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Holy Spirit come like a rushing wind

by Rachael Warnock

Today, I look outside whilst writing this article and the wind is blowing. I see the tree branches dancing in the wind, and I when I step outside I will feel the wind at my back. I am reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit moving in God's creation, our communities and us as well.

It is comforting to know that no matter our personal circumstance, struggle or discontent, God is here with us, moving and guiding with intent.

At Pentecost, Jesus' followers were filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered, and released on the streets to be flames of light in the world. This would mean going out into communities and declaring and participating in God's good news. They would restore, renew, cast visions, and re-imagine a different way to be as the spirit journeyed with them.

God desires for us to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit's energy and power today. I believe God wants us to encounter his loving and forgiving presence, afresh.

Jesus summoned his disciples to go with him beyond their comfort zone, into deeper water, though he never left them alone. Jesus gives us his spirit now, so we too are not alone. The Spirit moves with us, offering courage, strength, energy, and direction if we ask for it. With the spirit we too are empowered to join in with God's restoration project in our local communities, we too can move for justice and act on hope. Through the Spirit, trust, faith and perseverance, we can do more than we can ever ask and imagine!

A new world was born through Jesus and his spirit. At Pentecost Jesus' followers were sent out in energy and spirit, to help build a world full of God's truth, love, justice, and hope. Let us jump too then, with faith, into the new thing that God is doing in our communities, as we seek direction, energy and the Spirit's equipping.



After being filled with the Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus' followers proceeded to share their possessions, to eat together and share life together. Today, so many are isolated and lonely. They proclaimed and lifted up God. They exercised gifts of the spirit like miracles and healings. No one was without. Our lives are not meant to reflect exactly the stories of Acts- we live in a different time and place. Though they do offer us a helpful prompt. Is the Spirit prompting us into more of the above in our own contexts?

Remember, the spirit beckons us to living a new and different life with God. You may feel unsure about how you can really participate, today, in your ordinary lives. Surrender in trust, be patient, and be propelled by the rushing wind of the spirit.

In the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, we are now invited anew to walk forwards boldly and hopefully together, to make a difference in our local communities and this world.

Let us pray together... ..

Holy Spirit, come like a rushing wind!

It has been announced that the next Bishop of Peterborough will be the Right Reverend Debbie Sellin.

Bishop Debbie, currently Bishop of Southampton, will be installed at a service in Peterborough Cathedral in early 2024.

Debbie's commitment to faith developed at a Crusaders youth group. She started full-time ministry as a Children and Families Worker.

Debbie was brought up in a rectory surrounded by church life, but a clear calling to ordained ministry came later in life, being drawn initially to work in a caring profession which resulted in a career in NHS Management.



It was whilst Bishop Debbie was caring for her own young family that she felt a definite call to ministry which deepened over time, leading her to begin her ordination training in 2004. Whilst serving in parish ministry she also took on the additional role of Area Dean, something that gave her a wider perspective and introduced her to the workings of the Diocese. From these roles, she was appointed Bishop of Southampton, something she describes as 'exciting and daunting at the same time', but felt 'a deep sense that this was what God wanted for me that only grew stronger and stronger'.

During her time as Bishop of Southampton, Bishop Debbie has been involved in a variety of roles. As non-executive chair of Love Southampton, her passion for seeing social transformation through ecumenical outreach and community engagement was enhanced. She has also been an Ambassador of the Rose Road Association which provides direct care for children and young adults with complex physical and learning disabilities and support for their families.

The role of Diocesan Bishop is not completely new to Bishop Debbie who has been the acting Bishop of Winchester following the retirement of Bishop Tim Dakin in February 2022. In an unsettled environment, Bishop Debbie spent time listening and understanding the challenges that people were facing, whilst working towards building reconciliation and unity.

One of Bishop Debbie's priorities has been to encourage parishes to thrive. In her current diocese there is a rich variety of landscapes from urban to very rural, coastal and the new forest and she is dedicated to helping parishes in all these different contexts be the best they can be; guiding them through vacancies, celebrating those who are flourishing and coming alongside those who would welcome additional support.

Welcoming Bishop Debbie to her new role, John Holbrook, Bishop of Brixworth said; 'I am thrilled that Debbie has agreed to serve as the next Bishop of Peterborough. She has great experience of bringing unity and identity to a large and diverse diocese, a heart to champion young people and support those at the margins of society and a mission to see our parishes and their communities thrive'.

