interest and support for our work through your prayers and in other ways. Our Chair of the Northampton Methodist District, the Rev'd Canon Helen Cameron, is a Patron of the Manna House.

We are delighted to announce our first event celebrating our 40 years with the Wellingborough Community Gospel Choir on 29 October 2022. It would be wonderful to see you there. Tickets can also be obtained from me, Vic Winchcombe, Chair of the "Manna House Trust" Tele: 01604 844516. vicwinchcombe@virginmedia.com.

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A review of FISH over the summer holidays.



We were back in Blackthorn community centre this time round and met each Tuesday of the summer holidays between 12 & 2.

On average we served 30 children and 15 parents. This time round we cooked food for them.

We had hot dogs, chicken korma, spaghetti bolognese, jacket potatoes and party food. The jackets and party food were provided by Café Emm.

We also had a children's entertainer each week and some of the time we were able to entertain in the garden. We had magicians, circus skills and a party.

We gave families a goodie pack so that they could cook at home as a family and share on facebook.



As always, we were supported by our 'super willing' gang of volunteers.

If you want to help with FISH in any way get in touch, the next one will be 25th October.

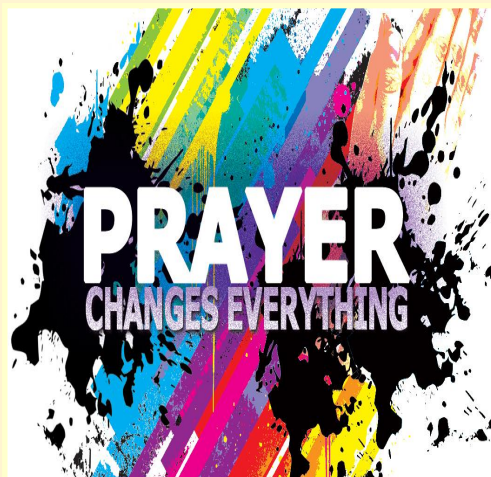
Paul, Gemma and Lynne.

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. 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 Pip and she will send you the zoom link.



So let's dig in deep, let's pray for all things, and let's share what picture, Bible verse or dream/vision that God gives us as His Church. And perhaps join the Zoom prayer meeting on a Monday to pray for the Church building and activities– the Zoom link is sent out each week to those in the Church address book. If you are not on Church Suite, and would like to join please email -

Pip: pipjthompson@gmail.com or Fiona: Fiona.potter@emmanuelgroup.org.uk.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Throughout an exceptionally long life of public service, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth frequently said "Thank You" and "Well done" on our behalf to countless deserving people. On the sad news of her death, we now have an opportunity to say "Thank you" and "Well done" most deservedly to her.

In doing so, I believe we will be joining our words to those of Christ, quoted in the old Prayer Book funeral service; "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter now into thy rest".

I was deeply moved by our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee letter signed simply "Your servant Elizabeth". Someone once called her "the servant Queen following the Servant King" and this was most evident in her annual Christmas broadcasts.

In the days since Her Majesty's death I have been reminded of the lovely General Thanksgiving prayer which I have discovered was written by a former Rector of All Saints Church in Northampton, Edward Reynolds (1599 - 1676). He based it upon an earlier private prayer of the first Queen Elizabeth.

As I reflected on this beautiful prayer, I was filled with gratitude for God's goodness in ordinary life ("creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life"), spiritual life ("inestimable love in the redemption of the world"), eternal life ("the hope of glory"). It pleads for unfeigned thankfulness to be lived out in deeds not just words ("giving up ourselves to thy service") and for faithful life-long goodness ("holiness and righteousness all our days").

The more I read the prayer, the more it described our late Queen, humble gratefulness leading to life-long servant-hearted faithfulness. It is printed below so you may use it in your thankful reflection upon her.

With my love and prayers,

+John

Bishop of Brixworth



A General Thanksgiving

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

ECO CHURCH

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What is the Eco Church group?

The group is made up of people that care about the environment.

We believe that part of our responsibilities as Christians is to look after all forms of God's Creation and to advocate for others to do the same.



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

It is at a time of enormous change in the UK with a new King and a new Prime Minister in place. Our environment is also changing around us faster than some scientists predicted, as we've seen with devastating consequences in Pakistan and elsewhere.

Thankfully, we believe in a God who is unchanging, the same yesterday, today and forever, and it is with this framing that we celebrate God's creation and are prompted to act to protect it.

WHAT CAN WE DO?



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.

