

BOOOTHVILLE EMMANUEL & RECTORY FARM TIMES

Do you do whatever Jesus asks of you?

By Rachael Warnock

We would all like to say yes to that question, though responding to Jesus can be something we can struggle with. Saying yes might involve, being intentional, our time, discomfort, risk, sacrifice. We might say yes God, like Mary. But then we struggle and become distracted.

We may not know what is being asked of us this new season, as our lives are hurried or burdened, it's hard to listen to him or to notice his presence, or invitation. If you struggle with these things, you aren't alone. Yet saying yes to Jesus' invitations to draw near to him and join with him in what he asks of us, truly leads us on a journey of formation and transformation, so that our lives are changed and others too. The story of Jesus turning water into wine reveals to us that Jesus can still have an impact on our lives today. Jesus is attending a wedding celebration with his disciples. Everyone's there and they're having a wonderful time. But suddenly his mother Mary, urgently tells him that the wine has run out - a social and hospitality disaster. The family wouldn't live down the shame and then there's the bad luck associated with the marriage. Mary knew Jesus could help and would help and He does, even if he was not intending to perform his first miracle just yet! He's kind and compassionate, and sensitive to the need of the moment, whether big or small.

Jesus often responds to our needs in creative and unexpected ways. Mary asks the servants to do whatever Jesus asks, and they do. They might have wondered, what on earth are we doing, filling six jars with water? And it was tiring work. But they were true to Christ.

We may wonder too sometimes what God is doing in our lives and in our church communities, but we can trust that he is working and most likely unexpectedly. And so, the water is transformed into wine. A lot of wine, for a lot of people. Wine in abundance, so that the party can keep on going.

In this culture wedding events lasted three days. What a party! God provides for us all in abundance and in the blessing of his presence with us. It is a miracle. In this

moment, heaven is opened, and we see the transforming power of God burst into our world.

It's one of the moments in the Gospel where heaven and earth intersect with each other and point to a heavenly reality. With this event and more, the life of heaven came down to earth. "The word became flesh" 1:14. The transformation from water to wine says to us that Jesus can have, can still have today, an impact on people's lives. He is active and involved.

This is a story for the ones who run out of supplies because they didn't plan very well. This is a story for the ones who are scraping the bottom of the barrel. This is a story for the ones who need more than an example, and more than motivation. This story is for everyone who needs a miracle.

We really do have a down to earth God who can do a new thing in our lives. He cares about our needs and circumstances. Let's take Simon-Peter's and Mary's advice and do what Jesus tells us all to do, by sharing his good news, forgiving one another, serving-embracing his holy habits and trusting that God is actively with us



Jesus takes our emptiness and turns it into abundance. Jesus is not giving out rewards and punishments, Jesus is pouring out grace on us. We just need to accept it. Mary is relieved. The wedding party is saved. It's a joint effort. Transformation is the dimension of reality that comes to being when Jesus is present, and when people do whatever, Jesus tells them.

He came that we might have life in all its fullness. He can take us from a sense of hopelessness to a fullness of life, and overflowing. He can turn our weeping into laughter, our failures into a witness of

transforming power.

When there is no practical solution, when the problem was your fault, when you're halfway through a party and the celebration is about to end because of your shortsightedness and lack of preparation - look, and see Jesus, turning water into wine, even though it wasn't His plan to start His ministry like this. Jesus asked Simon Peter at the beach to leave everything and to follow him, and he did. He left the security of his family behind, his way of life and his job there in that place.

Mary said yes to her pregnancy with the Son of God and all that would mean. They both responded in ways that were true to Christ and full of faith.

We are Jesus' disciples today, and we are invited to follow him faithfully and to trust him, too. It's not easy as we know. To say yes, I will actively follow you, I will try to do what you ask of me, even though we know the road ahead is most probably bumpy, is a good start to seeing transformation in our lives and those around us. Lives transformed requires us to actively pursue transformation. To invite God in, to follow his ways and practices through the Holy spirit. Jesus has come to transform us, to take us on from where we are, to a new way of being.

Can you be with, pray and listen to God-Praying, what are you asking of me, and of my church community, this new year? Can you ask God if there are people he wants you to encounter this week? This might mean taking the bold step of saying hello with a smile, or to invite someone to church.

Seek his grace and compassion. Can you lean into Jesus' habits and practices that he invites us into, to be with him, become more like him and do as he did? Jesus cares about us, our needs, our hopes, our fullness and flourishing. He wants to transform our lives in extra ordinary ways. But transformation only came when someone took Mary's words seriously -

'Do whatever he tells you to do'.

Introducing Sarah McDonald-Howard

Youth Worker and Mission Enabler

I started doing some youth work with the Community Team last September, forming a new RZone Club on a Monday evening at rectory Farm and creating the new Word of Mouth Club in the Goldings area on a Wednesday evening. These clubs, though very different, have been really fun and we're forming some excellent relationships.

In November I began doing a kind of church and mission review, to try and look at all the brilliant work we're doing and how this relates to the church and church family. It's been really interesting to spend this time exploring the history and future vision for the church – thank you to everyone who has already helped with this.