Debbie is married to Paul, a Professor of Physics, and has two grown-up sons. In her rare downtime she enjoys cooking, reading and craft, spending time with family and taking coastal walks.

From the Diocese of Peterborough mailing

Northampton Feast of Tabernacles Celebration

September 30th

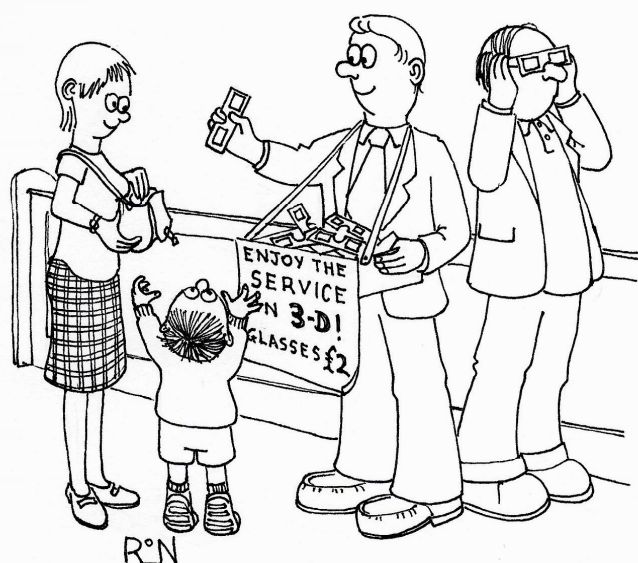
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Good news! You don't need to go to Jerusalem to celebrate the most joyous Jewish feast, the Feast of Tabernacles (also known as Sukkot)!

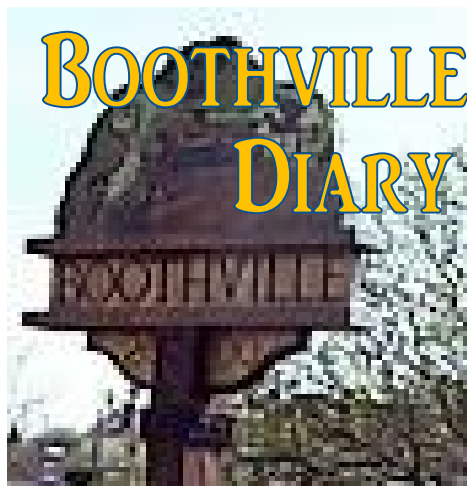
Join us in St Giles church room on St Giles Terrace, NN1 2BN, for a time of light refreshments, worship, celebration and teaching.

We will hear about the Messianic relevance of the Jewish feasts, in a talk by Wendy Scott of the Church's Ministry amongst Jewish People (CMJ). Entry is free, but cash contributions on the evening towards expenses and support for CMJ would be welcome.

Do come along for a joyful celebration! Limited free parking is available, at the side of the church rooms, on The Ridings.



The treasurer still had a trick up his sleeve



Saturday 9th September was the day of The Historic Churches Ride and Stride.

It always coincides with Heritage weekend.

Once again John Weaver took to his bike and pedalled his way around the Churches raising £135, half of which will come back to Emmanuel.

Thank you John for doing this for so many years.

On 17th September Peter Goodlad took the service during which he led prayers for Chris and Jo Pearson and Precious

as they travelled to Switzerland where they will be running an English speaking church, St Bernards, in the alpine resort of Wengen.

They will be ministering to English speaking tourists there.

Chris and Jo have done this for a number of years but it is the first time that Precious has been involved.



We have had lots of celebrating at Boothville as Rachael Cole was 50 on 5th Sept. The Cole family also joined Emmanuel in the early days and some of us will remember Rachael in her Girls Brigade uniform. Rachael has been at Boothville for a number of years and she is always happy to come to church, smiling and waving to the congregation as she is wheeled into the hall by her mum, Jenny.

Rachael is a real miracle as she has far, far outlived her life expectancy. Many of the Boothville congregation joined her for afternoon tea at Arlbury Road Community Centre on August Bank Holiday Monday and enjoyed sharing her birthday cake, which was the first of several during the following week. We had cake again at the next Sunday service!



