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A Hopeful, Hope - filled Goodbye



Dear friends,

I am writing to you to say goodbye.

May 1st will be my last Sunday with The Emmanuel Group of Churches, after almost eight years here, before I move on to a new role with The Diocese of Peterborough.

It has been an amazing, life-altering period of time here, first as Assistant Curate and then as Team Rector with so much change and development, both in me and in the Group of Churches. I'm grateful to God and grateful to you all for the opportunity and privilege it has been to minister here and be amongst you all for these years. I'm sad to be moving on but also excited for all that is to come, both for me and for you as a family of faith where there is always room for one more.

A Church or Group of Churches ought never to be reliant on a minister or team. The Church is the Lord's and, hopefully everything in it, and exists for His glory and for the good of the community which it is invited to love and to serve. I will enjoy watching from a relative distance what God does next with and through Emmanuel. Be assured of my prayers and that I'll be cheering you on. I'd value your prayers as I take on a new and what looks like quite substantial task, too.

I'm writing this to you in Lent, a season traditionally focused on sacrifice and self-denial. Neither of these concepts are fashionable, either in Church or in our Western culture at the moment, it seems to me. We want what we want when we want it and how we want it, in the way we want it.

Our desires and preferences can be for many things, from types of food, to music, to the way elements of our Church services run, but you may have found over the years, like me, that however humble and willing to be sacrificial you might say you are, or wish to be, it's usually not too difficult to find the one thing that we're still clinging on for, not willing to let go of or is the hill on which, as the modern saying goes, we're willing to die.

For some it might be that the chairs in Church ought to be a certain way round, that we always sit in the same one, or something more important. But I've been questioning myself a lot recently about those moments when my hackles get up about particular issues: Is it God asking me to stand for things that are right and good, or is it me and my own self-importance getting in the way again?

It can be hard to know the difference sometimes, but I think it is important that we take the time to check, and Lent is a good time for that. There might well be lots of reasons for this but I'll let you in on a secret as I get ready to depart the Emmanuel scene.. I'm not always right. Staggering I know... I'll let you in on another one: neither are any of us. How can we cope with such startling revelations?

Prayer, prayer, more prayer, reading the Bible, worshipping God together. Whether it's in a style or following a tradition we prefer or not, welcoming the stranger, being actually and truly hospitable to all, enjoying the similarities and differences we share and prayer, prayer and yet more prayer. Easy when it's written out in a quick and handy guide, isn't it.

As we move through Lent and towards Easter, the hill on which Jesus willingly submitted to die comes ever more clearly into view. Ultimately, it's His life, death and resurrection which God invites us to focus on. It's his sacrifice, his laying aside of everything but love, for God, for humanity and for creation which can form the pattern for our lives if we choose to let it, and Him. One of the greatest gifts of God is that He does not force His way of life on us, but invites us to choose it.

As Easter comes closer, let's choose the way of love, the way of the Cross, the way of hope. There isn't another way to live which will fill us with joy, hope, love and peace, nor one which will enable us to both experience fullness of joy in the presence of God and invite others to do the same too. After all, that's what Emmanuel, God with us, ought really to be about most of all: life with God and the life of God shared with others.

So as I say a hopeful goodbye, thank you to God for his kindness over many years. Thank you to all of you who have been part of these years we've shared together. Please do love one another, take care of one another and serve well the communities God has given us to live in together.

Kindness wins, love wins, Jesus wins, as we remember at Easter especially, but which is true all of the time and will be forever.

With my love, every blessing and with many, many thanks.

Haydon

Prayer for Ukraine

A prayer for Passion Sunday 3 April

Refugees at the Polish border

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is Your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.

We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail and a renewed recognition that we all play a
part in peace.

Creator of all hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole.

Amen



Baptism on Easter Sunday @ Emmanuel:

If you would like to be baptised on Easter Sunday or know someone who is thinking about Baptism please do contact myself or Yvonne Desroches asap to find out more and so that we can walk with you in preparation!

Prayer walk, tidy and yarn bombing:

Saturday 9th April, 10.45 for an 11am start, Join us at the Green space between Emmanuel and Lings Forum leisure Centre for an accessible circular prayer walk around the Weston Favell Centre, ending at the green space with a litter pick and tidy. Do bring gloves and brushes too if you have them. A lift, with bags to the tip afterwards would be very helpful please! We will hang decorations to brighten up the area for Easter.

