

B E E M M A N U E L & R E C T O R Y F A R M T I M E S



Emmanuel: God With Us

Have you ever heard the saying 'there is nothing new under the sun'? This is actually a quote from the Bible as it appears in Ecclesiastes Chapter 1, verse 9. This quote of course is looking through a certain lens, which was maybe echoed in my retail days when colleagues would say 'same rubbish, different day'.

However as the new Rector, I've found trying to get used to the Emmanuel Group quite an experience and there are times when everything seems totally new. Although for many people they will have seen clergy come and go and although there are differences there is a sense of 'here we go again'. Or in the words of the classic band 'The Who' meet the new boss... same as the old boss.' Echoing again that although faces change there is perhaps nothing new under the sun.

By the time you read this the clocks will have changed and the darker nights draw in. A sure sign that Christmas is on the horizon. For many including ministers Christmas is a challenge because the story seems so familiar (there's nothing new under the sun). We all know the plot, the angel's visit, the humble birthing facilities, the shepherds, visitors from the East and an angry king.

Therefore we need to engage with the magnitude of the Christmas message:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him

"Emmanuel" which means "God with us"

Matthew Chapter 1 verse

God is not sat on a cloud looking down on the world through a celestial CCTV system. He is not ignorant to the challenges, opportunities and pain of the world because he became flesh and blood and experienced the ups, downs and frustrations of this world.

So we don't need to be down hearted. We can stand firm in the assurance of God's presence with us. After all, that is the translation of 'Emmanuel'. I suspect you will have heard this before, but let us take the familiar and engage with it.



Wonder afresh at the assurance that God is with us and that we should seek to follow God and glorify His name in all that we do and aspire to do.

What encourages me is the promise of God's presence in all the messiness and busyness of life as we aspire to be kingdom builders in this place.

Mud wrote the song 'Lonely this Christmas' but the message of Christmas is that ultimately Christmas exists to open the doorway of relationship between humanity and God and to assure us that because of Christmas, ultimately we are never alone.

On behalf of all at Emmanuel - may you have a great Christmas.

Stewart Betts



Here we are; the last issue of BERT for 2023!

by Liz Bateman

And, when looking back over the year, what a crazy year it has been.. The war in Ukraine immediately comes to mind but that thought led me to ask Google. How many countries are at war at this time?

The answer is shocking to say the least . As I write this, 33 countries are at war!

This year we have seen unprecedented wild fires, storms and floods across the world plus earthquakes, eruptions and other natural disasters; and now, of course, our television screens are filled with pictures of the devastation in Gaza.

Meanwhile, in the UK, one of the world's richest countries, the cost -of- living crisis continues as people struggle to pay their domestic fuel bills, rents have become unaffordable for many and the cost of food has soared. Food banks in the UK look set to be overwhelmed. The National Health Service is in disarray; short staffed, and the staff that exist are over-worked and demoralised. Some waiting lists for surgical procedures are 2-3 years long. Many of us now face a hard winter, with seemingly little to be cheerful about.

And yet... – the message of Christmas is just as real for us today as it was 2000 years ago, and it can still bring us hope and joy for our long-term future. Emmanuel has come, the Prince of Peace, the Son of Righteousness. God IS with us. And HIS kingdom will have no end.

We can still witness to that in our neighbourhoods this Christmas. We do so through showing the compassion of our Foodbank and the work of café Emm and other community projects. And as individuals we can witness to the love of God, even by simply showing some kindness and love to our neighbours.

So – with that in mind, rejoice in the amazing love of God who sent His only Son to be our Saviour. Peace on earth, goodwill towards men!



Luke 2:14



Shared from Inherit the Mirth

Boothville Monday afternoon house group

was started by Margaret Johnson. We used to meet in the Rectory.