Congratulations Margaret & Trevor



On 3rd August Margaret and Trevor Mantle celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We cannot think of any couple in Boothville's history who have achieved this.

They joined Emmanuel in its early days and Trevor played the organ on a regular basis. After joining the Boothville congregation he once again took on this role and is still playing for us today.

Both Margaret and Trevor enjoy reading in the services and are members of the Boothville Community Choir. On the Sunday before the big day they were presented with a bouquet of flowers and a card signed by all the congregation. The Sunday after Margaret brought in the card they had received from the King and Queen. It is now framed and on their wall at home.

We wish them many more happy years together.

Life as a Councillor

I am now over half way through my term of office and continue to learn a lot and juggle the work of a Councillor on two authorities along with the rest of life. This is a short message update and prayer request.

Most of the time I know I am exactly where Our Father wants me to be but being human I occasionally want to do a Jonah. When we face challenges we sometimes see the mountain and view things from the wrong perspective.

In all my ways I know I must acknowledge the one who called me to these roles and that I can only do these things in His strength. All of us have our daunting mountain moments. Please continue to pray for me and yourself to see all things through His perspective.

John 16: 33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

God bless,

Keith

The Poppies of Remembrance Sunday



In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



Emmanuel Church Office Weston Favell Centre

Baby Basics Northampton donation drop off point

We can accept donations
10am-1pm on Mondays
and 10am-2pm Tues - Fri.

The church office is on the Upper Shopping Mall,
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The Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral



Our social enterprise, Hope Gardening, landscaped the Healing garden at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Northampton.

Though not a Catholic charity, we have a long and important relationship with the church, as we were founded there in 1974 by the then bishop's gardener, Michael Mulligan, feeding people in need from the bishop's garden.

As a charity that works with people who have sometimes experienced abuse, the aims of the garden, as stated by the diocese, are very welcome:

"As part of our diocesan desire to reach out to those who have been hurt by abuse in a sensitive and meaningful way our diocesan safeguarding team, the Hope Centre and our healing and reconciliation group have designed and created a garden on the grounds of our Cathedral"



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 and a nice meal with no washing up!

Women & Wine usually meets monthly on a Wednesday (on a no House group week) from 7pm at the Quays.

(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 .



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FOODBANK IS OPEN ON

Wednesday

10.00 -13.00pm

Friday

10.00 - 13.00pm

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of food to Tesco at
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**The church office is open
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Or you can download a standing order mandate from the
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www.emmgroupp.org.uk

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

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

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Partner services - available on Foodbank days

Melanie Jones – Community Law Services

Anna Thorpe – Northampton Partnership Homes

Yvonne Desroches - Pioneer Curate

Rachael Warnock - Baptist Minister

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 – Julie Parsons

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

Administrator – Carla Smith

Support Worker – Tor Brandrsiyr

Ukrainian Hub – – Hanna Pecherska & Tania Osaulenko

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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.*

Church services on Sunday. What

Do You or anyone you know suffer from Dementia or Memory Loss?

WE CAN HELP!
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Meet up and chat to others who understand what you are going through in a safe, friendly environment.

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Nurturing minds and Amazing Opportunities to serve our local school communities.

Last year Rachael and I have for some time been involved in serving our local Schools, helping young people and staff explore the Christian faith.

This has been delivered in diverse ways, taking the shape of leading assemblies, prayer spaces, exploring the Celebration festivals and looking at other themes, such as forgiveness, death, and new life.

I am pleased to say that during this time we have also been investing in building an excellent schools' team to enable us to sustain this work. Both Rachael and I would like to say thank you to those who have accompanied us into schools as part of the team.

This has resulted in, as to date, several schools requesting and booking Harvest, Christmas and Easter services. We have interest and agreement for the commencement of a new Lunch Club based on 'action for happiness'.

Please do continue to pray for the work of all our teachers, schools and their communities as we are invited to share the journey with them. May God continue to Bless our Schools and the team.

Rachael, Yvonne, Sam, Charmaine, Lynne, & Gemma.

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
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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

happens for the rest of the week ?



Cafe Emm

Our Family Tots groups are warm and friendly with lots of activities and support. We call it family tots because it is open to Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Auntie, Uncle or any other carers to come with pre-school children. You can find us at Emmanuel Church every Wednesday during term time from 10am-11am



House groups are key for pastoral support, fellowship, mission and discipleship. We would love for everyone to be involved. Why not consider joining a house group today? If you are interested, do contact a house group leader or Rachael for more information.