Yarn bombing:

I hope to decorate the green space with bunting, pom pom's, tassels and knitted squares. If you are creative and would like to be involved, this would be fantastic! If you have other ideas too I would be happy to hear about them,

Women's lunch:

Stay for lunch after the create and chat session on Friday 8th, or pop along to have lunch together from 12pm, it would be helpful to know numbers if possible, thank you!

Rachael Warnock

Pop up make and chat sessions @ Café Emm:

Thursday 31st March 10.30-11.30am,
Friday 1st April 11-12pm,
Friday 8th April 11-12pm to create Easter yarn-bombing items.

Easter colour and calm:

Colour a station of the cross for display at the pop up sessions above and reflect on the Easter story too, if you can't make a session but would like a colouring page, do get in touch!

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help with PA, Stewarding and Refreshments ongoing.

If you feel you called to help in this way please contact Paul/myself.

The church community needs people to serve where possible so it can function at it's best.

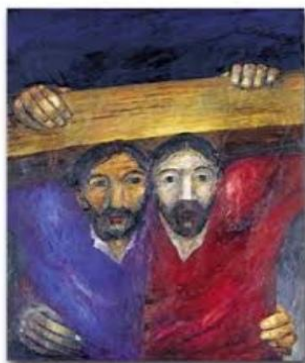
Thank you!

Rachael



Easter Labyrinth

A reflective & prayerful journey through the Easter story



Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th,
Thursday 14th 12.30pm-2.30pm



Emmanuel Sports Hall
Opposite Cafe Em

Community Care Update – April and May

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

FISH will be running on April 5th and 12th at Blackthorn school again. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who help with this project.

A prayer request; our FISH funding comes to the end after April FISH. We have a little funding to cover it further, but it doesn't include a salary element.

Wellbeing walks

The Wellbeing walks are still happening.

They normally take about 45 minutes starting and ending at our church.

These run every **Friday morning at 10am** meet at the downstairs door of Emmanuel.

We will be walking every week come rain or shine.



Money support centre

The money support centre is inside the Foodbank every Wednesday. Lately it has been quieter than usual even though Foodbank is so busy.



We know that one of the main reasons people come to the Foodbank is because of low income and debt.

We are in a position to provide them with help and support them to take control of their debt, plan a budget and gradually free themselves

from the debts that can cause depression, stress and anxiety and the need to use facilities like Foodbank.

Please pray for people to feel comfortable to talk to us on a Wednesday and help them with their money struggles.



You can contact me at the church office
01604 402150 or email:
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.

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



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

Financial Report– 2021

Covid 19 continued to have an impact on various aspects of Income indices on the Emmanuel Group of Churches budget

There were once again losses against budget due to Covid in 2021:

£9,737.00 on Lettings,
£13,417.00 on Giving
and £4,500 on Coffee Shop Rent -
this was countered to some degree by savings on Utilities,
due to lack of use of the building.

The above reflects performance against budget forecast figures, which once again was set in the midst of an uncertain knowledge of how Omicron would affect 2021.

All giving from the three Congregations of Emmanuel Group of Churches

Emmanuel Church + 6.1% on 2020
Boothville Community Church + 3.1% on 2020 Rectory Farm
Community Church +2.4% on 2020 Overall as a group of
Churches +4.5% on the year 2020.

Despite the problems of 2021, I am pleased to advise that we paid 100% of our Parish Share in 2021. We also paid the full Methodist Assessment for 2021.

A great deal of credit in achieving these figures should go to Julie Parsons our excellent Fundraiser. She has once again

raised a staggering amount of money in 2021. Without her efforts and the continued amazing generosity of congregational members and those people not directly associated with Emmanuel Group of Churches, we would not be in the position we are now.

Considering the uncertainty of 2021, I feel privileged to have been your Treasurer and to have played a small part in what is a remarkable achievement, for which prayerful thanks should be given.

At December end 2019 our Free Funds stood at £733.00
At December end 2020 our Free Funds stood at £21,460.00
At December end 2021 our Free Funds stood at £14,456.00

The above is a testament to all involved from Ministers, Paid Members of staff and the host of willing volunteers who all work and strive for the benefit and glory of God's work in the Emmanuel Group of Churches.

