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BOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES

Embracing every Season.



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Life is much like nature. As each season unfolds it brings different rhythms and carries its own unique challenges, opportunities and new beginnings. For Christians these seasons are more than just phases of life; they are part of a spiritual journey designed by God to shape, refine and draw us closer to him.

'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven' Ecclesiastes 3:1

Understanding these seasons and embracing them with faith, can lead to profound growth and a deeper intimacy with God.

Each season in the Christian life has its purpose, and all seasons hold a place of value for our ongoing journey with God. We are well and truly now into the season of autumn; it is often a season that brings change, as well as a time to enjoy the harvest.

As the leaves begin to fall it symbolises the shredding of old habits, attitudes and behaviours. The season can be challenging as it often involves letting go of the things that we once held dear. There is a beautiful song, dear to my heart (All I once held dear, built my life upon, knowing you Jesus, Knowing you.) It's a time of preparing and tidying up to prepare for new growth in the spring. However, it is also a time of harvest where previous hard work and seasons of labour bring fruits.

In the Emmanuel Group, we are also in a new season of adventure, as we excitedly explore together the goodness of the harvest, that our sermon series 'Holy Habits' will bring. We learn a lot from the habits we practice as they shape and form us. 'Holy Habits' are a way of life, eating together, talking together, praying together and all things in between.

Through both the seasons and 'Holy Habits' we are invited to explore and engage deeply with our faith. Christ invites us to walk and live an abundant life. 'Holy habits' nurture our learning and growing as we are encouraged to follow rhythms of life. These cultivate new ways of living, that in turn help deepen our spiritual journey, our walk with

Christ. Whether it is a time of joy and growth or a period of testing and waiting God is faithfully working to shape us in the image of his Son Jesus.

Understanding the seasons helps us to trust God's timing and his work in our whole lives, our homes, places of work, in our leisure and in our relationships. We can embrace each season with faith knowing that God is in every moment, whether joyous or challenging and he is part of a perfect plan for us.

In every season the key is to remain rooted in Christ and feed on the fruits of the harvest. Jesus said, "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly"

May we embrace the adventure of the seasons and live as people who are invited to receive all that a gracious and ever-loving God is pouring upon us, trusting in his love and in his faithfulness. Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." As we do, we will see that just as the natural seasons change, so too will our circumstances, always leading us closer to the heart of God, and to his eternal purposes.

'Knowing you Jesus, Knowing you, there is no greater thing',

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Sending Every Blessing, as you embrace every season knowing that God is with you.

Yvonne



Alpha is group for people exploring the Christian Faith....
....and it is coming to Emmanuel Group of Churches @ Rectory Farm from the 12th January 2025

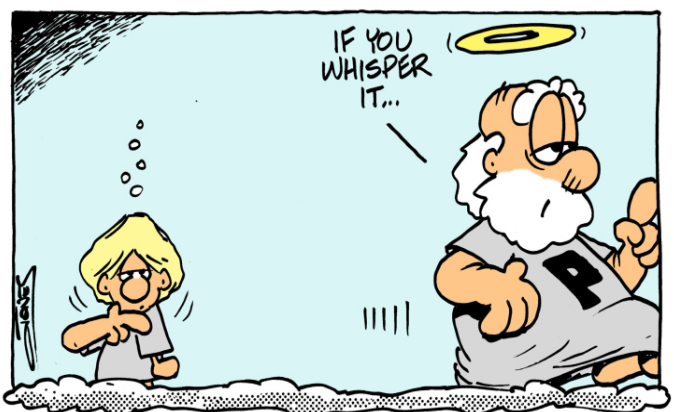
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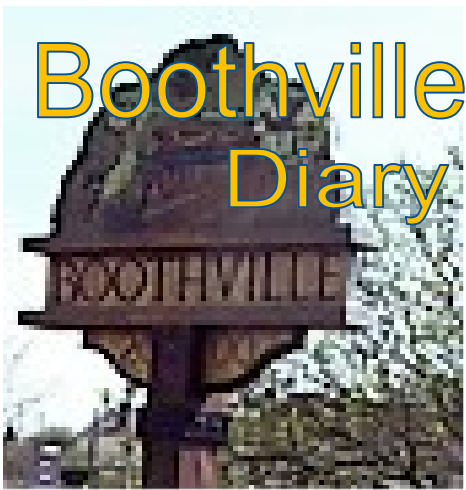
Pray - Is God putting someone on your heart you could invite?