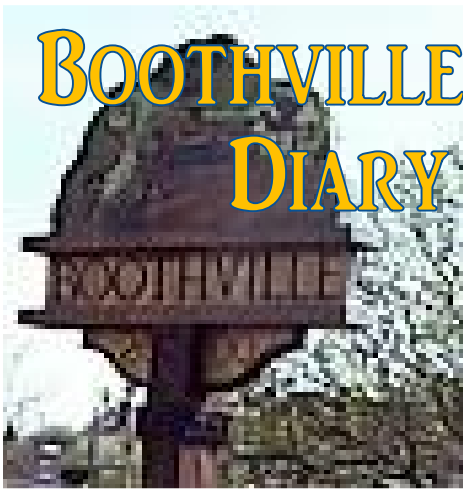
Mary Langley now runs this group. The venue has changed several times over the years and also some of the people.

In the present group, some of us have been Christians for a number of years whilst others are beginning their journey with the Lord.

With the makeup of our group it is not always appropriate to follow the designated Emmanuel theme (and we haven't a smart TV between us!) but we have enjoyed a wide range of studies and



House group left to right
Jenny, Carole, Debby, Linda, Kathy and Pat. Mary is taking the photo



Enjoying lunch together before the presentation

We had a packed church once again for Remembrance Sunday.

This year Peter Goodlad took the service. As it was pouring with rain at the start of the service, the decision was made to stay inside. We played our recorded version of the last post and reveille and observed the two minutes silence. Dorothy Maddock placed our wreath on the altar.

Dorothy is now in her mid nineties. She joined the wrens towards the end of the war in 1945 and served until 1950. During this time she was posted to Plymouth, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

At the end of the service, when the rain had stopped, we moved out onto the green where Dorothy, together with Roy Harland, laid the wreath.

Many years ago Dorothy attended the 8.30 am service at Emmanuel but joined Boothville on an occasional basis when this stopped but she is now a regular member of Boothville, fully participating in everything that goes on. She still drives and brings other members of the congregation to church on Sunday.



Dorothy Maddock



Thanks go to Roy Harland who has provided the wreath for Remembrance Sunday for many years.

In mid October we welcomed Chris and Jo Pearson and Precious back from their three week trip to Switzerland where they had been ministering to English speaking tourists in the alpine resort of Wengen.

It was great that they decided to give a presentation at Boothville about their time in this resort. This took place on 19th November after the service. An invitation was sent out to the Emmanuel and Rectory Farm congregations. As is the norm for Boothville with any events of this kind we also had a lunch. Forty of us sat down to enjoy lunch and a social time together and it was good to have a few from the other congregations join us and a few more joined us for the presentation. It is sometime since we have had a lunch at Boothville which probably made it even more enjoyable.

Unfortunately Jo was not well so she was unable to take part in the presentation which was shame. Chris told us a little about Wengen nestled high up in the Swiss Alps. The nearest town is Interlaken.

There are no cars allowed in Wengen so they had to leave their car in a nearby village and travel to the resort by a small train. The church held a hundred people but had a congregation of two! The church is used only for visiting English speaking tourists. It is open in the summer season and again in the winter ski season and run by visiting chaplains such as Chris. They are expected to lead two services on a Sunday. Precious had not been to Switzerland before and obviously loved the whole experience, the scenery, the Casino, Gardens at Interlaken, her first ride in a cable car and in a funicular and the cheese festival among other things. Chris, Jo and Precious thank us all for our prayers, particularly whilst they were travelling.



Betty Grundy's funeral was on 5th October.

Betty struggled with cancer for some years. Although she did not attend Boothville regularly, Betty was known to us all as she came to church on and off for many years and was always a very generous person. The funeral was at Ecton Church and refreshments afterwards

★ ★ ★ Christmas ★ ★ ★

Councillor Keith

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for my work as a Councillor. It often is a challenge.

