

# B OOTHVILLE E MMANUEL & R ECTORY FARM T IMES

God can do “immeasurably more  
than all we ask or imagine”

Ephesians 3:20

When we give over ourselves to God, surprising and powerful things can happen. I used to teach English as a foreign language here in the UK. Young students would make plans to travel and do some activities during their stay. And something I'd often hear during the summer was: the weather's horrible this week, let's wait. I said to them, “this is the UK, the weather can be really mixed- don't hold off, just embrace it, and enjoy whatever you plan to do”. They said afterwards that was the best advice. Some of the best things can happen when we let go and stop trying to take control.

In John 20, Jesus commissioned the disciples. They are to work for Jesus, to be filled with God's breath, and sent out into the world as Jesus had been. Interestingly, Peter decides to go fishing. Peter had denied Jesus three times. He probably felt the great commission wasn't meant for him. He felt that he had failed Jesus.

It's as if the disciples, faced with this huge task of immense importance and expectation, they feel a bit overwhelmed - Well, what do we do now? - Where do we start? and they decide to do something they knew, something calming, in their comfort zone.

I think we can all understand something of this- we might have a deadline and we don't feel equipped to even start on the project, we think well, “what do I do, how do I make a start?” So, we have a cup of tea, then we declutter and take the dog for a walk.

In this, we sometimes forget that Jesus is there to help. Like Peter, we forget to go to him and seek his peace, his wisdom and will. We try to do things our own way. The disciples will try to fish all night and catch nothing. The water has been Peter's workplace, and he feels like a failure here too.

Maybe you have been working on some projects and you've been getting nowhere and wondering why this might be. We can try to seek Jesus, be with Jesus and listen to his voice.

The only way is for the disciples to admit defeat, to listen to Jesus' voice, and to do what he says, in surrender. Then there is no knowing what they will achieve. This goes for us too.

Let's intentionally practice the holy habit of asking Jesus, on a regular basis, where he thinks we should fish - what Jesus thinks we should do. When we do this and yield to his will, through his mighty power at work within us, he can accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. We are going to get it wrong at times, but Jesus has a way of meeting us where we are and leading us to where he wants us to be, just like he meets with Peter and then restores him, forgives him. In following Jesus, he might close some doors for others to open. There may be what feels like setbacks before flourishing. God may in his wisdom, take us on a journey. Stepping out of our comfort zones in faith, handing over ourselves, outcomes and situations to God can be hard. It means vulnerably accepting and inviting whatever then comes our way, in trust.

We need to trust that he is with us, amidst our struggles, moving for good. Let's be encouraged to keep on pausing and returning to him, surrendering to him. He will lead us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples do stop and listen to Jesus. He encourages and helps them fish. He comes alongside them and gracefully and generously breathes his life into their efforts.

When we work with Jesus, he can bring abundant results. 153 fish is a huge catch, far more than they needed or expected.

Submitting ourselves to God can lead to him doing far more than we could ever imagine or guess or request in our wildest dreams! And Jesus can take the fruit of what we humbly and vulnerably offer, just as he took those fish, and use it. We can gather around the breakfast campfire with Jesus and enjoy the harvest of his grace in our offering.

We may be able to relate to Peter in his feeling of initial failure. We might doubt ourselves and our offerings. Jesus wants us to know we are loved and valued.

He meets us where we are, and he makes things possible- he grows the fruit of our efforts. Let's look for Him in our lives, and listen for His words, in whatever form they come. He stands on the shore, calling to us, telling us where to find our daily bread: in Him.

This summer, Jesus stands on the shore with a fire of coals and some fish laid on the fire, and some bread. And He's inviting us to come and eat with Him, that we may have strength and life again, to start again over and over, to look for signs of life, to pick ourselves up and start again, over and over, until new life flourishes in all the places we've come to expect death. God welcomes our contributions, and he creates a harvest.

Jesus invites us to join in with what he's doing. He invites us to participate in the world- restoration, building on sparks of resurrection life in our communities. It's easy to think we have got to do it all. Organise ourselves, tell people the good news, change the world. But God made the sun rise. His breath guided us to think, pray, love and hope. The Spirit is on the move, blowing this way and that. When we surrender our hearts and minds to his will, and offer what we have, the Spirit meets us and equips us.