Pray for the course and those leading and attending.

Perhaps??? you may be interested in coming along.

More Details to follow!!





We have been enjoying the sermon series related to 'What is Church?'

Some have taken the hand-outs home to use for private study and others have used them for discussion in House Groups.

It has been good to see more of Rachael in recent months. We saw very little of her before and it is good to have the clergy spread equally between the congregations.

Mary Langley writes

The Northamptonshire historic churches Ride and Stride took place on Sat 14th September. This takes place each year in September and anyone can take part. Riders or walkers gather sponsors and set off to visit as many churches as they choose. The sponsorship money is sent off to the trust which, in turn, sends one half of the money back to the rider's church.

Boothville church has supported this for many years.

John Weaver has been taking part for over 30 years! In the early days his daughters accompanied him. Geoffrey Herbert also used to take part and I am sure there were others.

Through generous donations John has been able to send between £120 and £200 each year; half of which comes back to us. John has once again been pedalling this year and is now busy seeking out his sponsors!

The trust gives out grants to assist with repairs and improvements. Emmanuel is hardly an old church, although we are 50 years old this year! However, the trust was happy to give us £3000 towards the sports hall roof when we were seeking funds. Obviously there are no grants if you don't take part! Well done John. Keep pedalling!

I am sure there are others who ride a bike who are a bit younger than some of our Boothville congregation. Perhaps you could take part next year and raise a bit more money for the church as well as getting the exercise and enjoying the country side.



Why not join John on next year's 'Ride & Stride'



Rachael Warnock leading a Sunday morning service.

We were pleased to welcome the Lucas family to our service at the end of August. Pippa is Chris and Jo Pearson's daughter and with her husband Stuart has been working abroad for a number of years. Their two boys Michael and Toby have attended school where they live, and some of you may know that their education has been supported by the Emmanuel Group. Pippa and Stuart were able to tell us about some of the positive effects that colleagues and others have had in their society. Pippa and Stuart are on a six months' sabbatical seeking where God is leading them when they return home. Their oldest boy Michael is remaining in England on his own for a year's work placement before attending university in the UK. We continue to pray for him and all the family.



Some members of our congregation have been thinking about the number of Christian books they have at home that might be of interest to others. We are hoping to set up a book corner or similar so that books can be borrowed and returned at a later date.

Farewell to Boothville Housegroup



Our Housegroup has been going for 16 plus years (we think). It was originally led by Vin and Bob Alderman and we met at Maxine Hill's House. Later on I took over the leadership but Vin and Bob stayed as members. Vin and Bob have also hosted the Housegroup at times. In recent years Maureen and Grant have been our hosts and we have had a regular attendance of 6 people.

With myself stepping down from responsibilities at Emmanuel the group felt it was naturally time to stop as 3 members no longer attend Emmanuel. We have had many years of fellowship and friendship and this will continue despite not meeting formally as a Housegroup.



We had a last family BBQ over the summer.



WORSHIP THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS...
COME BEFORE HIM
WITH JOYFUL SONGS!
(PSALM 100:2)



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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 donate to, 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 (Treasurer)

Turn, Turn, Turn

Back in the 1960's, my Saturday afternoons were often spent with a couple of school friends, listening to the current hit records of the day.

We played the latest songs by the Searchers, Hollies, Beach Boys and Roy Orbison (amongst others), while enacting our own version of "Juke Box Jury"!

One record that we seemed to play quite a lot was by an American group, The Byrds, and it eventually reached the dizzy heights of number 26 in the UK charts of October 1965. "So what has this to do with the Bible", I hear you ask.

Back then, single records were made of vinyl and spun on a turntable at 45 revolutions per minute. Labels were stuck in the centre, showing the name of the song and the record company, as well as details of the composers and performers. What struck me about this particular label was that, just below the name of the song, was printed, "Words from the Book of Ecclesiastes".

When I returned home, I checked the passage in my King James Bible and sure enough, apart from a couple of lines and a few slight changes to fit the metre of the tune, the lyrics were virtually identical to the passage in my Bible.

The song was "Turn! Turn! Turn!" and the writer who adapted the Bible passage was the American folk-singer and songwriter, Pete Seeger. Since the Byrds took it into the charts, the song has been recorded by many other artists over the years, but for me the definitive version will always be the recording by the Byrds, with Roger McGuinn's jangly guitar sound, that resonated around my friend's front room all those years ago.