A brief update:

**Northampton Town Centre
Christmas Activities,**

**Light switch on Saturday
25th November.**

Carols & Crafts on Saturday 16th December,

Visit: www.northamptontowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas2023
for full information. - **Its all free!**

2024

**Weston Favell Centre, and the Emmanuel Church
building will be 50 years old**

Plans are afoot; keep an eye on BERT.

God bless,
Keith



Women & Wine



We meet together monthly, for our regular 'Women & Wine' gathering...

(called *women and wine* but much more about food!)

All women welcome. It's a great time to catch up, have a good chat, enjoy fellowship, fun and a nice meal with no washing up!

Women & Wine usually meets monthly on a Wednesday from 7pm at the Quays. - We won't meet in December.

You can get details of upcoming dates and join our WhatsApp group by contacting Revd Rachael Warnock .



(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 .

How to donate to charity without it costing anything!

If you are buying your Christmas presents (or anything else) online, many companies including big names such as Amazon, Currys, Argos, Boots, Tesco, John Lewis, Asos, Very, B&Q, Dunelm and many more, will donate a percentage of the online purchase price to a charity of your choice.

Obviously we would like your choice of charity to be the Emmanuel Group of Churches, Registered Charity No. 1140504, but the choice is yours.

To get the donation all you need to do is register at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and go through this website each time you buy online. You can add an extension to your browser if you wish so that when you search for an item online you get the option to go through the easyfundraising website if the company you are buying from is willing to give a donation.

Whoever you choose to get donations for, it is a way of getting large companies to donate and support charities that you are interested in, without any additional cost to you.

Kevin Potter

'Baby—
basics'

**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,
under the library and through the
automatic double doors



Special Christmas Services and Activities

1st December

Christmas Adults Crafts session & refreshments, 10am-11.30am, Thorplands Community Hub, Farm Fields Court

2nd December

Christmas Fayre, 11am-2pm, Emmanuel Coffee Shop

3rd December

Communion and Carols, 10:30am, Emmanuel

10th December

Communion and Carols, 3:45pm, Rectory Farm

17th December

Carols, 4pm
Boothville Community Centre

20th December

Family Tots Christmas Party, 10am
Emmanuel Church

24th December

Boothville, 10.30am
Christmas Eve Midnight, including Communion:
Emmanuel, 11.30pm

14th December

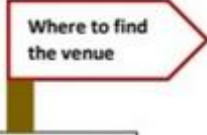
Carols at the Lumbertubs Pub 7pm
Supported by Boothville Community Choir

17th December

"All together" Christmas
Cafe style service 10.30am,
Emmanuel

25th December

Boothville, 10am
Emmanuel, 10am



- Emmanuel Church, Weston Favell Centre
NN3 8JR
- Boothville Community Church,
Boothville Community Centre NN3 6JE
- Rectory Farm Community Church
Rectory Farm Community Centre
Olden Road NNE 5DD

Come and Celebrate with us this Christmas



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The Emmanuel Group Of Churches, Northampton

☀️ Join us during Advent and Christmas at our special services and events ⭐️



At Emmanuel Church Ground Floor

FOODBANK IS OPEN ON

Wednesday

10.00 -13.00pm

Friday

10.00 - 13.00pm

**Please take any donations
of food to Tesco at
Weston Favell or
Emmanuel Church Office**

**The church office is open
Monday - Friday 10.00 -14.00**

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



We understand that the rising cost of living is impacting on everyone. Foodbank is extremely grateful to those who continue to donate, enabling us to continue to feed those in need. Be assured that to maximise resources we are cutting costs and promoting the need for donations to Foodbank wherever we can.