Leader

Gill Hill:
Mary Langley:
Precious Luke:
John Weaver:
Meriel Mears:
Rachel Tighe
Liz Bateman

Day & Time

Friday Afternoon
2pm on Monday wkly
Wednesday 7.30pm
Wednesday 7.30PM
Thursday 1:30pm
Tuesday 7:30
Wednesday 7:30pm

Location

Fullingdale road)
Dell Crescent, Overstone Lodge
Ashley Way, Westone
Lindisfarne, Billing park
Thorplands
Huntsmeed Road
Sywell

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.

Turn it off!

Energy conservation is one of the most important things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint. Leaving your electricals on standby uses unnecessary energy – turn them off at the wall when you've finished using them, and you could see your bill going down too.

Invest in eco - friendly technology

Want to go further than simply turning it off? If you need to get new appliances, check their energy-efficiency rating to ensure they're as efficient as possible. This way, you're using much less energy for the time that the product is on and reducing your energy output. And if you're looking to make bigger changes at home to cut your carbon footprint – have you considered heating your home with an air source heat pump, or installing solar panels on your rooftop so that you can generate your own electricity?

Switch to renewables

Choosing 100% renewable electricity is a great eco-friendly tip for any home – and is one of the biggest things you can do to help tackle the climate crisis. Due to the current situation in the energy market, it's best to stay with your existing supplier right now. But think about doing it when switching supplier opens up again.

Eat Less Meat

Being careful with what you're consuming is at the heart of being more environmentally friendly, and cutting down on the amount of meat you eat can have a huge impact. Not having red meat and eating a more plant based diet – even if it's just for two or three days a week – can have quite a significant impact on reducing your carbon footprint.

Don't Waste Food

Waste not, want not. Did you know that 9.5 million tonnes of food is wasted in the UK every year? This isn't just a huge waste of food and money, it adds to the amount of CO2 and methane being created in landfills.

Recycle Everything

Chances are that if you're pursuing a more eco-friendly lifestyle then you'll already be recycling. But could you improve your recycling-ability (now a word)? You can recycle almost everything, from batteries to paper to crisp packets to cars. Before you throw it away, take a minute to find out if you could recycle it instead.

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

Compost

If your food has gone too far beyond its 'best by' date then you could compost it rather than putting it in the bin. Not only will this help create a natural fertiliser and keep your garden green, it'll also reduce the amount of waste going to landfill – and as it won't break down anaerobically, there will not be a build-up of methane gas. If you can't compost at home, you could find out if there are any local compost schemes available, or if your local authority collects food waste alongside other recycling. Make sure to only compost organic waste to avoid unwanted pests.

Try to cut out plastic

Plastic seems to have found its way into every single aspect of our lives. However, giving it up isn't as difficult as you might think – bring a canvas bag with you when you go shopping, buy your fruit and veg loose and stop buying bottled water. There are also more and more shops around where you can bring your own container for things like nuts, seeds, pasta, oats and more – plus get refills for soap, shampoo, washing up liquid and laundry detergent.

Use LED light bulbs

Not only do LED light bulbs last longer than conventional bulbs, they're far more efficient too! This means that you'll be using less power and having to replace your light bulbs less frequently – everyone's a winner. What's more, they're available in a range of brightness and designs so you can really tailor the lighting to your needs or to suit the room.

Insulate your home

Homes that aren't well insulated are much harder to keep warm when it's cold, and cool when the weather is hot. Find out more about insulating your home, including benefits, costs and savings you would see in your bills. You may be surprised.

Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.

A.A. Milne



Gratitude is a state of mind that comes from our spirit and is a combination of wonder, appreciation, and the readiness to respond by saying thank you, which itself is an act of returning kindness to someone else.

When someone says thank you to you, you are usually left with a nice warm feeling that whatever you did to deserve it was appreciated.

Rabbi Harold Kusner says this about that warm feeling: 'If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.'

How much better would our world be today if more people took the time to nurture the souls of others by simply saying thank you!



**Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm at New Life Church, 9 Tower Street,
Northampton, NN1 2SN.**

This inspirational charity is part of the work of Ascension Trust and was formed in Northampton 15 years ago, in October 2008. Christians from many different churches work together to serve in very practical and prayerful ways on a Saturday night in the town centre, between 10pm and 2am. Street Pastors aim to provide a listening ear and practical help to the vulnerable in a non-judgemental way, giving time and help to anyone in need. They work in partnership with the police and local council, forming what is known as "The Urban Trinity". Please join us as we celebrate this important milestone.

For further information, contact northampton.admin@streetpastors.org.uk





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....



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

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 produce well-cooked fresh food daily. Lucy Sone came back from maternity leave at the beginning of September and has been appointed our new Café Emm Manager. She plans to reintroduce Sunday Lunches and afternoon teas as soon as she can. These will need to be booked through the café as before.

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 Community Support Worker for Café Emm. She started work back in July.

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. The memory café and 'singing for the brain' are both re-starting on the first week in October. Anna has some exciting new ideas and is busy putting them in place.

We had unexpected visitors in September. Environmental Health who conducted a food hygiene assessment. We are delighted to have been awarded 5 stars!



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.



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 !

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

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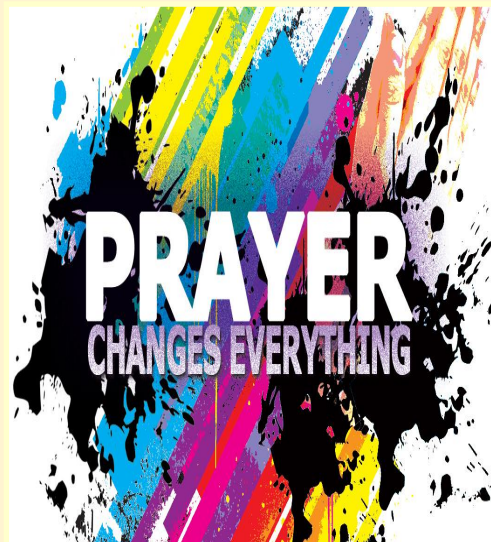


Monday Night Prayer

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

We pray mostly for our local communities and for our churches but also 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,

Pray for the patrols out on Saturday nights and give thanks for the Prayer Pastors who support them so faithfully.

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.

Prayer for the Peace of the World

Heavenly Father,
We know that you weep with us when we think and pray about the wars, destruction, unrest and unkindness that takes place in so many places around your beautiful world.
We pray you will place in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceful wisdom, the leaders of the nations of the earth
That your kingdom may go forward in peace, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. We pray in Jesus' name.

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.



Dear Lord, we confess that we have not always taken care of this world in the way that you commanded us to, and we grieve that so many are now suffering. Help us to be selfless in our response and remind us that we are part of a global family of your children.



Loving Father, we pray for farmers who are struggling and having to adapt to new circumstances. As they suffer the heartache of losing their crops, we pray they will have the resilience to continue and learn new ways of working. We pray they will be blessed with new and abundant harvests.



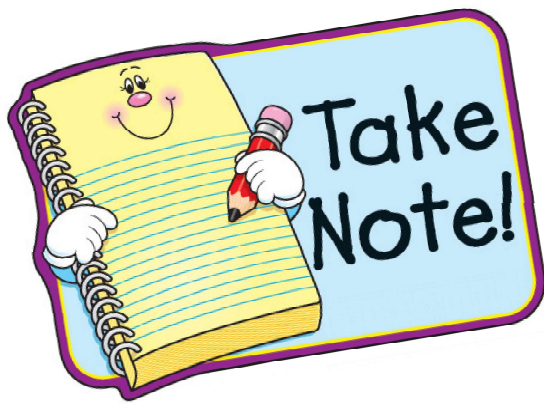
And Lord, we ask that you give wisdom to those in positions of power who can make global changes. Please give them the conviction and compassion to make lasting changes that will bring relief to our damaged world.
Amen.

We give thanks for the arrival of our new Rector,

Stewart and pray that he, Zoe and Joanna will feel welcomed, supported and 'at home' in the Emmanuel family. May he know your presence with him. May he know your wisdom, your guidance and your peace.

We thank you for all of our clergy and leaders, help them to be strong in their vocation. Keep them from harm. May they find great joy in their ministry together. Thank you for blessing our church family with their leadership.

Amen?



