

B E R T

BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & FACTORY FARM TIMES

God Is Amazing

Have you ever stopped to think about how **AMAZING GOD IS?**

The Bible reminds us of His greatness, His love, His promises and His faithfulness. Everything He does is awe-inspiring and though we don't always understand God's ways, we know that God's love for us is unchangeable because He is the same **YESTERDAY, TODAY and FOREVER.** I want to share some key aspects that make our God amazing.

GOD IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE:

The sheer magnitude and complexity of the universe, from the galaxies to the ant, point to our amazing God. **Isaiah 40: 28** "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary and his understanding no one can fathom." God's creativity is a testament to His greatness and wisdom.

GOD HAS UNLIMITED POWER:

God as omnipotent (all-powerful). He possesses unlimited power. The Bible describes numerous instances where God demonstrates His power, such as the parting of the Red Sea for the Israelites to pass through on dry ground and the feeding of over 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish. In **Ephesians 3: 20** we see the following: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us, to Him be glory in the church." This power is seen as evidence of God's amazing nature and His ability to accomplish anything.

GOD DEMONSTRATES UNCONDITIONAL LOVE:

One of our foundational principals as Christians is that God is love. **Romans 5: 8** "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." When we were unlovable, Christ loved us enough to die for us. This demonstrates that God's love is not based on anything that we have done or will do, but purely on His Grace. The depth and extent of God's love is remarkable and awe-inspiring.

GOD HAS INFINITE WISDOM:

This is not just wisdom, but wisdom that is immeasurable, and unlimited. **Proverbs 2: 6** encourages us: "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." God's understanding exceeds ours, we can't get our heads around it, but thankfully, as we nurture our relationship with God, through His Word and through prayer, He guides and directs us. This wisdom is seen as extraordinary and worthy of admiration.

REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS:

God offers redemption and forgiveness to all who seek Him. Through Jesus' sacrifice, God provides a way for us to be reunited with Him and receive eternal life. **1 John 1: 9** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." This act of grace and mercy is seen as extraordinary, demonstrating God's amazing love and desire for relationship with His creation.

GOD DEMONSTRATES TRANSFORMATIVE POWER:

God can bring about transformative change in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15: 13** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." We experience spiritual growth, healing, and empowerment. This transformative power is seen as evidence of God's amazing ability to bring about positive change in our lives.

As I write, I am reminding myself that my God who holds the universe in His hands, wants to have a relationship with me. It is not exclusive....He wants to have a relationship with each of us. My prayer is that we open our hearts, let Him in and see how **AMAZING GOD IS.**

Welcome to the Betts Family

Well, we have had to wait a while but the wait has been worth it because God has answered our prayers - as we always knew he would..

Our new Rector, Revd Stewart Betts, will begin his ministry in The Emmanuel Group of Churches on 2nd October.

We welcome Stewart, Zoe and Joanna into the Emmanuel family and look forward to getting to know them. Stewart has sent me a photo and the introduction below.

Hello, We are the Betts family, or at least part of it. Zoe and I have just recently celebrated our 15th Wedding anniversary and Joanna was 11 in May. Mark and Sarah both live in Inverness and are 29 and 27. Mark is a swimming teacher and very good American Football player and Sarah has just completed her second of 3 years Nursing Training at the University of the Highlands and Islands. She does not play American Football!!

Joanna loves her elder siblings very much. She also loves teddy bears and has a rather large collection. Joanna loves swimming, crafts and reading. She has recently begun learning the keyboard and glockenspiel, the latter as part of the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade. Joanna did not go for an easy option and chose an instrument fairly tricky to march with!!

Zoe and I met in 2006 at my brother's wedding. We were married in 2008. Zoe was a Primary School Teacher and I was working in Retail Management. We both had a strong faith and relationship with God. We were both members in the Baptist Churches. It was not long after we were married that we felt God's call to ministry. That was not the most straightforward of journeys (a story for another time!!). However we were constantly reminded of God's faithfulness and our need to trust in him (Proverbs 3.5-6).

In 2018 I was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England. We all enjoy spending time together, we have an assortment of garden games, board games, cooking and baking. Zoe and I have been battling an enormous and neglected garden in Whetstone but the large field is also a good place for a friendly game of Croquet!! (allegedly).