**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 into foodbank, or email:

info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk

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

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

Emmanuel Group of Churches

Sort Code - 60-15-55

Bank Account Number - 73955787

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

www.emmgroup.org.uk

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

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

FOODBANK PLUS++++

Our Partner services

available on Foodbank days

Melanie Jones – **Community Law Services**

Anna Thorpe – **Northampton Partnership Homes**

Yvonne Desroches - **Pioneer Curate**

Rachael Warnock - **Baptist Minister**

Hanna Pecherska - **Ukrainian Hub**

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

Happy Christmas

**to all of our
wonderful volunteers**

**Thank you
for all you do**

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+ lots of other information about our
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*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.*

Church services on Sunday. What

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

WE CAN HELP!
come and visit our

MEMORY CAFÉ
Supporting people and their Carers living with Dementia or memory loss

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

Every Monday (from 2nd Oct) 1.30pm - 3.00pm at Café EMM
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Email: anna.austin@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com

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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.

We have interest and agreement for the commencement of a new Lunch Club based on 'action for happiness'.

Please 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
- * 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

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- * 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

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

Singing for the Soul

Supporting people and their Carers living with: Dementia, Memory loss, Mental Health, Disabilities or anyone who enjoys music and wants to meet new people.

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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, contact a house group leader or Rachael for more information.

Leader

Day & Time

Location

Gill Hill:	Friday Afternoon	Emmanuel Church
Mary Langley:	2pm on Monday wkly	Dell Crescent, Overstone Lodge
Precious Luke:	Wednesday 7.30pm	Ashley Way, Westone
John Weaver:	Wednesday 7.30PM	Lindisfarne, Billing park
Meriel Mears:	Thursday 1:30pm	Thorplands
Rachel Tighe	Tuesday 7:30	Huntsmeed Road
Liz Bateman	Wednesday 7:30pm	Sywell

Note: Mary Langley usually meets weekly, depending on availability. Group can't access online.



Tots Tidings



Gemma Broadhead

07912506711

gemma.broadhead@emmanuelgroup.org.uk



Summer Fun

We had so much over the summer with all our park visits, we were very lucky to have dry weather each week and had over 25 families join us.

Northampton Balloon Festival



It was amazing to talk to so many in the community tent at the balloon festival.



Partnership work with Kids Aid and Weston Favell Foodbank

We have been fortunate to have Natasha from Kids Aid come and work with us on all our dino crafts. We would like to thank Sonya, in food bank for the partnership and Natasha for all her hard work, our dinosaur display looks fantastic!



New Group

After the amazing success of our morning tots group we have decided to set up an afternoon group. This will run in the same way as the morning group and will run 12-1.30 starting Wednesday 10th January 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

20th Dec Santa comes to tots (Dress for Xmas)

21st Dec Xmas FISH

10th Jan Re-open

21st Feb FISH in halfterm



Our Swiss Trip



hope to share more information and photographs on our visit in the next issue of BERT. Thank you for your prayers during our time away. We really appreciated it.
Precious

Our trip was definitely one that I will never forget. It was my first visit to Wengen, Switzerland and a huge honour to be a part of the role the chaplaincy plays in the spiritual lives of residents and visitors. Chris, Jo and I



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Interview: 13th Jan 2024

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Mr Mackenzie kept forgetting his PIN



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



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 is Café Emm Manager. Sunday Lunches are back. 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.

Monday games sessions need new members 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' have both re-started. Anna has some exciting new ideas and is busy putting them in place.

office@CafeEmmonmicrosoft.com



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

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Thank you for your support.

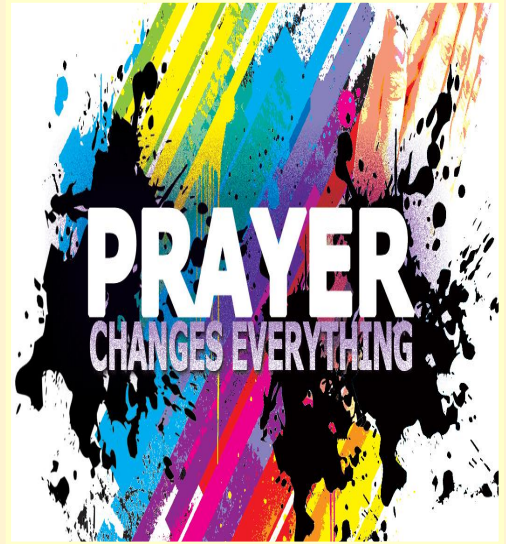


Monday Night Prayer

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,

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

Heavenly Father,

We pray for the Church throughout the world that we may be a beacon of hope, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect your precious gift of creation. May we hear its cry of the damage done and being done and for those people who are already facing the effects - droughts, floods, storms and devastating wild fires; that you may grant us strength and hope for the future as we work to adapt to the changing climate.