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Mike Maddocks 19th June 1946 - 26th June 2024

It is with great sadness that we said a final goodbye to our brother in Christ and long serving Treasurer, Mike Maddocks, when he passed to glory on 26th June.

Mike had served as our treasurer for many years and was a very much loved and appreciated member of our Rectory Farm Congregation. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Mike was a great family man and here you will see two poems that were read by his granddaughters and his daughter at his funeral.

## Goodnight Dad, God bless

You used to spoil us rotten with all your love and care,  
but now each time we look for you, you suddenly  
aren't there

We knew that it was coming and we'd have to say  
goodbye but Dad, we weren't ready and the sad day  
has arrived

We'll no longer feel your arms around us tightly when  
we cry, or be able to kiss you softly or wave to you  
goodbye

Because you are no longer here in spirit anyway  
For God's special angels have been sent to carry you  
away

We hope you're watching over us the way you used to  
do. It really is the only way we think we might get  
through

Our tears and hurt consume us as we lose you in our  
lives but we have such happy memories behind these  
bloodshot eyes

We'll always miss you, Daddy, and we'll always love  
you, too.

There'll never be another daddy quite as loved as you

Goodnight Dad, God bless

Sarah Lofts

### (Continued from front page)

**God can do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Eph 3:20).**

This miracle shows us God's generous provision. As the disciples work with Jesus they are generously provided for. And as we join with Jesus, he generously provides for us too. He knows what we really need, and when we are open to Jesus and move intentionally in faith, he himself provides abundantly for us in surprising ways. He is in fact, our bread.

Jesus often comes to us in ways that are not obvious, as in this story. Sometimes, like the disciples, we don't even know until we have been blessed, that it was the Lord that came to us and filled our needs.

Sometimes it's not until the bills have miraculously been paid, or you've received the grace to make it through another day, or an adversary has had a sudden turn of attitude that you realise it was the Lord all along.

Let's be ready to be surprised by God in all things. When God ceases to surprise us, then that may be the moment we have ceased to do business with him.

This summer, Jesus says "Come and eat breakfast. Break your fast from me and eat your Daily Bread. Come to me, follow me and you will find life, you will thrive and flourish". Who can resist an invitation like this? It smells and tastes pretty good to me!

**Rachael Warnock**

## Our Grandfather kept a garden

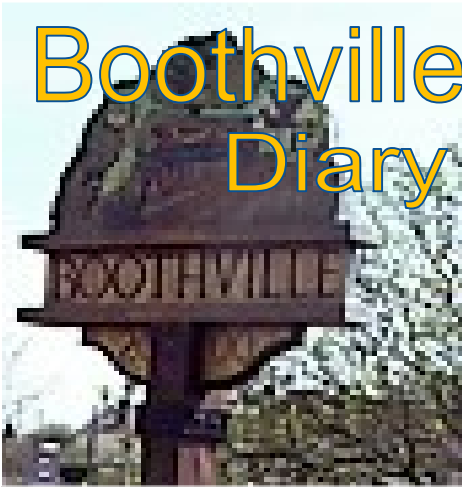
*Our Grandfather kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart;  
He planted all the good things,  
That gave our lives their start.  
He turned us to the sunshine  
And encouraged us to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.*

*And then the winds and rain came,  
He protected us enough;  
But not too much because he knew  
We would stand up strong and tough.  
His constant good example,  
Always taught us right from wrong;  
Markers for our pathway that will last a lifetime long.*

*We are our Grandfather's garden, We are his legacy.*

Thank you Grandfather, we love you.  
Read by Andi and Chloe Maddocks





# Boothville Diary

In the last couple of months two members of our congregation have decided to officially become members of the Emmanuel Group.

**Pauline** is a regular church goer who has recently moved to Northampton to be near her family. As Boothville Church was close by, she decided to come along. She said that the thing that struck her most was that it was obviously a very caring church. It is so good for us to be told this. Pauline has now transferred her membership.