Reading the Bible passage many times over has made me realise that God does have a plan for our lives and that "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

Alan Rickards (with permission)

GOD SAW
everything
that he had made,
and it was very Good
Genesis 1:31

The sunrise is so consistent that we take it for granted, but few things are as miraculous as the celestial dance that takes place on a daily basis.

The earth spins on its axis at 1,000mph at the equator and, while it is rotating through 360deg every 24 hours, it is also hurtling through space at an unimaginable speed of 67,000mph. You might not have any big plans for today as you're reading this, but you will travel 1,600,000 miles in your annual lap around the sun. Quite an accomplishment. So, take time to wonder and to thank God.

This reflection was taken from the quarterly booklet "UCB Word for Today" which has a thought for every day. You can [get free issues](#) from the publishers:

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Killer Kale?

Pastor Andrews' wife called and asked him to pick up some organic kale for that night's dinner on his way home. He arrived at the store and began to search all over for organic kale before finally asking the produce clerk where he might find some.

The young clerk seemed confused by the pastor's request, so the Pastor said: "Look, this kale is for my wife. All I need to know is whether it's been sprayed with poisonous chemicals."

The visibly horrified clerk replied, "No, Reverend, you will have to do that yourself."



At Emmanuel Church Ground Floor

**FOODBANK IS OPEN ON
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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 Mon-
day - Friday 10.00 -14.00 If you
take your food donation to Tesco
they will add another 20%**

If you have already donated food or given financially to foodbank, or volunteered to help, we thank you for your support

We are looking for packers, stockroom help 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

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Mon 9 -12.30, Tues 9 - 3pm, Weds & Fri 9 - 2pm
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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 Emmanuel Church/foodbank website:

www.emmgroupp.org.uk

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

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

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Ukrainian hub

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Calling all Ukrainian families and sponsors
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- *Help with school places, GP registration, benefits
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3 - 5pm
For more information call **01603 467589519**
or Natalia: Natalia.antipina@westnorthants.gov.uk

Can you spare a few hours in November?

(not as far away as you might think!)

We are currently organising our *Winter Collection* which involves handing out shopping lists and rattling collection tins at Tesco stores in Weston Favell and Mereway.

In the past, this event has had a positive impact on food donations, and the finances to buy in necessary items to fill the gaps, much needed in the run up to Christmas and beyond.

The dates for this years collection are:

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November, 10am - 2pm.

If you can offer a couple of hours or more to help on either or both of those days please contact Denise: denise.kennedy@emmanuelgroup.org.uk

Items Food Bank particularly would like this month are:
CURRY or PASTA SAUCE, TINNED FISH, PUDDINGS (custard, rice pudding, tinned fruit etc.) **TINNED FRUIT, UHT MILK, TINNED MEAT**
Donations can be dropped off at any time when the church office is open, or if you are are shopping at Tesco they have a drop off point too.

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REGULAR GIVING

If you give regularly to the work of The Emmanuel Group, please consider giving via the envelope scheme and, if you pay income tax... 'Gift-aid' it so that we can claim tax back, maximising your gift.

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

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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.



at cafe emm

Games Group Mondays

10am to 12noon at Cafe Emm
We play cards and board games. There's usually 8 to 12 of us but there's plenty of room for more, so... come and join us!

Friendship Table on Tuesdays

10.30 to 11.30am at Café Emm
Have a chat and meet new people or old friends over a cuppa.



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!

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

Unlearning

'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge' (Hosea 4:6 NKJV)

Failing to unlearn irrational fears and misconceptions keeps us from becoming who God wants us to be. The invalid man in John 5 is a great example of this. He had been disabled for 38 years when Jesus asked if he would like to get well. However, the man believed there was only one way to be healed: 'I have no man to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me' (John 5:7 NKJV). This man assumed something that may have cost him 38 years! He thought that, in order to be healed, he had to be the first person into the pool of Bethesda when an angel stirred the water. In a sense, he was imprisoned by that thought. But Jesus uninstalled that inaccurate belief with one sentence: 'Take up your bed and walk' (v. 11 NKJV). Jesus set this man free physically, and he set him free cognitively. Faith is unlearning the senseless worries and misguided beliefs that keep us captive. And that's what we do while we study Scripture. We literally upgrade our minds by a download of the mind of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 2:16). Unlearning something is twice as hard as learning it. Why? Because every mile you go in the wrong direction is really a two-mile error as you have to double back to get to where you need to be. Getting old thoughts out of your mind is harder than getting new thoughts into it. But it's worth it. So, take time each day to renew your mind with God's Word.