I would also wish to thank Meriel Mears, who in 2021 took on the role of Assistant Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary, as well as doing the Monthly Payroll.

My thanks also to the Finance Team for their excellent support in 2021

Mike Maddocks-

Treasurer-Emmanuel Group of Churches - March 2022

Safeguarding

This is an update on the safeguarding situation and how you can help to keep everything in good order.

Firstly, I confirm that I will be retiring at the end of January 2023 after around 13 years in this role. I have to say that the work involved has changed dramatically over these years particularly with the addition of the Foodbank; Family Tots; more vulnerable adults working as volunteers in the coffee shop and several community groups organised by Paul Foster.

This means there are more issues being referred to me, some of which are quite complicated. Which also means that some need to be reviewed regularly. There is much more paperwork with the Safeguarding Policy having to be reviewed every year and the number of police checks has also increased far beyond the number I first had to make sure were completed.

Training requirements are also completely different, with different roles having to complete different levels of training; all of which needs to be kept up to date, ensuring that everyone does the right training and also keeps everything current.

For your information, the Self-Declaration is at the end of the on-line application. It has to be filled in, printed off and handed to me or Paul Foster at the same time as the application is sent. It is for people to declare if there is anything that will show up on their DBS or not. When it is handed in at the same time as the application is sent and there is anything untoward, I can discuss it with the person before I see it on the notification of application. If I do not

have it, and there is an issue, it immediately raises concerns about why, whatever it is, has not been declared. It is as important as the DBS itself. I usually have spare copies of this form in my office.

Here is where you can help.

If you are in a role within the church that requires a police check and safeguarding training, please take responsibility to ensure that you know when you need to re-do your DBS and training and contact the Safeguarding Coordinator to set this in motion. Please also remember to hand in your self-declaration at the same time.

Currently, I think, myself and only around five other people in the group of churches actually does instigate their renewal at the moment. It really is your responsibility to ensure that these checks and appropriate training are carried out and it would have certainly made my job a lot easier if this had happened. It is particularly important with a new Safeguarding Coordinator coming on board, who may well assume that, as adults, we do individually make sure all our paperwork/safeguards are in place. So, please make sure you know where your Certificates are so you can ensure that your checks and training are always up to date.

Thank you for all that you do to contribute to Emmanuel Group of Churches' ministry.

Kristin Hatherly

Safeguarding Coordinator - Emmanuel Group of Churches

David Bell's... Boothville Diary



Haydon officially opens the completed alteration to the Boothville Community Centre.



Who better to open and to test the recent alterations to the Community Centre than our own Rector, Haydon. A lot of hard work had been put into the planning and the alterations to the access to the Centre. Our thanks must go to John Weaver as Chairman and the rest of the Trustees. We have always prided ourselves at being a welcoming Church, and we invite you to pay us a visit. When you do you may wish to comment on the new green door. Very distinctive, against the white walls, very welcoming.

Flowers for the Church on Sunday.

It may not surprise you to learn that at Boothville CC, we have a number of rotas. Considered very important by churches all around the world, are the ladies on our flower rotas.

As Christians the flowers remind us of God's wonderful Creation. Waking every morning to a new day is the first reminder of Creation. The colour and types of flowers used in the displays are a celebration of the beauty of God's Creation in things nature.

We thank every person on that flower rota and, as following the bleakness of winter, we rejoice in the appearance of the daffodils, blue bells and tree blossoms of spring, and look forward to the various flowers and displays that are to come throughout the year.



A LENTEN PRAYER

Grant me, O Lord, to know what I ought to know,
to love what I ought to love,
to praise what delights Thee most,
to value what is precious in Thy sight,
to hate what is offensive to Thee.
Do not suffer me to judge according to the sight of my eyes,
nor to pass sentence according to the hearing of the ears of ignorant men;
but to discern with a true judgement between things visible and spiritual,
and above all things always to inquire what is the good pleasure of Thy will.

Thomas A Kemp (1380–1471)





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

Sad Statistics

These statistics demonstrate the increase in footfall at foodbank since the beginning of the year.

January

1023

February

1083

March as at 25th

1071



Foodbank continues to be busy as gas and electricity costs are due for a big increase and the cost of food is also on the increase. Footfall increases as the months progress. This has meant we needed to open on Fridays, so now foodbank is open for 3 days per week. Opening on Fridays makes Foodbank more accessible to people but also spreads the load over three openings takes some of the pressure from our volunteers'. Last Friday we had 29 families through the doors in 2 hours.