**Pauline and Julie**

**Mary Langley writes**

For many years Boothville has supported Christian Aid Week. About 2 or 3 months before the date we start collecting our 20p's. This year we had over £96 in our pot. With other generous donations we were able to send £681.60 to Christian Aid. Thanks to all concerned.

**Julie is Barbara Kent's daughter.** Barbara, who died in 2002 was a long standing member of Boothville Community Church. Julie always came to Boothville with her mum on occasions such as Christmas and Mothering Sunday. Before Barbara died one of her last wishes was that Julie should attend church. Initially Julie came occasionally but gradually joined us more often. She now attends regularly and has decided that she would like to join the Emmanuel Group.



**Jenny Kathy Carole Jean Dorothy**

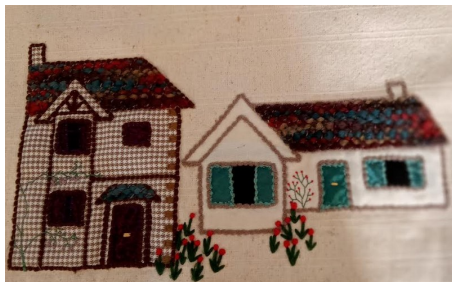
It has been mentioned before that many of the Boothville congregation do not just meet on a Sunday but also attend various social groups in the week. This year five of the congregation decided to book a holiday to Bournemouth together. Some of the group knew each other previously but others only got to know each other through attending Boothville Church. There is talk of another holiday in September!

## On 23rd June Chris Pearson celebrated 40 years in the ministry.

Chris led the morning service at Boothville and Fiona Potter was invited to preach. Fiona has been to Boothville on a few occasions but it was the first time to preach. It was good to see her and hopefully she will come again. For the afternoon celebration at Emmanuel Church, Chris took the Boothville altar cloth with him. The cloth which was made by Mary Garbutt, who some of you will remember, focuses on Community which Chris said at the celebration was an important part of his ministry. Mary herself left us some years ago to train for full time ministry.

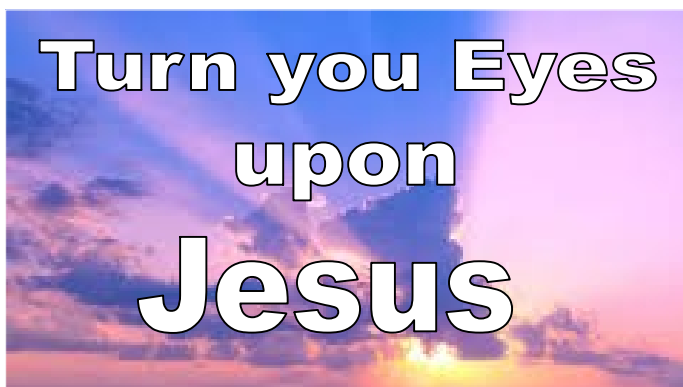


HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE EMBROIDERY ON THE ALTAR CLOTH



THE ALTAR CLOTH

**The Boothville Community Choir** held their summer concert on 7th July. It had an Olympic theme and the money raised went to support those who live with the effects of Sickle Cell. £622 was raised. Well done everyone.



## ‘There’s light for a look at the Saviour’

*O soul are you weary and troubled. No light in the darkness you see..*

Sometimes we may lose our confidence in God’s faithfulness; perhaps even question his existence. This may happen at a time when we’ve lost someone who we loved dearly, or when life’s problems are just too hard for us to bear. The world around us seems to be in turmoil and we fear for the future.

We may ask why? What is the meaning of it all? Those are the times when we have forgotten to keep looking at Jesus.

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."*

Jesus promised us: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

Jesus is always with us. If we keep our eyes fixed on him, life’s troubles and fears will fade in the light of his glory and grace.

Hebrews 12:2:

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning it’s shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

He can turn our weariness and trouble into peace and joy.



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*Kevin Potter (Treasurer)*



# The Gifts that God gives us

At the beginning of every Sunday over the past few months, at Rectory Farm we ask. "What had God been doing for you this week"? There are some interesting answers, from giving thanks for financial provision, a conversation with a colleague, good weather, recovery from illness, safe journeys and travel or unexpected blessings.