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 10.15am



Coffee Morning

Every Thursday at Blackthorn
(NN3 8QH)

No need to book, just turn up.
Come for a free hot or cold drink.
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Ring 01604 411166 for more info. Or Find us on
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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:

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Call us: 07932 519532 / 07508 417140

Do you play badminton, or used to do so in the past and would like to play again?

We are a social badminton group that play in the Emmanuel Church Sports Hall on Friday mornings from 10.45 to 12.45. We are all in the older age group and some not as agile as we used to be but we still enjoy a friendly game.

We are a bit low on numbers and would welcome a few more people to join us. I'm afraid we cannot cope with complete beginners. If you are interested please contact Marion Farrow on 01604401335

Book Club



Are you passionate about literature, eager to explore new worlds and engage in captivating discussions?

Look no further, 5 of us have been meeting together once a month, following on from a conference that re-awakened our hunger to read more. This was experimental to see how it would work, we are thrilled to say that this has been a place and time to come together to embark on literary journeys, share our thoughts and connect over the written word and hospitality.

With a diverse selection of genres, thought-provoking reads and stimulating discussion we have felt enriched, inspired, and eager for more.

If you would like to know more on how to go about getting a group of up to 5 started, we can help you with this.

Every Blessing Yvonne,

Contact Emmanuel office for more info. |

DARE Conference 2023

Saturday 7th Oct, @The Old Savoy Theatre,
Northampton. 10am-4pm

DARE is a great day to come with your group, your friends, or even just you! A day of worship, word, challenge, testimony and a Faith-lift! We have the fab DARE BAND & some amazing guests joining us.

Go to the Dare Website for all the information - speakers, lunch options, travel, parking, schedule, booking etc.

J John is one of our guest speakers, with a powerful evangelistic message, and encourages us to bring a 'plus one'!

Group bookings of 10+ please contact admin@elimnorthampton for discount rates!

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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

Emmanuel Group Office - Mon - Fri 10 - 2

Café Emm (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

The month of Remembrance may be especially poignant this year. Russia's invasion of Ukraine grinds on, and now there is trouble between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Millions of people's lives are being turned upside down, with no hope of peace and security in sight.

It is indeed a time for Christians everywhere to pray for peace, based on justice and mercy.

It is also a time to remember the victims of natural disasters this year: the Libyan flood, the Moroccan earthquake, the wildfires in Greece, Spain, Canada, and the USA. Charities still working among these victims need our support.

But also on 26th November, the Sunday of Christ the King reminds us that this world with its evil and unfairness will not be allowed to go on forever. Jesus Christ has overcome death and will return to us one day. And HIS Kingdom will be one of justice and righteousness, with no more tears, and He will reign forever. Amen



SERVICES IN OCTOBER 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 |
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| 1st | Communion Rachael Warnock | Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches | Morning Worship Youth Led | Weds 4th Kris Hatherly | |
| MONDAY 2nd | Revd Stewart Betts Institution 7.30PM | | | | |
| 8th | Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches | Communion Peter Goodlad | Communion Kris Hatherly & Fiona Potter | Weds 11th Yvonne Desroches | |
| 15th | Communion Rachael Warnock & Stewart Betts | Morning Worship Precious Luke | Morning Worship Obi Hez | Weds 23rd Rachel Warnock | |
| 22nd | Morning Worship Peter Angus | Communion Chris Pearson | Communion Rachael Warnock | Weds 25th Chris Pearson | |
| 29th | Communion Rachael Warnock | Morning Worship Precious Luke & Stewart Betts | Admission Service Fiona Potter | Weds 1st Stewart Betts | |

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 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 |
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| 5th | Communion Stewart Betts | Morning Worship Maureen Luke | Afternoon Worship Youth led | Weds 8th Stewart Betts | |
| 12th  Remembrance Sunday | Morning Worship Rachael Warnock | Communion Peter Goodlad | Communion Yvonne Desroches & Stewart Betts | Weds 15th Yvonne Desroches | |
| 19th | Communion Rachael Warnock Yvonne Desroches | Morning Worship Stewart Betts | Morning Worship Keith Holland Delamere | Weds 22nd Chris Pearson | |
| 26th | Morning Worship Peter Angus | Communion Chris Pearson | Communion Kris Hatherly & Fiona Potter | Weds 29th Kris Hatherly | |

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