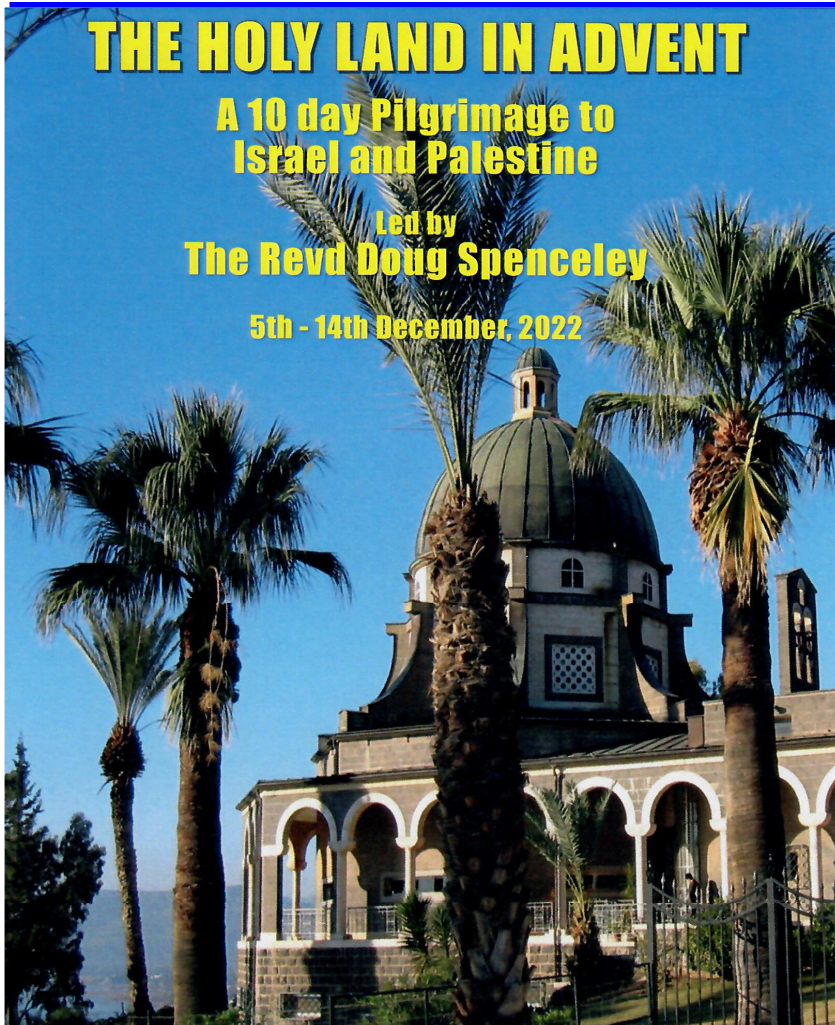


THE HOLY LAND IN ADVENT

**A 10 day Pilgrimage to
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**Led by
The Revd Doug Spenceley**

5th - 14th December, 2022



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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

**Email: doug.spenceley@emmanuelgroup.org.uk
or phone: 01604 407977**

The Passing of John Knight



Revd. John Knight

Dear family and friends of Dad,

It is always heartbreaking to say good bye to someone we love. Yet at the same time a relief that the pain is gone, and a wonderful happiness to know he is where he wants to be, after a life well lived to the full.

When Dad passed away earlier today it was clear he was ready and prepared to go.

We will communicate the funeral arrangements when made. Feel free to send any thoughts or memories to this address, jkn_knightaj@yahoo.com or on Mom's Facebook page, knowing that they are only too happy to be together again.

Andy, Di and Lynne

John Knight was Rector here at Emmanuel in the 90's. Amongst other things, he was instrumental in establishing a church at Rectory Farm.

His was certainly a life well lived. It is amazing to realise how many lives he affected just at Emmanuel, let alone elsewhere and, of course, through all of his books!

We will notify everyone when we get the details of his funeral. The problem will probably be finding a venue big enough! Someone suggested Wembley Stadium!

Pip Thompson

UPcoming EVENTS

“AFTER THE FLOOD”

OCTOBER 10th 7.30 P.M.

AT BROADMEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Broadmead Ave, Northampton NN3 2QY)

FREE ENTRY – RETIRING COLLECTION
TO SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT
FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

In partnership with World Mandate Ministries, we
invite the women of your congregation to join us for

A Healing Day

on the 15th of October,

at St. Giles Centre in Northampton,

from 10:00AM – 3:00PM.