So one theme from "What is the Church", has focused on a United Community. The reading from 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31 looked at diversity and unity in the gifts of the Spirit, which are given by God to the whole church to benefit all of us. Paul gives the illustration of the Body working in harmony, to build one another up in faith and unity. In verse 28 there are specific gifts given by the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Message version listed Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Miracle workers, Healers, Helpers, Organisers and those who pray in tongues. The Living Bible says instead of Organisers "Those who can get others to work together

As part of the service, I asked those who were there to write down, on cut out shapes of people, the gifts they felt the church has (I asked for not just spiritual gifts but to include other gifts as well). And, having done that, to write down the gifts that we did not appear to have in the church community on a piece of paper, and then to stick them on the Church outline as shown below.



The variety of gifts listed were : observing, encouragement, administration, hospitality, speaking the word, praying,

intercession, bakers, cooks, chefs, teaching, being helpful. Those we felt were missing were, healing, miracles (x 3), praying in tongues, prophesy (x3) peacemakers, visionaries. At the end of the service, we prayed over the themes and asked God to provide these gifts.

The next evening at the Monday prayer group, someone shared with us, that the week before they had been asked to pray for someone in hospital, as the prognosis was not hopeful. A few people prayed and within a few days the individual had recovered well. The Dr described it as a "miracle". The power of prayer is great indeed.

That took my thoughts back to the story I had shared at the beginning of the previous day's service in answer to the question "What had God been doing for us this week"?

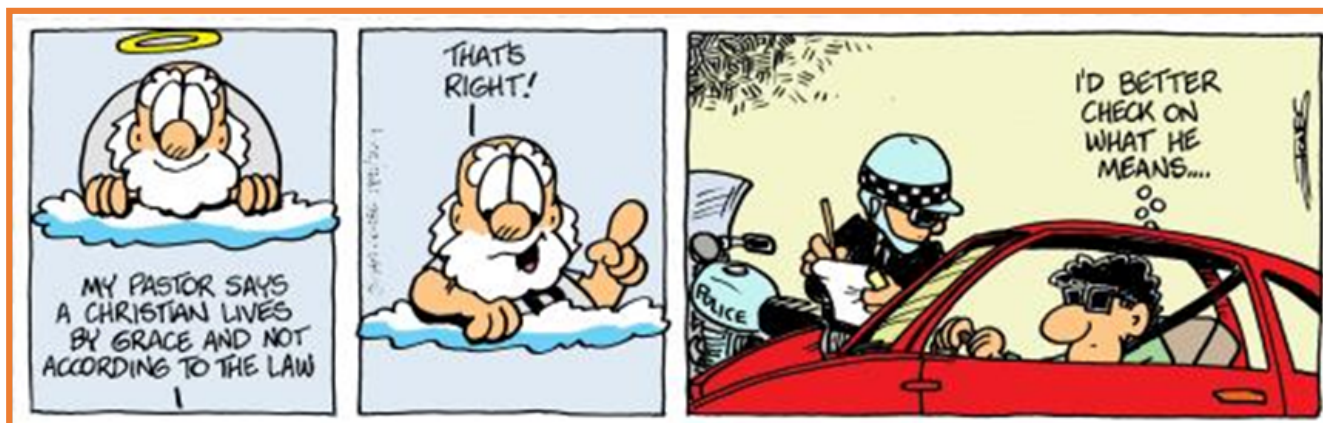
I had been "prompted in thought" to go and visit my aunt who is in a care home and, due to a family disagreement, I have not seen for 25 years. During the visit my aunt was asleep and we didn't want to wake her. However, her social worker arrived to see her and woke her. My aunt recognised me and we talked for over half an hour.

Thinking about this later in the evening. Was that not a miracle in itself and a God - incidence together? So the question is, how do we know each other's gifting? How do we grow to become the body of Christ? How can we share the gifts God gifted us with?

Perhaps like Krissy and Pat who shared their Spring Harvest holiday, or sitting with a cup of coffee and having a chat; being part of a house group; praying for each other?

I think there will be an opportunity in September, when we are going to get together and share as the Emmanuel group. So let's take the opportunity now, to pray over what gifts we have, what we want to share and what we can offer to the Body of Christ.