I studied for a B.A in Theology at St John's Nottingham from 2011-2014. During this time Joanna made an appearance. Although I have a Scottish accent I have always been raised as English, I was born in Banbury. In any spare time I have I enjoy the family time, reading, learning to play guitar (Lent challenge no-2) and sharpening up some basic D.I.Y skills (Lent Challenge no-1). I was born a Leicester City fan and used to play football... I won't mention Rugby.

We all look forward to meeting you when we arrive later this year. Please do pray for the Churches of Cosby, Whetstone and Narborough as we leave them at an anxious time for Churches in Leicester Diocese.

See you all soon

Stewart, Zoe and Joanna Betts

Please pray for the family as they make their preparations to move, that all arrangements will go smoothly. Also, as Stewart asks above, do pray for the churches in Leicester that they will be leaving and pray that the house and garden in Kestrel Close will be ready in time for their arrival.

BOOTHVILLE DIARY



Our congregation on a Sunday is usually about 35 people. Most come regularly every week, so we get to know each other well.

During the week in addition to house groups, many of the congregation meet together socially in various ways .

We do put emphasis on praying for individuals and their needs. Whenever possible we have a member of the congregation leading the prayers each Sunday. There are only a small group of us at the moment but hope that the Lord will encourage others to come forward.



On 11th July Jean Goodlad organised her annual garden visit for the congregation. This year she selected a garden from the National Garden Scheme booklet. Twenty two people travelled in cars to the garden in Farndish which is owned by Patricia Anderson.

When the last Boothville Diary was sent for printing we were in the middle of Christian Aid week. It is good to report that we were able to send almost £800 to Christian Aid this year.

This was solely from congregational giving. Many thanks to all who contributed. We continue to pray that the money goes to where it is most needed.

A wedding in the congregation

Also, in the last edition we shared the news of Debby Isherwood's baptism.

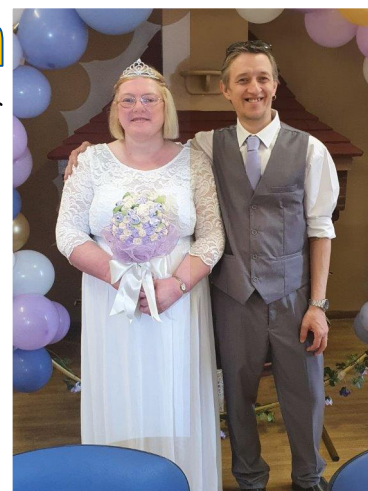
I am delighted to say that Debby's marriage to Tony took place at Emmanuel on 10th June.

The wedding was postponed from last year because of the death of Debby's mother, Rita, who was also a member of our congregation.

Yvonne led the marriage ceremony and the reception was held at Boothville hall.



Both Debby and Tony are now in employment - yet another answer to prayer.



Many thanks go to Jenny Cole who organised all the catering and decorations in the hall.

Thanks also to other members of our congregation who helped in any way on the day



Patricia has opened her garden for many years in support of Cransley Hospice. She has two rescue donkeys who greeted the group on arrival. There were also ducks and chickens and a large pond. And, as usual, tea and cakes were on hand at the end of the visit. Once again Jean organised the weather. As it was a very unsettled week, she did well to find a dry afternoon! Thanks to Jean for organising the visit once again. These popular garden trips are always enjoyed and looked forward to every year.

STREET PASTORS

To all our Prayer supporters and Churches
who pray for us.

Thank you for your prayers

We have a new Co-ordinator and
a new Administrator

Keith Holland Delamere has returned to the role of
Coordinator

And Louis Wright from the New Testament Church of
God – National Office is our new Administrator.

Roger Smart has also joined our Management
Committee, along with Street Pastor Adrian Scott.

Please pray for our patrols out on Saturdays.
Our volunteers do a wonderful job on Saturday nights.
and it's good to know they are prayed for
and appreciated.

"Baby—
basics"
Northampton

NEW Donation Drop Off Point!



Emmanuel Church Office Weston Favell Centre

Emmanuel Church has long supported us and we
are pleased to have them officially re-open as a

**Baby Basics Northampton
donation drop off point again**

They can accept donations

10am-1pm on Mondays and 10am-2pm Tues - Fri.