As well as providing food, on Wednesdays Community Law Service, Adult Social Services, Advice on financial matters and the new 'Look Up' job club are now available in Foodbank to give people advice and support to help them to see their way out of their crisis situation, improve their lives and make changes for the better.



Look out for more school uniform pop-up shops. Or, if it's urgent, ask at foodbank.

Donations of decent quality used uniform will be much appreciated.

Donations continue to come in.

Thank you all, we couldn't exist without you!

Ways you can Give

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

Thank you so much for your support .

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

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

Info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk

07467 074 496

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

Emmanuel Group of Churches

Sort Code - 60-15-55

Bank Account Number - 73955787

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

www.emmgroupp.org.uk

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

<https://locagiving.org/charity/weston-favell-centrefoodbank/>

***Thank you
for your support!***

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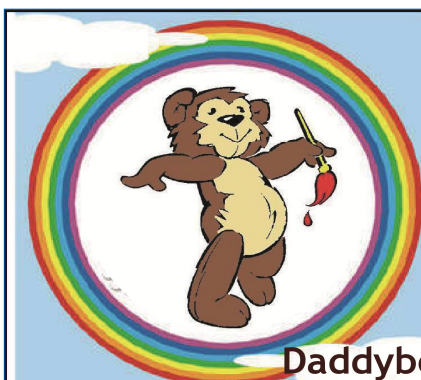
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*For further information, enquire at Emmanuel church office
(next door to our coffee shop)
or ask a steward at one of our services.*



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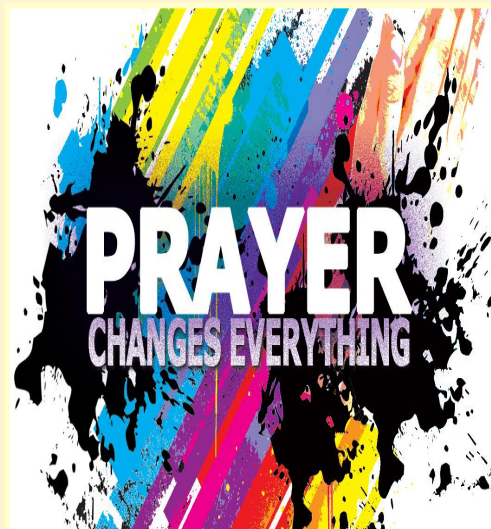
Monday Night Prayer

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

We pray mostly for our local communities and for our churches but also about issues from all over the world and, of course, for an end to the pandemic. Anyone can pray as they feel led, or you can just be quiet and listen.

We find it very encouraging. It is wonderful how much we can feel the Holy Spirit's presence in a zoom meeting!

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



**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.

I am pleased to say Café Emm is progressing well and weekly takings are steadily rising. We have been awarded a 4 star Food Safety rating. Lucy has settled in very well as cook and she has some exciting new dishes on the menu. 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.

After some problems we have satisfactorily had the new kitchen sinks fitted and we have a new dishwasher, which is now working well. Unfortunately a new 30amp socket needed to be installed, which proved very expensive, and the installation costs were much higher than expected. There is always room for more volunteers if you have time to spare. Just pop in and talk to Julie or Lucy.

Sunday Lunches have resumed the next one being on 10th April. Please book your table if you would like to

come. There will then be a bit of a gap. Watch the board for when the next one will be held.

Friday afternoon teas are also back but are fully booked in April. Dates planned for May are Friday 6th May, 20th May and 3rd June. Do get your booking in early to avoid being disappointed.

The board games morning on Mondays is back and would welcome new members. Also we hope the children's play corner will be set up again very soon.

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....

THE LATEST NEWS.

From Maureen Timms

Café Emm Trustee.



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 and to advocate for others to do the same.

Why have we set up the group?

It was felt by a number of people that as a church we could be more environmentally minded and sustainable and that a specific group to look into this would be helpful. A proposal to have an Eco Church Group and to be part of the wider Eco Church Scheme was sent to Emmanuel Group Council and given the approval to go ahead. The Church of England, Methodist and Baptist Church all support churches being part of the Eco Church Scheme to help improve churches' sustainability and environmental impact.