Fiona Potter





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For more information contact Hanna: 07467589519  
or Natalia: [Natalia.antipina@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Natalia.antipina@westnorthants.gov.uk)

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Teresa has been a volunteer driver, supporting elderly & disabled people in her community, for 4 years.



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# Not just a Cafe..

## Memory Café meets every Monday 1.15pm to 2.30pm at Café Emm

All our activities are geared for people with memory loss. These include art, games, quizzes, memory trays etc. It is also a way for carers to support each other and make new friends.

Until recently we had 24 members



who came regularly but three people have gone into full time care and our numbers have dropped to about 18.



However, in the next couple of weeks a couple of people have made appointments to come and see us.



## Singing for the Soul on Tuesdays

at Café Emm

1.15pm - 2.30pm

This is a singing group for adults. Between 25 and 35 of us meet every Tuesday. The group is for anyone who enjoys singing. You don't need to be a great singer, it's just for fun!



## Games Group

**Mondays**

10am to 12noon at Cafe Emm  
We meet every Monday and play cards and board games.

There's usually 8 to 12 in the group but we have plenty of room for more, so...

come and join us!



**Cafe Emm**

**OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY  
10.00—14.00**

## Friendship Table

**Tuesdays**

10.30 to 11.30am at Café Emm  
A friendship table in Café Emm for anyone who wants to have a chat and meet new people or old friends over a cuppa.

There's usually between 6 and 12 people. No worries, tho' we can always take over another table!

**For more information about any of these groups contact: Anna Austin  
Cafe Emm's Community Support Worker**

**Tel:01604 402150 or email: [Anna.austin@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Anna.austin@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com)**



# Lots happening!

## Family Tots Group

We are a warm and friendly group, 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.

## Grow, Cook and Eat with us

Bellinge Community House  
Fieldmill Square Fieldmill Road Bellinge NN3 9AQ  
10 - 12.30pm every Tuesday

Come and join Gem who will be cooking healthy delights  
Lynne will be outside gardening

We will then join to eat lunch together  
**For more information phone Gem on 07812 508711**



## Tots on tour at Hamerton Zoo

On Wednesday 3rd July 2024, we took a 70-seater coach full of tots, family and friends to Hamerton Zoo.

We were very fortunate to be able to offer this at a much-reduced rate and Café Emm gave each child a packed lunch.

The weather on the run up was not looking good, and as we stood waiting for the coach, we got a little damp. But as we

arrived, the rain stopped and we were lucky, as it stayed dry.

The children had a great time with all the animals coming out to say hello, the most popular animals seemed to be the tigers, sloths and giant tortoise.

On the way home we had a lot of excited children all talking about their day. But after a while the bus went quiet with some very sleepy children.



Gem

Gemma Broadhead (Community Worker) 07812 508711 gemma.broadhead@emmanuelgroup.org.uk



House groups are key for pastoral support, fellowship, mission and discipleship.

We recommend everyone to join one.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, talk to a house group leader or Rachael Warnock

Leader	Day & Time	Location
Gill Hill:	Friday Afternoon	Emmanuel Church
* Mary Langley:	2pm on Monday wkly	Dell Crescent, <u>Overstone Lodge</u>
Precious Luke:	Wednesday 7.30pm	<u>Ashley Way, Westone</u>
John Weaver:	Wednesday 7.30pm	<u>Lindifarne, Billing park</u>
<u>Meriel Mears:</u>	Thursday 1:30pm	<u>Thorplands</u>
* Liz Bateman	Wednesday 7:30pm	<u>Sywell</u>

\* Dell Crescent usually meets weekly, depending on availability.

No meetings during August at Sywell



# How we learn from our children

The children have been working on a mural based on the Emmanuel logo during our latest sermon series.

The cross reminds us that as Christians we care for each other and others, we gather and we forgive other.

The sunbeams reflect Gods holiness and we have left items of value at the base of the cross as an act of worship.

The hands at the bottom of the logo tell us that we encourage others and the cups remind us that God works through our brokenness. He does not expect us to be a perfect community.