We pray for world leaders, may you grant them wisdom to make good and just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. We pray they will all work together for good.

We pray for our local community: that we may be good neighbours to each other. May we be your hands and feet and bless others as you have blessed us.

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 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.

Schoolswork

Pray for our schools, the staff and the children.

Give thanks for our growing relationship with a number of local schools and the requests from several schools for our clergy to lead Christmas assemblies.

Foodbank

Give thanks for the work of the Foodbank, the volunteers and community services. Pray for volunteer drivers to come forward to collect donations from supermarkets.

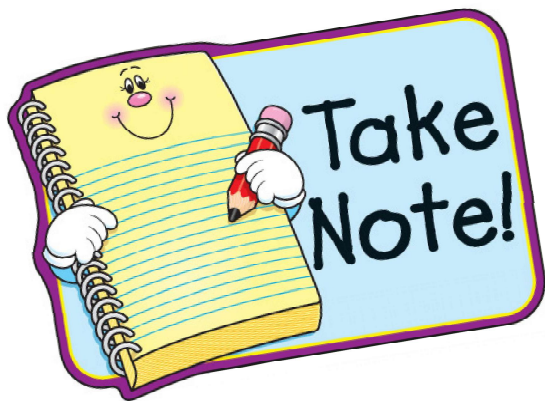
Prayer for the Peace of the World

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.

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

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!

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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. |



Coffee Morning

Every Thursday at Blackthorn
(NN3 8QH)

No need to book, just turn up.
Come for a free hot or cold drink.
Meet and chat to other people.

Ring 01604 411166 for more info. Or Find us on
[Facebook](#) at Growing Together Northampton



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Café Emm, is part of the Co-op Local
Community Fund.

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choose us as your cause visit: membership.coop.co.uk/causes/70035 then swipe
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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

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

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If you prefer to give another way, you can give online via:

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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

Wishing you all and
 a happy & peaceful
CHRISTMAS



SERVICES DECEMBER 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 @ EMMANUEL OFFICE TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
3rd Advent Sunday	Communion & Carols Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Afternoon Worship Fiona Potter	Weds 6th Chris Pearson	
10th	Morning Worship Stewart Betts 	Communion Peter Goodlad + Jo Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Weds 13th Stewart Betts	
17th	Communion 'All together' Christmas Café Church Rachael Warnock	Carols by Candlelight Yvonne Desroches	Afternoon Worship Obi Hez	Weds 20th Yvonne Desroches	
24th Christmas Eve	Midnight Communion Stewart Betts (11.30pm)	Communion Chris Pearson 10.30am		No mid week Communion	
25th Christmas Day	Morning Worship Rachel Warnock 10.00am	Communion Maureen Luke 10.00am	Communion Rachael Warnock		
31st	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Stewart Betts		Weds 3rd Kris Hatherly	

SERVICES IN JANUARY 2024

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 @ EMMANUEL OFFICE TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
7th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Afternoon Worship Fiona Potter	Weds 10th Yvonne Desroches	
14th	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches 'All together' Service	Communion Stewart Betts	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 17th Stewart Betts	
21st	Communion Stewart Betts	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Afternoon Worship Obi Hez	Weds 24th Chris Pearson & Rachael Warnock	
28th	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches & Stewart Betts	Weds 31st Kris Hatherly	

please visit our website for more information
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