What is the Eco Church Scheme?

The Eco Church Scheme was launched by the Christian charity A Rocha in 2016.

It is an award scheme

'designed to assist and inspire churches to embed creation care throughout the whole of Church life' (from Rocha website).

There are five areas of the scheme:

Worship & Teaching

Management of Church Buildings

(if applicable)

Management of Church Land

(if applicable)

Community and Global Engagement

Lifestyle

Initially a questionnaire is completed to assess each area of our church. The result will tell us if we are already eligible for an award or what we need to do to achieve an award. There are Bronze, Silver and Gold Eco Awards.

The aim is not specifically to achieve an award but to make changes to include creation care in our everyday lives. However the awards are a nice way to demonstrate the changes that have been made.

More information can be found at www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

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.

Will this involve all three congregations?

The aim is to include all three congregations of Emmanuel Group. It would be wonderful to have representatives from all three congregations on the Eco Church group.

We will also aim to work with other missional activities of the group e.g. Foodbank and other groups that use the church building e.g. Cafe Emm.

CREATION IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 8: God as creator

Psalm 24:1 All of creation belongs to God

Psalm 65: Thanksgiving for earth's bounty

Psalm 148: All living things praise God

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



ECO FACTs - Waste and Recycling

Around 30 million tonnes of household waste is generated in the UK every year, of which 5.9 million tonnes is packaging

We throw away more than 7 million tonnes of food and drink every year from our homes - most of which could be safely consumed.

Around $\frac{2}{3}$ of plastic waste in the UK is sent overseas to be recycled.

In the UK we are only recycling 3% more than we did in 2010

8 million tonnes of the world's plastic ends up in the oceans each year.

(Source: <https://www.recyclingbins.co.uk/recycling-facts/>
and <https://www.recycle-more.co.uk/household/recycling-facts>)

ECO TIPS - Waste and Recycling

Reduce food waste by composting at home (<https://www.rhs.org.uk/soil-composts-mulches/composting>) or by using the local food waste disposal scheme <https://www.northampton.gov.uk/info/200084/bins-waste-and-recycling/1218/waste-and-recycling-collections/5>

Recycle as much household waste as possible in your kerbside collection or at the local recycling centre.

Don't just throw unwanted items away - your trash could be someone else's treasure. Give to charity, sell online (Facebook marketplace, ebay etc), giveaway (Freegle, community pages)

Reduce the amount of plastic you buy - e.g. buy loose fruit and veg in reusable veg bags, buy products packaged in non plastic packaging like cardboard or glass, use refillable options, take your own tubs to deli/meat/fish counters.

Re-use glass jars and plastic tubs for storing or transporting food instead of sandwich/freezer bags or foil which are often single use.

'Don't worry about all the things you can't do, just think about the things you can do (and always push yourself to do a little more)" - Ruth Valerio

BAPTIST BIRTHDAY SCHEME



Once again it is time for me to thank all those who contributed last year to the Baptist Birthday Scheme. We were able to donate £225 towards the medical and health work of BMS (Baptist Missionary Society)

Every year, the total that Birthday Scheme members donate is over £250,000! We are a regular part of that!

- These gifts are having a huge impact, saving and transforming lives in countries across the world.
- Your birthday can help medics in Chad keep vulnerable mothers and babies safe in childbirth.
- It can support children with disabilities in Thailand, providing them with a loving home in a society which often rejects them.
- And it can help struggling people in Uganda access speech therapy, giving them the opportunity to communicate with the world around them.

If anyone would like to learn more about this scheme please contact me on **01604 647611** or gillehill@aol.com. Gillian Hill