The mural will continue to develop as the sermon series continues and the children help the adults remember what we have learnt as adults through the sermons on a Sunday.

Krissie Kressey

## Women & Wine



**We meet together monthly, for our regular 'Women & Wine' gathering...**  
 (called *Women and Wine* but much more about food!)

It's a great time to catch up, have a good chat, enjoy each other's company, get to know one another better, have fun and a nice meal with no cooking or washing up!

All women welcome.

Women & Wine usually meets monthly on a Wednesday from 7pm at the Quays. You can get details of upcoming dates and join our Whatsapp group by contacting:

Revd Rachael Warnock.

[rachael.warnock@emmanuelgroup.org.uk](mailto:rachael.warnock@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you!



## Stewards and other Volunteers (Emmanuel Congregation)

Following the recent Emmanuel Congregational meeting and the question of potential training; we invite you to complete the following.

This is recommended but not compulsory.

Basic Awareness, Foundation and Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse can be completed via the National Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal. - <https://safeguardingtraining.cofepportal.org/>

If you haven't used this before you can register for an account and then complete your training online at a time to suit you. If you opt to take the course, please let me know when you have completed it.

Thank you for all you do!

Rachael, on behalf of the Ministry team



The mural - a work in progress

### Please note:

The next Emmanuel Congregational meeting will take place following the morning service on October 27th - not 6th as it says in the minutes of the last meeting.

We have had to change the date because it clashed with our harvest celebration.

**Liz Bateman**

### 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 Paul Foster for more information





# Celebration of Ministry



## Summer is Here



**Around eighty people gathered at Emmanuel on the afternoon of Sunday June 23rd to share in celebrating forty years since ordination for Chris Pearson.** It was a lovely service with guest preacher, the Ven. Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton. The focus was very much upon our wonderfully Faithful God who has enabled all these years and continues to call to ordained and lay ministry. The intercessions, led by Yvonne Desroches, included prayers for those shortly to be ordained at this season.

The service was led by Stewart Betts and the readings were given by Precious Luke and Rachael Warnock. A lovely anthem had been written by Chris' son Tom and was sung by a group from the family, and the music for the service was accompanied by The Rev'd Paul Lavender. We welcomed not only the local congregations, but also friends from a number of Chris' previous churches, plus family and friends from far and wide.

Following the service, there was a super afternoon tea served for all in Café Emm and we were tremendously grateful to Lucy and her wonderful team of volunteers who prepared it for us, coming in specially when the café would not normally be open.

Chris received many cards and gifts, including, from the Emmanuel Group, a very special DVD, a performance of Elgar's 'Dream of Gerontius', filmed back in 1968, a performance in which Chris took part in his days as a music student in London. Chris wants to express here his heartfelt thanks for this and for all the other many expressions of love and support.

Congratulations Chris. We thank God for your ministry among us. Long may it continue.

It's that time of the year when families are anticipating the School term finishing and children are doing a last little push before they get to take a break from the pressure of school life. All families are set up differently and whether you're a working family over the holidays, a stay at home parent or just a balance of term time break to be home with the kids. All children will get some sort of well earned rest over the summer holidays.

What does this summer have in store for you? I personally have a short break in Skegness and then major building work starting in my home at the end of the month, so before it's even started I know it's going to be filled up with all new experiences.

For the last 2 years Emmanuel's school team has had the pleasure of helping with, setting up and delivering transition workshops and reflective prayer spaces for year 6 students. It's a mix of quiet reflection, practical fun activities, big questions and just a peaceful and gentle way to support year 6 transition to year 7 after the summer.

Yvonne and I also held our very own reflective prayer space at Emmanuel Church for Billing Brook School. It was centred around Jesus' miracles and was an amazing example of how you can incorporate fun tasks and activities to convey a beautiful message of Jesus.

We had musical bumps, fish to catch, boats to make, homes to create, fizzy oil mixtures, bread tasting and sharing, playdoh men and a landscape to add all our creations to. It was simple, effective and completely immersive. I feel blessed and honoured to be a part of such wonderful work and work alongside such amazing people.