The church office is on the Upper Shopping Mall,
under the library and through the automatic
double doors

HOPE FOR FAMILIES

Hope for Families have opened registration bookings for the
Autumn term and has the courses below planned. Details of all
can all be viewed on their [website](#) and they will be held online
via Zoom.

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

This 4 session course focuses on how you and your child can
understand and manage anger in a safe and healthy way.

Date and time: Monday evenings 7:30-9:30pm,
18th September – 9th October 2023

Cost: £12.50 per household including accompanying parent
handbook (£9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary
places are available for parents who qualify (50% discount)

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/662352402867>

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS – CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This 7-session course gives an opportunity for parents and
carers of 3-11 year olds with a disability or additional needs to
share and support one another. Each session focuses on
helping you to meet your child's needs.

Date and time: Thursday afternoons 12:45-2:45pm,
28th September – 16th November

(with a break on 25th October for half term)

Cost: £20 per household including accompanying parent hand-
book (£9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary places
are available for parents who qualify (50% discount)

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/662342513287>

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS – DADS

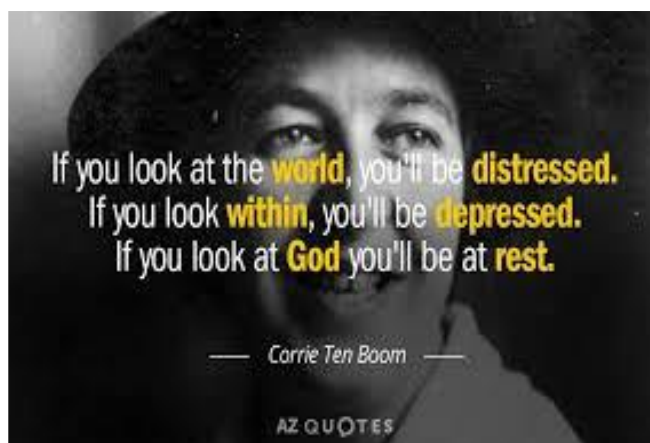
This series of 5 workshops is for anyone who is fulfilling the
role of dad. The workshops will focus on the importance of
dads and to help you build an even better relationship with
your child.

Date and time: Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:30pm, 7th November
– 5th December

Cost: £15 per household including accompanying parent hand-
book (£9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary places
are available for parents who qualify (50% discount)

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/662353877277>

Would you be interested in hosting a course for a group of
parents or carers you work with? Please get in touch with
Louise Willis (Hope for Families Founder/Coordinator)
if you would like to discuss the options on 07784 333825 or at
louise@hopeforfamilies.org.uk.



The Transfiguration



This month we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration, when Jesus took Peter, John and James with Him up a mountain to pray (Luke 9:28-36). Jesus was transfigured alongside Moses and Elijah: 'As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.' (29).

Watch

The disciples' eyes were opened, as Jesus' hidden divinity was revealed. The presence of Moses and Elijah confirmed Him as God's promised Messiah, who fulfilled God's plan and purposes. By foreshadowing the cross, resurrection and ascension, this event powerfully calls us to entrust our lives into Jesus' hands to experience His presence and power.

Listen

There came a voice from the cloud covering them: 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.' (35). God affirmed His love and call on Jesus, as His beloved and chosen Son. This is the second time God spoke audibly about Jesus (Luke 3:22), but on this occasion He was speaking for the benefit of the disciples. Do we hear God speaking these same words to us? We listen to what Jesus says to us, knowing that like Him we are deeply loved and accepted by God.

The Disciples Response: Learn!

The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen' (36). They were impacted by this experience and needed time to reflect on what they had seen and heard about Jesus. Eight days before they were asked by Jesus: 'Who do you say I am?' (Luke 9:20). In the transfiguration their understanding of Jesus was being transformed. As we reflect on Jesus' ministry, to encounter the real Jesus, we are also transformed.

Revd Paul Hardingham

'No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same.'
(Philip Yancey)

On 9th July Boothville Community Choir held their summer concert. As usual, it was a sell - out, enjoyed by all. This time it was in support of the Rainbow Children's Hospice.

The Hospice provides care and support for babies, children and young people with serious and terminal conditions, and their whole family, across the East Midlands.

The care they offer is wide ranging; palliative care and end of life care, symptom management, emergency care, respite and short breaks and is available in the Hospice, at home and in hospitals.