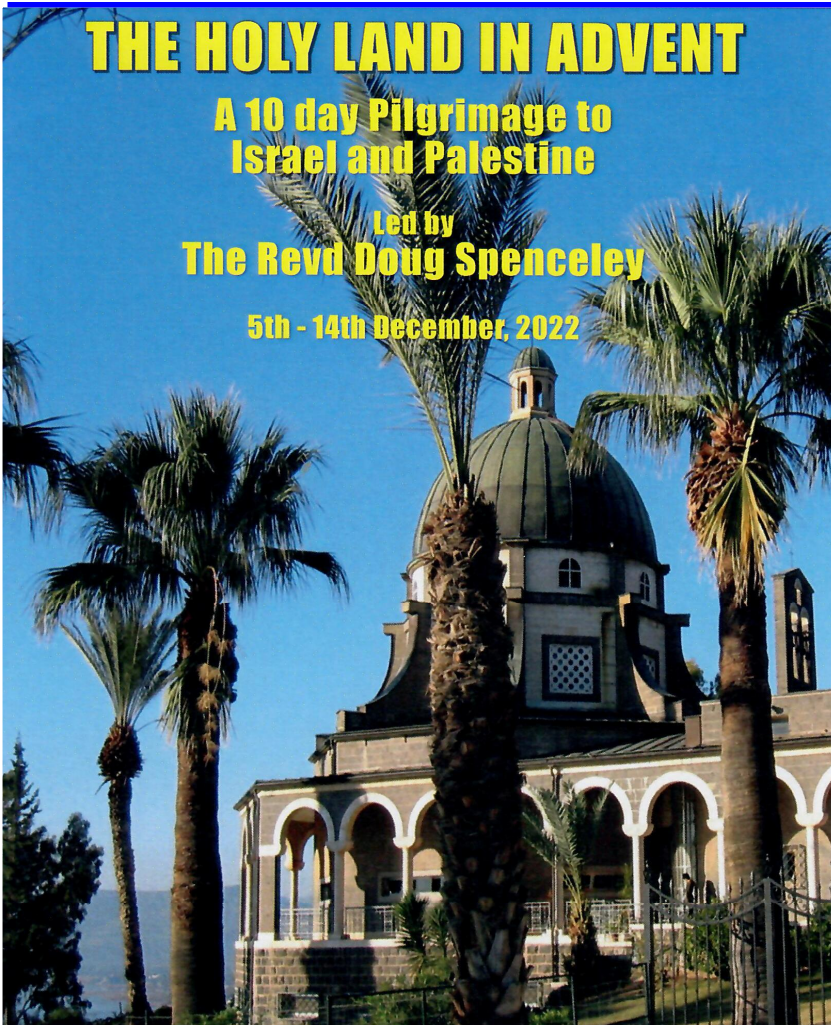
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The Holy Land In Advent

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**

Emmanuel Group A.G.M.

Our AGMs this year will take place on the weekend of April 23rd and 24th.

**Denominational AGMs
will be held on**

Saturday April 23rd at 9.30am

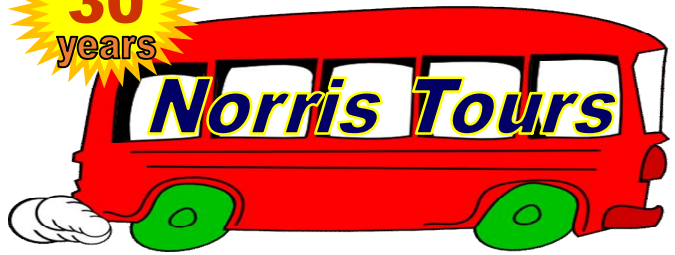
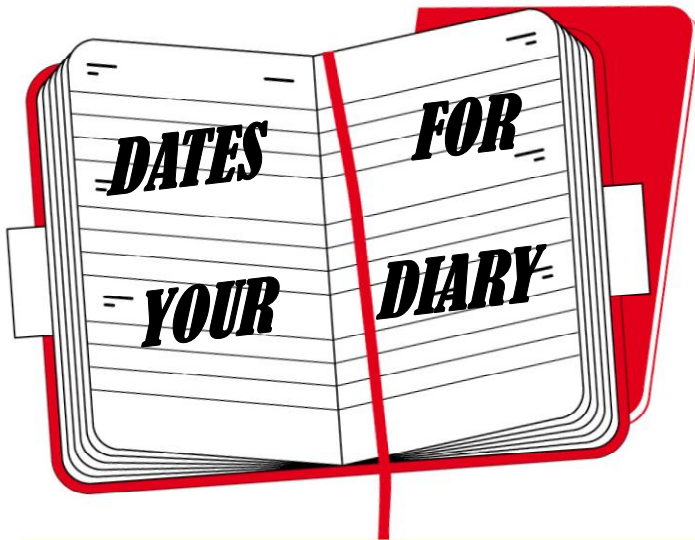
In our denominational AGMs, we discuss Anglican and Free Church business respectively, including elections for the coming year to Constitutional Council and key roles in the Church such as Baptist Secretary, Methodist Steward, Churchwarden and to the membership of Constitutional Council, which is the group representing denominational interests and administers our Tithe Fund: The fund through which 10% of our giving is given away to charities, Christian organisations and those engaged in mission.