The Schools team does so much more than what I've mentioned and is growing too. I thank you God and pray that every child and adult going through any sort of change will know your presence and trust in your gentle guiding hand. As we share your word among your children may it be "A lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path."

I wish everyone a wonderful, spirit filled summer holiday, may it be everything and more you imagine to be.

**Samantha Lineham**



**We are open 10.00 – 2.00 Monday to Friday.**

**Café Emm continues to give a warm welcome to all who come in, whether it be for a hot dinner or just a cup of coffee and a rest and a chat. It is lovely to see new friendships being made and regulars chatting with each other. 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 £8.80 for two courses, or £6.50 for a main course. Fresh cooked dinners are served between 12.00 and 1.45. by our friendly cooks and volunteers. We also have Sunday Lunches from time to time. These have to be booked. Ask one of the staff in the cafe for forthcoming dates and prices.

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

The Coffee shop also provides hot food for F.I.S.H. (Fun & Food in School Holidays) This takes place at Blackthorn on Mondays and Rectory Farm on Tuesdays in school holidays. We provide 50+ children with a hot nutritious meal each time.

**It is with great sadness that we said a final goodbye to our long serving Treasurer, Mike Maddocks, when he passed to glory on 26th June.**

Mike had served as our treasurer for many years and was a great champion for Café Emm, regularly joining us for lunch and posting pictures of his meals on social media.

His family gave him a good send off in Church and afterwards in the Café with his favourite sausage rolls taking pride of place.

We are looking for a new treasurer to take his place and if anyone feel able, or knows anyone who has accounting skills, please talk to Lucy Sone, our manager or Kevin Potter our chairman.

**Anna Austin is our Community Support Worker for Café Emm. And runs several groups**

**Monday games sessions**

In Café Emm on Mondays at 10.00.

**The memory café on Monday afternoon and 'Singing for the soul' on Tuesday afternoon.**

See more details of these groups on page 8 of BERT,

Lucy Sone is Café Emm Manager.

[office@CafeEmmonmicrosoft.com](mailto:office@CafeEmmonmicrosoft.com)

**Come and join us!**

We are looking for new volunteers to help with our work. We are especially looking for a cake maker(s) who can come in for a few hours one day each week to make delicious homemade cakes. We also are happy to offer training to use our till. This is a good skill to have and would suit young people with time to spare, especially in the school holidays.

Speak with Lucy, or one of the staff if you are interested in joining us or want any further information.

If you have not been into Café Emm before do give us a try. We are open Monday to Friday 10.00 – 2.00pm Monthly Sunday lunches must be booked and afternoon teas are by arrangement

*Maureen Timms, Trustee.*

**Bring your little ones  
- there's a play area too!**



**Cafe Emm  
More than just a Cafe..**

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 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.



**We pray for our newly elected leaders** and government officials. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a spirit of service as they undertake their duties. May they be guided by a commitment to the common good, justice, and the welfare of all. May they govern with compassion, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility towards the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society.

**We pray for all who don't believe.** Let us be a source of your light. Help us to lead people to you. Father God, we pray for the world to know you; that 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2: 10 - 11)

**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.

**Dear God, You are a God of justice.** We pray for justice and redemption in this world. We ask that you help us to know what is wrong and what is right. Provide peace and hope to those who are suffering from injustice. Show them that you are there, and how much you care for them and that you will make all things right. We pray for a world full of love and compassion.

**We pray for our local community:** that we may be good neighbours to each other. May we love each other in the same way that you have loved us.

**Father we know that you have whole world in your hands** You are in all things, from the largest whale to the tiniest creature. From the tallest tree to the smallest seed. Help us, we pray, to care for all life and for your beautiful creation.

**We thank you for all of our clergy and leaders.** Help them to be strong with your strength. May they be filled with your holy spirit. Protect them from harm. Keep them healthy. May they inspire us and lead us with integrity. May they find great joy in their ministry together and be united in your love. Thank you for blessing our church family with their leadership.