They support every baby, child and young person to fulfil their potential, and help families make the most of every precious moment, while capturing memories and keepsakes to treasure.

You may well expect the Hospice to be a sad place but actually children live in the moment, they don't worry about what happens next and that makes the Hospice a bright and happy place where the children, and their families have fun together.

The concert raised £745.38 on the night but this amount was matched by an anonymous donor, so the final amount was £1490.76 – what a wonderful result!





This is Lena

Please contact her on
07463 464943
for a quotation
on any painting, decorating
or
plastering requirements.

Lena is from Ukraine
and currently living with
Chris and Jo Pearson
who can vouch for her work



At Emmanuel Church Ground Floor

FOODBANK IS OPEN ON

Wednesday

10.00 -13.00pm

Friday

10.00-13.00pm

**Please take any donations
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Emmanuel Church Office**

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Monday - Friday 10.00 -14.00**

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**Weston Favell
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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY**

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

We thank you 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:

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07467 074 296

Note: this phone is only monitored on

Mon 9-12.30, Tues 9 - 3pm, Weds & Fri 9 - 2pm

Outside these times you may leave a message

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Emmanuel Group of Churches

Sort Code - 60-15-55

Bank Account Number - 73955787

**Or you can download a standing order mandate from the
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www.emmgroup.org.uk

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

<https://locagiving.org/charity/weston-favellcentrefoodbank>

Partner services - available on Foodbank days

Melanie Jones – Community Law Services

Anna Thorpe – Northampton Partnership Homes

Yvonne Desroches - Pioneer Curate

Stuart Carr – Ace Learning Services (National Careers Service)

Foodbank Staff Team

Food Bank Manager – Denise Kennedy

Food Bank Project Manager – Nish Sadikot

Volunteer Training & Development Manager – Sonya Naik

Fundraiser Manager – Julie Parsons

Warehouse Managers – Matthew Kinton & Selina Smith (Job share)

Administrator – Julia Knowles

Support Worker – Tor Brandrsiy

Ukrainian Hub – – Hanna Pecherska & Tania Osaulenko

Treasurer – Kevin Potter

Trustee Supervisor - Liz Bateman



**Our Foodbank could
not exist without our
amazing, wonderful
volunteers!**





Summer 2023

FISH



Schools aren't open during the school holidays and school children don't get free school meals during this time, putting more financial pressure on some families that are already struggling. This led us to start FISH.

FISH stands for **Food and Fun In School Holidays**, and does exactly that.

One day every week in school holidays, we offer **free food and entertainment at**

**Blackthorn Community Centre,
Longmead Court NN3 8QD
11am - 1pm**

It isn't exclusive to those who attend the school. Local tots groups and other families come along to be fed and entertained.

Free lunch for all children. No unaccompanied children. Adults are responsible for their children at ALL times.

Tuesday 25th July - Just Karen and Lasagne
Tuesday 1st August FOAM PARTY and Cowboy Pie
Tuesday 8th August Circus Skills and Chicken Hotpot
Tuesday 15th August Just Karen and Sausage Bake

We are pleased to announce extra sessions for summer!

These will run as normal with a selection of games/crafts available along with a free lunch for all the children.

Monday 31st July - Hotdogs

Monday 7th August - Picnic

Monday 14th August - Community Fun BBQ

MONDAY 21ST August - Jacket Potatoes

All is subject to change, allergy information is available but please let us know as you register,

or by contacting **Gem. - 07812 508 711**

Our Family Tots groups are warm and friendly with lots of activities and support.

We call it family tots because it is open for anyone to come along with pre-school children. Could be Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Auntie, Uncle or other carers.

We don't usually meet during the school holidays but this summer we are going to meet a few times at a park so that we can accommodate some of the older brothers and sisters too.

Eastfield Park (meeting in the small play area)

Weds 26th July 10.00 - 11.30am

Weds 17th August 10.00 - 11.30am

Abington Park (meeting between the bird entrance/exit)

Weds 23rd August 10.00 - 11.30am

Whatever you decide to do THIS SUMMER, Keep Safe and Well and Have Lots of Fun!

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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.*

Vision Day – Emmanuel Group - 3rd June

About 20 members of our group met together, led by Revd Rachel Hawkins of St Peter's Rushden.