An excerpt from The Word for Today, free copies of which may be obtained from: United Christian Broadcasters Ltd, Westport Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF UK and Republic of Ireland only

Northampton's historic Market Square – GRAND RE-OPENING

There was a grand opening of Northampton's re-furbished Market Square on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 of October with live music and events plus the very best of local food and drink to celebrate this milestone event in the town's history.

There will be a range of different traders at the market each day, so if you haven't already done so, do visit the market to see first-hand the goods and services on offer.

Jeremiah 29:7

Pray to the Lord on behalf of the city, where I have placed you for in its welfare, you will find your welfare."

It is good for us to seek the welfare and to pray for Specifically, the welfare of the city, the county and country where we find ourselves living.

Give thanks for the Street Pastors who work on the Streets of Northampton every Weekend, looking after the welfare of young people who find themselves in difficulties during their big night out.

Pray for protection for them and for the safety of the Street Pastors.

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



Women & Wine



We meet together monthly, for our regular 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 and have fun and a nice meal with no cooking or washing up!



All women welcome.

We usually meet 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

We look forward to seeing you!

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FRIDAYS - FORTNIGHTLY
IN TERM TIME
- NEXT MEET: 27/09/24
10 - 11.15 AM

If you're local to Thorplands we could love to see you! If you're not local and would like to pop along, please do.



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	Venue
Gill Hill:	Friday, 2pm	Prayer Room-Emmanuel Office
Mary Langley:	Monday, 2pm, weekly	Dell Crescent, <u>Overstone</u> Lodge
Precious Luke:	Wednesday, 7.30pm	Ashley Way, <u>Westone</u>
John Weaver:	Wednesday, 3.30pm	<u>Lindisfarne</u> , Billing park
Meriel Mears:	Thursday, 1:30pm	<u>Thorplands</u>
Liz Bateman	Wednesday, 7:30pm	<u>Sywell</u>

*Dell Cescent meets weekly, depending on availability.



Team of the week

During services with the Emmanuel congregation, we have been celebrating and praying for the many and diverse teams of volunteers which serve on a Sunday and otherwise.

Just a few such teams include; those who serve refreshments, do PA and set out the chairs. Others include those who serve in the office, on the finance team, the Ministry team and those who serve in the community at FISH, on the schools team and at Thorplands Hub.

We value and appreciate all our teams of volunteers in the Emmanuel Group of Churches. Volunteers are so important and impact on how the church community functions. We all contribute something valuable and worthwhile to the body of the church.

If you feel called to joining one of our teams or would like to know more, we would love to hear from you.

Rachael

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.cofeportal.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 Children's Table

On all but the 2nd Sunday of the month we have a children's table at Emmanuel. This is a volunteer run provision, always happy to accept new volunteers. On the table is at least one activity that ties into the service. Often but not always, the activity is creative. There are plain paper, pens and pencils that the children can use as they choose and sometimes Lego or other construction activities, flags or instruments. You might ask why we have a children's table? How are decisions made over what happens at it? What have we done recently? What are we doing next?

In a time of limited resources, the children's table is allowing children's work to continue and by being within the service the children remain part of the main congregation. This was well demonstrated in our last series. Can you remember what we talked about in our community series? Or like me can you not remember all those carefully planned titles? If not, don't worry, the children have created a mural to remind you.



The printed eyes, speech bubbles and hearts show we care by seeing, responding and speaking out. The hands show we encourage, reaching out to bless others. The sunbeams show we are holy, shining out and reflecting God's holiness. The items at the bottom of the cross, are left there to show we

worship by giving to God even when it is tough.

The pink paper chains show we gather, supporting each other and others and sharing our faith. The cups remind us that God shines through our brokenness, when we let Him. The repaired hearts remind us that we forgive each other as we have been forgiven. The scrolls are there because we learn together from the bible. The border shows that we are creative, inspired by God's creation. The crowns demonstrate we are a Kingdom community and finally the paper planes complete the mural as we are a sent community taking Jesus' story to others outside of Emmanuel.