**Our Group AGM
will be held on**

**Sunday April 24th at Emmanuel
following the Sunday service at 12.00**

At Group AGM we receive the accounts; hold the annual elections for a Treasurer and Trustees (3 from each congregation who meet as Church Council) look back at the year gone by and look forward at what is yet to come.

Please come and stay for the meeting. It will be wonderful to meet together again face to face after such an extended period.



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THIS YEAR'S GROUP HOLIDAY

To Weymouth

Sat June 11th - Sat June 18th

Cost: £499.00 for 6 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 Swage. 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**



GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15TH 2022

10:00 am - 11:00 am

There will be a walk for worship and witness in the centre of Northampton

The walk will start from Castle Hill URC at 10.00 a.m. and last approximately one hour, but everyone is invited to walk as much as they are able.

People found the last such walk memorable and inspiring – and an appropriate way for Christians to be together to mark Good Friday.

Thrapston Town Band

THE BEST OF BRITISH

Sunday April 10 @ 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

St. Rumbold Church, Church Lane, Stoke Doyle,

Nr. Peterborough, PE8 5TH

Tickets £10

Phone: 07713396130



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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 4.00pm
(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

If you have questions about life, hope and faith for you, we understand because we too have questions about life and faith. That's healthy and the only way we can get to good answers which help us, is if we get there together. If you have a question, or would like to talk to someone, please get in touch with us via the **Contact us page** on our website. We'd love to spend time with you.

If you have requests for prayer or want to tell us all a story relating an answer to prayer, we have a Prayer and Praise Hub where you can do just that at: **www.emmprayer.co.uk**
(We will only share your requests or updates if you allow us to do so)

You can also find other things we are doing on our social media pages, facebook - Emmanuel Group of Churches website and Twitter -

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

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

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

If you know of someone who doesn't have internet access and may be in need of our support, please let us know.

Financially, these are tough times for everyone. Churches and charitable institutions will not be exempt from the struggle.

If you normally give financially to the Church, thank you. Please keep giving as generously as you are able to. If you would like to give regularly to the Church, you can do this via bank transfer:

EMMANUEL BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT

NATWEST

Sort Code: 60-15-55

Bank Account Number: **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

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

ROMANS 8:31

SERVICES IN APRIL 2022

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30am	Boothville CC @ 10.30am	Rectory Farm CC @ 4pm	Midweek Communion 11.30am	
3rd	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Maureen Luke + Haydon Spenceley	Yvonne Desroches	6th Haydon Spenceley	
10th	Morning Worship James Fearnley + Krissy Cressey	Communion Rachael Warnock + Doug Spenceley	Communion Haydon Spenceley + Fiona Potter	13th Doug Spenceley	14th (Maundy Thursday) 7pm at Emmanuel
15th GOOD FRIDAY	10.30 Haydon Spenceley	2 - 3pm Doug Spenceley			
17th Easter Day	Communion Rachael Warnock + Haydon Spenceley	Morning Worship Chris Pearson	Yvonne Desroches	20th Francis	
24th	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Morning Worship David Bell	Communion Kristin Hatherly + Obi Hez + Young People	27th Yvonne Desroches	

SERVICES IN MAY 2022

Sunday	Emmanuel 10.30 am	Boothville 10.30am	Rectory Farm 4pm	Midweek Communion 11.30am	
1st	EMMANUEL GROUP JOINT SERVICE and FAREWELL TO HAYDON AND JO SPENCELEY			4th Kristin Hatherly	
8th	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Communion Doug Spenceley	Communion Yvonne Desroches+ Fiona Potter	11th Doug Spenceley	
15th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship David Bell + Yvonne Desroches	Yvonne Desroches + Ivory Hez	18th TBA	
22nd	Morning Worship James Fearnley + Krissy Cressey	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Minister + Obi Hez	25th Yvonne Desroches	
29th	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Communion Minister + Jo Pearson	Kristin Hatherly	June 1st Francis	

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