We met with the aim of exploring and discerning God's vision for our church. We shared worship, led by Liz and Jasmyne; and prayers. Then Rachel H led us through the scripture from John 15 v 1-11, Jesus as The Vine.

We shared ideas of what we do or have done in our church, and all the aspects of what we expect church to be like.

It was clear that not many people realise all the different activities that we see happening that are connected to the church. Some less well known ones included activities within the Community at Thorplands Hub, Schools work, and all the wrap round services provided by the Food Bank., alongside our more traditional activities of Café Emm, Family Tots, FISH in school holidays and 3 different services every Sunday.

As part of the discussions some pictures were

A wood or garden that has some well established trees but also new shoots growing. With God being the gardener or woods man in charge of maintaining and pruning the garden.

A large jigsaw puzzle, with some parts clearly visible, but other sections with more pieces needed to be fitted together, to make the picture clearer.

A bicycle wheel with lots of spokes, some of them not fitting properly, or needing replacement. Needing firm connection to the hub to keep the wheel straight and true.

Expandable ball, with lots of connections between the different parts. (Like the children's multi coloured ball)

Meriel Mears

You can also see a full report from Rachel and Yvonne on church suite.

Women & Wine

We recently met together for our regular Women & Wine gathering. (A bit of a misnomer, as it is much more about food than wine!) There were women from our church community and some brought their friends too. All women are welcome as we enjoy fellowship and fun over food.

Women & Wine usually meets monthly on a Wednesday (not on a House group week) from 7pm at the Quays.

Please contact Revd Rachael Warnock if you would like to receive details of upcoming dates and to join our WhatsApp group.

(Also a brief mention of Men's Pie & pint)

"Pie and Pint" meet at the Lumbertubs Pub on the 1st Thursday of every month from 7:30pm. All men welcome.

Contact for more information about this group is Paul Foster.



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.

Eco-Friendly Living Tips

Whether you're going green to save money, improve your health, or help the environment, every step towards eco-friendly living is a step in the right direction. If you're new to the concept of eco-friendly living, then you might not know where to start. Don't be discouraged. Adopting an eco-friendly lifestyle is a journey that will take time to adjust to.

Ditch Single-use Plastic

Single-use plastic is everywhere, especially in our kitchens, but reducing your dependence on single-use plastic is easier than you might think. Bringing a reusable cotton tote when you go shopping and purchasing loose fruits and veggies will significantly reduce the plastic in your home. You can also stop buying bottled water. Instead, [take a reusable water bottle everywhere](#) you go.

Buy Eco-Friendly Products

If you want to adopt eco-friendly living principles, you'll need to start shopping more carefully. Try searching for environmentally conscious companies that sell eco-friendly living products, such as [reusable water bottles](#) and plastic-free cleaning products. Other eco-friendly products to look out for include natural toiletries and [alternatives to single-use plastics](#).

Repair, Reuse, Recycle

You've probably heard of the Three R's before, but do you use them in your daily life? If something is broken, get it repaired instead of throwing it away. If something can't be fixed, can you upcycle it? find another use for it? Remember; recycling is an energy-intensive process. So, always repair and re-use before recycling.

Drive Less

When possible, travel by public transport, car-share, cycle, run or walk, instead of driving. You can reduce your environmental impact by driving less. People who live on public transport routes or near a city centre may not need a car at all. Alternatively, choose a fuel-efficient or electric vehicle when you need to drive. Make sure you inflate the tyres properly and reduce your speed to the optimum level for your car.

Reduce Food Waste

We waste millions of tonnes of food every year. Apart from wasting our money, throwing out tons of food leads to increased greenhouse gases released from landfill sites. Storing fresh produce correctly can help you reduce the amount of food you waste. So get a set of reusable food storage containers. Try putting your leftovers from dinner into a [reusable food pot](#) and eating them for lunch the next day.

Eat Less Meat

You don't have to switch to a 100% plant-based diet to live an eco-friendlier lifestyle. But reducing the amount of meat on your plate, particularly red meats, is one of our eco-friendly living tips.

WHAT CAN WE 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

It's no secret that animal agriculture is highly unsustainable. and a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. What's more, regularly eating low-quality meats isn't great for your health. Taking meat off the menu a few days a week will help to keep the planet clean and your body healthy.