So, what is next? Our new series is about Holy Habits and on the children's table we will be thinking about building those habits, so each week the children will have the opportunity to complete a journal page, make a Taylor Swift style bracelet with the Habit name on and take on a building challenge like cup stacking or spaghetti towers to reinforce the idea that we are putting habits together as we explore and grow our faith.

Krissie Cressey

Please note:

The next Emmanuel Congregational meeting will take place following the morning service on October 27th - *not* the 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

Running the Amazing Northampton Half Marathon

Have you ever made a decision to do something and not know where to start?

Well, that was me at the beginning of 2024.

The back story to me running the Amazing Northampton Half Marathon is that our daughter, Sarah, had a charity place to run the London Marathon and in true "mum support mode" I said I would support her by training with her... Little did I know the time, effort and mind-set that was required to run a marathon?



We head out on dark nights in the wind, rain and cold, plodding the roads around where we lived. I learnt to "Fuel up" that is eating while running to keep energy levels up and drink water, which was difficult as I can't drink and walk at the same time, let alone drink and run! We bought trainers to prevent knee injuries, good socks to prevent blisters and the like and went out when I really did not feel like running.

Sarah successfully ran the London Marathon in 5hours 23 mins; an epic effort. But this left me thinking, I've done all this training, what am I going to do with it?

I could have done nothing, however for my 65th birthday year I had set myself a target to do 65 new things, and so, you've guessed it, as I've never run a Half Marathon - I signed up!

I got a coach to give me some hints and tips. I ran when I was meant to run and got up early to avoid the heat, which I struggle with. I enjoyed the scenery, the birds singing and the sunshine.



The course of the Northampton Half Marathon

I prayed for people as I ran; I talked to God about situations that were troubling me and I learnt to pace myself for the long run. Running 5k, (3.1 miles) is very different to running 21 k (13.5 miles)

My legs did not like some of the long distances, my hip was not always happy, so physio and sports massage appointments were required.

Two weeks before the run, I decided to raise funds for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice Charity, as there were news stories of funding issues.

Mike Maddocks, Cathy Rogers, and my friend's husband have all died from cancer this year and the support that hospices give to patients, families and friends is phenomenal.

The day of the run dawned, it wasn't going to be too hot - good! And I had done all the preparation work. The run ask for the runners to donate their jackets, hoodies etc. for the Hope Centre as well, so it truly is a local charity fundraising event.

The bands, marshals, people cheering, Haribo sweets, and caffeine gels all helped me along. By the time I hit Derngate (which is a hill) I wanted to walk, but Sarah made me run. Up Spencer Parade, another hill, into the final run along St Giles Street to the finish where some of my gym buddies had stayed behind to cheer me and Sarah in, what a joy. Hurray!

What I have learnt, which can also help with a spiritual perspective

1. Try something new, whatever your age.
2. Movement is a privilege (My gym owner says this all the time).
3. If I don't know how to do something ask someone who does.
4. Get someone to join you, its better when more than one joins in.
5. Keep going, when you don't feel like keeping going, you will get there.
6. Do something for someone less fortunate to give you additional motivation.
7. I raised £260 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice. A great sum.

Now for the next challenge!

Anyone up for a Walking group?

Thank you everyone who sponsored me. I did the half marathon in 2.42 on what was a warmer day than expected.

Fiona Potter - Rectory Farm Community Church



Café Emm

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.

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. Freshly 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.

Anna Austin is the Community Support Worker at Café Emm

and runs several groups..

Monday Board-Games Sessions

In Café Emm on Mondays from 10.00am

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

For more information speak to

Lucy Sone Café Emm Manager.

office@CafeEmmonmicrosoft.com

Would you like to volunteer at Café Emm?

We are looking for a Volunteer Cook & Volunteer Cake Makers Hours to suit you! Please talk to Lucy, Café Manager or email:

Office@cafeemm.onmicrosoft.com

We are also looking for more trustees and in particular a

new treasurer. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, or has accounting skills, please talk with Lucy Sone, our manager or Kevin Potter our chairman email on

kevin.potter@emmanuelgroup.org.uk



To book Sunday Lunch with us. Speak to Lucy Stone in Cafe Emm or phone: 01604 402150

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

Thank you for your support.