**Give thanks for Northampton Street Pastors:**

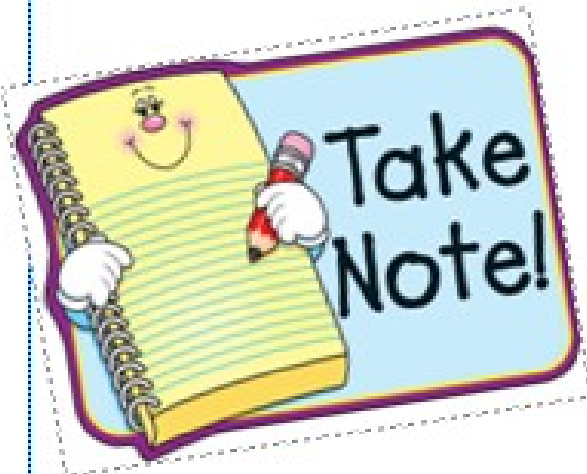
Continue to pray for protection for the patrols out on Saturday nights and give thanks for the Prayer Pastors who support them so faithfully.

We pray for our children and their teachers during the summer holiday. May they all be refreshed and energised for the year ahead. We thank you for our schools and and we pray that they will be a place of safety, peace and happiness.

**We pray all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus**

**We pray for our group of churches,** that we will boldly share the gospel of Jesus. And that we will worship God in spirit and in truth

*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

Emmanuel Coffee Shop a.k.a. Café Emm, is part of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

To find out more about our project and choose us as your cause visit: [membership.coop.co.uk/causes/70035](https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/70035) then swipe you card whenever you shop.

Using the app on you phone is easy and it will remember your cause.

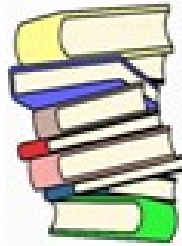
This applies to all Co-op stores with the blue logo (NOT GREEN!) anywhere in the country. In Northampton it's these locations: *Bushland Road, Semilong, Bellinge, Birchfield Road, Upton Place, Olden Road, Old Duston, Barry Road, Pineham, Wootton Fields*



Café Emm

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

# 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. |

## A Day Trip to Bressingham Steam Museum & Gardens

on  
Thursday September 12th 2024  
Tickets - £21.00

Tickets include a seat on the coach, rides on the small steam trains, rides on the galloping horses and admission to Dad's Army Museum. There are lovely gardens to explore, a Large Garden Centre and a restaurant. The Coach will leave The Arbury Road Community Club, off Blackthorn Road at 8.30am

To book a seat speak to Kathy Norris on  
07923017619



## Coffee Morning

Every Thursday at Blackthorn  
(10.30-12.00)

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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### 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. We couldn't do it without your support. 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

**SAVE THIS DATE**  
**21ST SEPTEMBER !**

An 'Away Day' for everyone is planned  
 at Grendon Hall.

Arrive at 10am for tea and coffee.

Start at 10:30am and finish at 3pm.

The cost will be £10

This includes lunch and the use of the facilities.

Booking and other details will be available soon.

# SERVICES IN AUGUST 2024

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
4th	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Mornig Worship Precious Luke	Rachael Warnock and Keith H D	Weds 7th Kris Hatherly	
11th	All together Summer Cafe Church Rachael Warnock	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 14th Yvonne Desroches	
18th	Morning Worship Stewart Betts and James Fearnley	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock	Fiona Potter	Weds 21st Stewart Betts	
25th	Morning Worship Stewart Betts	Communion Chris Pearson	RFCC CLOSED FOR THE DAY Communion Service at Greenbelt	Weds 28th Chris Pearson	

# SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 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
1st	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Precious Luke	To be confirmed	Weds 4th Stewart Betts	
8th	All Together Service Stewart Betts and Fiona Potter	Communion Yvonne Desroches	To be confirmed	Weds 11th Yvonne Desroches	
15th	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Jo Pearson	To be confirmed	Weds 18th Kris Hatherly	
22nd	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches and Samuel Uzomah	Communion Chris Pearson	To be confirmed	Weds 25th Chris Pearson	
29th	Reflective Worship Stewart Betts and James Fearnley	Communion Rachael Warnock	To be confirmed	Weds 2nd Oct Stewart Betts	

please visit our website for more information  
[www.emmgroup.org.uk](http://www.emmgroup.org.uk)