Switch to Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is now widely available and highly affordable. Switching to a 100% renewable energy supplier may save you money and help you [live more sustainably](#). Plus, if you own your property, installing solar panels on your roof lets you benefit from free electricity!

Shop Locally

Clothes, food, electronics, anything! The closer to home you buy your products, the fewer miles they will have to travel. Transporting food and other commercial products increases their carbon footprint. So, support your local economy and buy locally produced goods whenever you can.

Eliminate the single-use plastics that you use away from home. Saying no to disposable plastics can be challenging, but it's easy if you're organised.

Say no to on-the-go plastics, travel with a refillable water bottle and take an insulated travel coffee mug whenever you want a takeaway coffee. Bring your own reusable bag, buy snacks in recyclable packaging, or sit to eat instead of getting a take-away.

Grow Your Own

Growing fruits and vegetables at home is a rewarding way to reduce your carbon footprint and save money. If you have a back garden or an allotment, you're already set to grow!

Growing your own food isn't limited to homeowners though. Anyone living in an apartment or renting a flat short-term can try growing herbs, shallow-rooted veggies such as spring onions, lettuce, and leeks, or fast-growing fruits like strawberries and raspberries. All you need is some window boxes, hanging baskets or small pots.

Healing prayer for the environment

— AVEPRAY —

Lord God, I pray for Earth's healing and restoration. Heal our planet from pollution and destruction. May humanity close its eyes to greed and material riches and open its eyes to natural wonders. Guide all of us as we learn to embrace eco-friendly and sustainable lifestyles. Be with all scientists, researchers, climate activists, and environmental advocates as they fight for a greener world free from global warming and destruction. May You save our planet and all the life and beauty it holds.

AMEN

Japan has declared a natural disaster after a heatwave swept the country, killing at least 65 people.

Last week, a weather station at Ouargla, Algeria, in the Sahara desert, recorded a temperature of 51.3C, which is the highest reliable temperature ever recorded in Africa.

The global climate adviser for Christian Aid, Richard Ewbank, said "there is a global trend towards both high humidity heatwaves that result in high day and night temperatures, leaving vulnerable people such as the elderly particularly exposed to heat stress, and dry heatwaves that increase drought stress and wildfire occurrence".

Evidence that climate change is responsible for amplifying the intensity of heatwaves is increasing, Mr Ewbank said. "Globally, June was the second warmest on record, and the year to date has been the hottest La Niña (an ocean-atmosphere phenomenon) year on record."



The beach at Kineta, near Athens, Greece, after wildfires



A warm welcome awaits you at Café Emm. We offer good quality, well cooked food, drinks and home-made cakes at very reasonable prices. Our Special hot dinner days are Tuesday and Thursday - £7.70 for two courses.

We would love to see you and your friends and there is always room to welcome one more....



If you haven't taken advantage of our Meal Deal on Tuesdays and Thursdays – 2 Course lunch for £7.70 per person, do come and visit Café Emm and give it a try. Looking forward to seeing you.



COME AND JOIN US!

Café Emm is a very busy place and we are grateful that we have several new volunteers. We still have room for more. Sessions are usually 2 or 4 hours once a week. If you think you might be interested, do come in, speak with one of the staff and have a look around.

Maureen Timms - Trustee.

NEWS FROM THE CAFE

Our community café is a charity, doing discrete but important work in supporting people with learning difficulties, dementia, financial difficulties and loneliness.

We are very pleased to have recently received a grant, split over 3 years, from [The National Lottery Community Fund](#) which will help with salaries and utility costs to support this much needed community work at [The Emmanuel Group Of Churches, Northampton](#).

Café Emm is looking for volunteers to work in the café. We can offer a fun, rewarding environment. We have shifts available, 2 or 4 hours. Mon to Friday between 10 and 2.30pm. Please email your interest with contact phone number to coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk

The café continues to thrive. The last few months have been a challenge and sometimes very difficult for us to manage. We continue to have our regular Special hot dinners on Tuesdays and Thursdays and these remain very popular with our customers, especially those who live alone. They cost £7.70 for two courses, or £6 for a main course. Dinners are served between 12.00 and 1.45.