Your little ones are welcome too, we have a play area and special food packs for them



*Kids Lunch
Choice of a
+ Ham/chees
Pombean
Yoghurt pot
Also a cup of
+ Blackcurrant
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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.



Prayers for peace in the Holy Land

Two peoples, one land,
Three faiths, one root,
One earth, one mother,
One sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny,
One broken heart, One God.

We pray to You: Grant us a vision of unity.

May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.

May you, Life of All the Worlds, Source of All Amazing Differences, help us to see clearly.

Guide us gently and firmly toward each other, toward peace. Amen

By Rabbi Sheila Weinberg

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world, for we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death. We entrust the countries of our Lord's earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us all and to give us his peace and blessing. Amen.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

O God of all, of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.

Our voices cry for peace and for justice.

Comfort those who grieve, console and heal the injured, be close to those in fear,

restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate violence.

Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do that our voice may always seek

justice, peace and security for all.

Amen.

Reverend Peter Colwell, Deputy General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

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

Pensioners adversely affected by the stopping of their Winter Fuel Payment. Pray that everyone in need will apply for all the other benefits available to them.

Everyone affected by the widespread flooding in this country and many other countries in Europe.

Heavenly Father,

We praise you for the beautiful world you created. Your goodness is visible in all the diversity of your creation..

Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity and human suffering, as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of our Lord Jesus. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

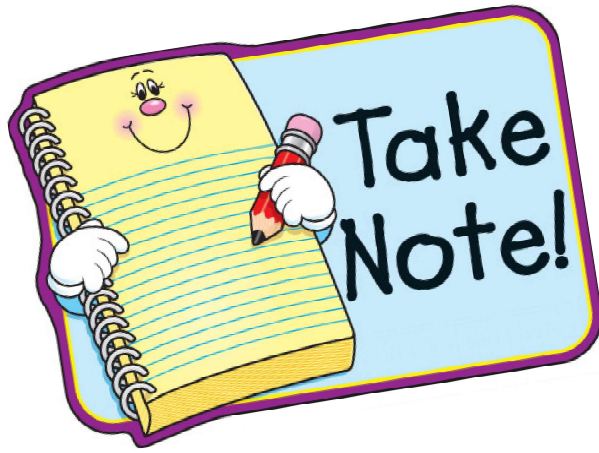
We pray for our local community:

that we may be good neighbours to each other.

May we love each other in the same way that you have loved us.

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

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

Book Club

Book club.



Are you passionate about literature, eager to explore new books 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 for books. This was experimental to see how it would work, we are thrilled 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 with hospitality.

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

If you would like to know more on how to go about getting a group of up to 5 started, please contact us with this.

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

To find out more about our project and choose us as your cause visit: member-ship.coop.co.uk/causes/70035 then swipe your card whenever you shop. Using the app on your phone is easy and it will remember your cause. This applies to all Co - op stores with with the Blue logo (NOT GREEN!) anywhere in the Country.

In Northampton these are the locations:
Bushland Rd, Semilong, Bellinge
Birchfield Rd, Upton Place, Olden Rd, Old Duston, Barry Rd, Pineham,
Wooton Fields



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Café Emm

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



Emmanuel Church Of Weston Favell Centre

Baby Basics Northampton donation drop off point

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

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



Coffee Mornin

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.



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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

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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

MEET TERESA...

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

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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
6th - Harvest Thanksgiving	Cafe church + Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Precious Luke	Morning Worship Fiona Potter	Weds 9th Kris Hatherly	
13th - Sharing Resources	All together Service Yvonne Desroches	Communion Rachael Warnock and Fiona Potter	Communion Stewart Betts	Weds 16th Stewart Betts	
20th Serving	Communion Stewart Betts	Morning Worship Chris Pearson	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Weds 23rd Yvonne Desroches	
27th - Gladness & Generosity	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Communion Kristin Hatherly	Weds 30th Chris Pearson	

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2024

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10th Remembrance Sunday	All Together Service Rachael Warnock	Communion Stewart Betts	Yvonne Desroches	Weds 13th Chris Pearson	
17th Making more Disciples	Communion Stewart Betts	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Kris Hatherly	Weds 20th Kris Hatherly	
24th - Practising Sabbath Rest	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock and James Fearnley	Communion Chris Pearson	Stewart Betts	Weds 27th Stewart Betts	

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