This healing day, is to break down barriers and mis-
conceptions that women may have about the loss of
a baby to set a solid foundation of hope and promise.

NORTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

More volunteers from local churches are
needed to train as Street Pastors and
Prayer Pastors.

Contact us if you would like someone to speak at
your church about the work of Street Pastors and
how you can support us. **Contact us by Email:**
Northampton.admin@streetpastors.org.uk

Harvest Walk: Saturday 8th October

Between the group of churches and ending with refresh-
ments. Last year this walk went really well, mainly due to
the presence of all who attended, conversation had and
prayer together.

Start: Rectory Farm: 8.45am, pray for congregation and
community **Leave: 9am**

Arrive: Emmanuel church 9.30am, pray for congregation and
community **Leave: 9.45am**

Arrive: Boothville 10:15am, pray for congregation and
community. Refreshments at the Boothville Coffee Shop - £1
for hot drink and biscuit's *Times are approximate
You are welcome to meet us at these times, On our walk feel
free to chat!

Do pay attention to how God might be speaking to you through
his creation, We plan to take pictures of anything on our walk
which strikes us, Do take a note of any images or words which
come to mind as we walk- They can be send through to myself
and Yvonne to create a Harvest Banner.

Harvest Service: Sunday 9th October

On Sunday 9th October there is a Harvest Service across all
services. There will be an opportunity to bring much needed
items for the foodbank, if you would like to, please do!! Please
pray for the Foodbank at this time- the leaders, volunteers and
customers as they settle into using the temporary space at
Emmanuel. Please pray for a van and also share in our
communities the need for a permanent space.

Green Space tidy: Saturday 15th Oct.

Come and join us at the green space outside Emmanuel on
Saturday 15th October, 10.30am to tidy, hang bunting, litterpick
and spend time together, refreshments provided.

Visit from Julie Goodlad:

Julie will be at our services in October:

Emmanuel: 16th

Boothville: 23rd

Do take a look here to catch up on her recent news,

> <https://mailchi.mp/f0f04e311b29/julies-christmas-news-5625233?e=ef813e>

Thorplands Community Hub

Please pray for Yvonne, Lynne and Rachael who are now
starting community groups at the newly opened hub, that
people would come to know about the groups, good r
relationships would be built and God's love and hospitality
would be shared and enjoyed in this community.



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Sunday service at 3.45pm

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

Frontline Sundays Sermon Series

I pray that you will be inspired as we walk through this series together, to engage in everyday mission and share the Gospel.

Peter Greg, the founder of the 24/7 movement made a few comments regarding the Queens funeral, which I would like to share with you, to give you encouragement in everyday mission and reflecting his love at this time of instability.

Pete Greg said that the Queens funeral was a globally significant event, where the world was gathered around a Christian ceremony of prayer and worship, at which the gospel was preached. It was also the biggest gathering of world leaders in recent times.

Reporting on the Queen's funeral included more positive comments on the Queen's faith - Christianity, than there has been for a long time. This should give us some confidence in sharing God's good news today!

Pete Greg further reflects on Isaiah chapter 6, where he received his commission from God the year the King died. The Kings death was a marker spiritually. The King had been on the throne for fifty two years and during this time there was stability, familiarity, peace.

The King's death would have created instability. Yet it is amidst the King's death and cultural chaos that Isaiah is commissioned and sent out, Isaiah had a moment of clarity and saw the King of Kings.

The Harvest fields are ripe, let us be harvest hands and pray for more. Let us share in the commissioning of God's people and pray that people would have clarity at this time and see the King of Kings!

Every blessing!
 Rachael

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 OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30am	Boothville CC @ 10.30am	Rectory Farm CC @ 3.45pm	Midweek Communion 11.30am	NEW VENUE FOR MID - WEEK COMMUNION EMMANUEL OFFICE TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
2nd	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Weds 5th	
9th	Morning Worship James Fearnley	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 12th	
16th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Local arrangement	Morning Worship Obi Hez + Fiona Potter	Weds 19th	
23rd	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Weds 26th	
30th	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Local arrangement	Morning Worship Rachel Warnock	Weds 2nd October	

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Emmanuel 10.30 am	Boothville 10.30am	Rectory Farm CC @ 3.45pm	Midweek Communion 11.30am	NEW VENUE FOR MID - WEEK COMMUNION EMMANUEL OFFICE TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
6th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Weds 9th	
13th	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Communion Rachael Warnock	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 16th	
20th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Local arrangement	Morning Worship Obi Hez + Fiona Potter	Weds 23rd	
27th	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Weds 30th	

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