Ruth and Sapphire have both settled in well and produce well-cooked fresh food daily. Fiona Potter has come alongside them to offer her support and we are very indebted to her for her sterling work for us. Sue Lack has also come and offered her cooking skills in times of staff holidays. The good news is that Lucy Sone will return from maternity leave at the beginning of September and has been appointed our new Café Emm Manager. She hopes to reintroduce Sunday Lunches and afternoon teas as soon as she has settled back in. These will need to be booked through the café as before. Dates will be announced soon after her return.

The Coffee Shop, and Church have now secured grants to cover admin costs, spread over 3 years, so that we can offer support to people in the community. Anna Austin is our new Community Support Worker for Café Emm. She started work in July. The Monday games sessions have been led by Pat Acock, and we thank her for her help. New members are needed, just come into Café Emm on Mondays at 10.00 and you will be made very welcome. We hope the memory café and 'singing for the brain' will also be revived shortly. Anna has some exciting new ideas and is busy putting them in place. More details will be available shortly.



Bring your little ones

- there's a play area too!

Café Emm is not an ordinary café. It is a charity, and most of our staff are volunteers. We need your support so that we can continue with our work in the community and provide good food at reasonable prices. 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 !

SCAN ME

We have created a new QR code to make it easy to donate.

When you point your phone camera at the pink QR code, it will give you a link to open our Local giving page.

Thank you for your support.



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 issues from all over the world. Anyone can pray as they feel led, or you can use the time to be quiet, listen and reflect. We find it very encouraging. It is wonderful how much we can feel the Holy Spirit's presence in a zoom meeting

Would you like to join us? Contact Pip, for the zoom link.



Give thanks for Northampton Street Pastors, who've been ministering for 15 years. Pray for the patrols out on Saturday nights and give thanks for the Prayer Pastors who support them so faithfully.

Pray for all affected by the soaring temperatures in Europe and elsewhere. Pray for the families who have lost loved ones to heat exhaustion and those who have been injured by smoke inhalation or by severe burns, and those who have lost their homes and businesses."

Pray for more accessible homes to be built in the public sector. Thousands of wheelchair users are on council waiting lists for the few hundred houses built in the UK each year.

Wars and unrest worldwide: Pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Gaza, and many other places no longer in the news. Pray for peace talks and that relief aid will get through to where it is needed.

For the Environment and World Leaders

Father, we pray for all world leaders. We ask that you grant them wisdom as they work to lay out concrete plans to reach the targets set out in the Paris Agreement. Loving Lord, we pray that you will place on the hearts of every leader the needs of those most vulnerable to climate change. Amen.

Pray for Ukraine

Dear Lord, as we reflect on the ongoing tragedy of the events in Ukraine our hearts grieve. The horrors of this world continue to perplex us and we allow ourselves to ask "How long O Lord, must this continue? How long must your children suffer?"

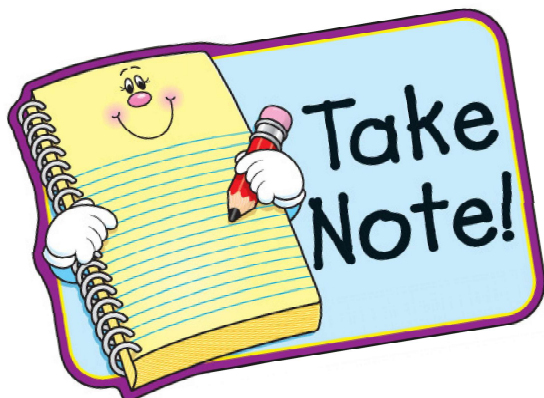
Loving Father, amidst the tragedy we give thanks for those who have given of themselves so selflessly to help each other. For those who, despite their own loss, have refused to stand by. May they find peace and blessing through their sacrifice.

And Lord, we pray for endurance after a long hard year. Endurance for aid workers. Endurance for those generously hosting refugees. Endurance for Ukraine's leaders. And endurance for all the people of Ukraine
Amen.

Prayer for Environmental Awareness

Heavenly Father, we ask you to stir our hearts into action. As global temperatures increase, inspire us with ways, we can make a difference in our homes, church congregations, communities, and the world around us.





Reflective Mornings

are held at the Methodist Chapel
in Great Billing
on the first Tuesday of the month
10.30-12 noon.
Coffee and Tea at 10.15 a.m.

Different themes or starters are used
followed by a quiet, reflective space and then
the opportunity to share our thoughts.



A time to step aside from the
day-to-day rush of life.

United African Association

United African Association provide advice, support, advocacy for and represent the African community. The group promote community cohesion through events, projects and activities that showcase African culture and heritage. Including African drumming, a food bank providing culturally appropriate foods, 1:1 support, signposting to other organisations, befriending services, ladies swimming and much more.

For more information about United African Association or to get involved in any of our activities or projects, we look forward to hearing from you!

Visit us:

Barratt House, Unit F5B, Kingsthorpe Rd, Northampton NN2 6EZ

email us: uafricanassociation@gmail.com

Call us: 07932 519532 / 07508 417140

Ukrainian hub

We are here to help

Calling all Ukrainian families and sponsors...

Come along to the Emmanuel Church at Weston Favell Community Support Hub!

- * Meetings with West Northamptonshire Council , resettlement team representatives
 - * Information from local organisations including advice/guidance on Home for Ukraine scheme, sponsorship and family visas.
 - * Help with school places , GP registration, social benefits
 - * Art and Craft sessions for children
 - * Translation is available
- We provide refreshments and drinks to all guests

Friendly and welcome environment!

- * Delicious Ukrainian food
- * Board games, enjoyable activities and quizzes for kids and adults
- * Creative workshops and art therapy

No need to book, no payment needed.

Every Friday at 10.00-12.00 The first meeting is on April 21

Emmanuel Church

49 Weston Favell Centre Northampton NN3 8JR

For more information please contact : Hanna on: 07467589519
or Natalia by :Natalia.antipina@westnorthants.gov.uk



Coffee Morning

Every Thursday at Blackthorn (NN3 8QH)

10am—12pm



No need to book, just turn up

Come for a free
hot or cold drink,
meet and chat to
other people

For more information ring 01604 411166

or

Find us on Facebook at Growing Together Northampton

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EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES
 Billing Brook Road
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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

Group Office - Mon - Fri 10 - 2

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

Financially, these are tough times for everyone. Churches and Charities are not exempt from the struggle. If you usually give financially to the Emmanuel Group we thank you for helping us to continue our work in our local communities and schools. Please keep giving as generously as you are able.

If you would like to give regularly, you can do this via bank transfer:

Emmanuel Group of Churches NATWEST Sort Code: 60-15-55 Bank Account Number: 72882948

If you prefer to give another way, you can give online 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/>

Thank you

for helping us continue our work in our local communities

Emmanuel Coffee Shop a.k.a. Cafe Emm is part of the Coop Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, visit:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/70035>

Then swipe your card whenever you shop. Using the app on your phone is easy and it will remember your cause. This applies to all Co-op stores with the blue logo (NOT the green logo) anywhere in the country. In Northampton, it's these locations:

Bushland Road Coop	Semilong
Bellinge	Rothersthorpe Rd
Birchfield Rd	Upton Place
Olden Road (Rectory Farm)	Old Duston
Barry Road	Pineham
	Wotton Fields



Raising money for free food for people in need struggling with the cost-of-living crisis



SERVICES IN AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30	Boothville CC @ 10.30	Rectory Farm CC @ 15.45	Midweek Communion 11.30am	MID - WEEK C O M M U N I O N @ <u>EMMANUEL OFFICE</u> TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
6th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Peter Goodlad	Morning Worship Youth Led + Obi Hez	Weds 9th Yvonne Desroches	
13th	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 16th Kristin Hatherly	
20th	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Jo Pearson	Morning Worship Fiona Potter	Weds 23rd Rachel Warnock	
27th	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Weds 30th Yvonne Desroches	

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Emmanuel 10.30	Boothville 10.30	Rectory Farm CC @ 15.45	Midweek Communion 11.30am	MID - WEEK C O M M U N I O N @ <u>EMMANUEL OFFICE</u> TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
3rd	Communion Rachael Warnock & Peter Angus	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Morning Worship Youth led	Weds 6th Yvonne Desroches	
10th	Morning Worship Café Church James Fearnley	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Weds 13th Chris Pearson	
17th	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Peter Goodlad	Morning Worship Obi Hez	Weds 20th Yvonne Desroches	
24th	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 27th Kris Hatherly	

please visit our website for more information
www.emmgroupp.org.uk