I am now focusing on what the church family and those connected to Emmanuel Group of Churches feels about the mission and vision for the future and for this I need your help! I have created a very short and easy to complete questionnaire and need as many people as possible to complete it so that I get a good amount of data to look into. The link for the questionnaire is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M62ZZ69>

so you can complete it online and I will also make sure there are plenty of printed copies too – it is anonymous so your answers can be very honest and won't be traced back to you. The questionnaire will be live until 14th February, so please complete it by then.

On a personal note, we moved as a family into the Northampton area at the beginning of September from West Yorkshire. I have a son, Orion (10 years old), and a wife, Kerry, together with 1 dog, 2 cats and a turtle! We love to spend time exploring outdoors or watching a good film at the cinema. I have worked within the Methodist Church for the last 20 years, with roles ranging from Youth Worker, University Chaplain and Mission Enabler to Circuit Safeguarding Officer. I look forward to getting to know you all!

Sarah



House Groups



House groups are key for pastoral support, fellowship, mission and discipleship. We encourage 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	Dell Crescent. Overstone Lodge
Precious Luke	Wednesday @ 7.30pm	Ashley Way, Westone
	Wednesday 3.30pm	Lindisfarne, Billing Park
Meriel Mears	Thursday @ 1.30pm	Thorplands
Liz Bateman	Wednesday @ 7.30pm	Westlea Road, Sywell

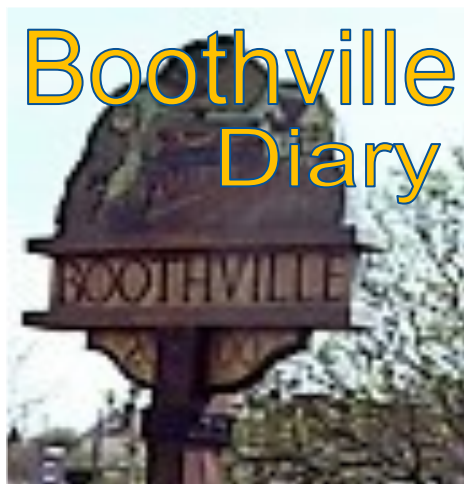
ART & CRAFT & CHAT @ THORPLANDS HUB!

FRIDAYS - FORTNIGHTLY
IN TERM TIME

- NEXT MEET: 27/09/24
10 - 11.15 AM

- HOT DRINKS & BUSCUITS





The Boothville village sign has a cross attached to it and is the place for remembrance on 11th November each year.



From Remembrance to Resurrection



The Toone Cross
(made by Paul Toone)

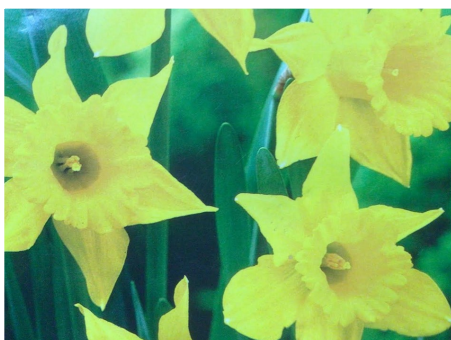
In Boothville Village Hall is a cross made from wood re-claimed from a project.



Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind a stone.
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me...

Above all



At the foot of the cross on Boothville Village Sign, new daffodils have been planted
- new life.



Boothville Community Church
Bread made by John Weaver,
marked with a cross
- resurrection



Christian Aid is inviting people to find out more about Christian Aid's work at its annual

Changemakers Conference

on
Saturday 8th March
from
10am to 1.30pm
at
The Abbey Centre.

Join together to watch a live stream of the London event and enjoy lunch afterwards. There'll be inspiring stories about the incredible difference Christian Aid is making around the world, with a report by a programme officer and partner from Guatemala. There will also be information about resources for Christian Aid Week 2025 and stories from our humanitarian and campaign work too. For more information contact:

jgowerscromie@christianaid.org

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 next to Cafe Emm in the sports hall at Emmanuel Church every Wednesday.

01604 402150 for further information

How to donate to charity without spending a penny!

When buying 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 love your choice of charity to be the Emmanuel Group of Churches, Registered Charity No. 1140504, but, of course, the choice is yours.

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)

Women & Wine



Called Women & Wine, but much more about the food!.. Here's a great time to have a good chat, catch up, enjoy good company, get to know one another better and have fun, no cooking and no washing up!!



ALL WOMEN WELCOME

We meet monthly on a Thursday from 7pm at The Quays. You can get details of upcoming dates and to join our Whatsapp group by contacting Rev Rachael Warnock.

rachaewnock@emmanuelgroup.org.uk



We look forward to seeing you.



CALLING ALL ANGLICANS

Our Annual General Meeting for all denominations this year will take place on **Sunday April 6th** (full details to be published soon), This year, in preparation for this, all who consider themselves members of the Church of England are required to make a fresh application to join the electoral register, giving them the right to vote at the annual meeting. **No-one can be carried over from the previous list.** This happens nationally every six years. Please make sure you don't miss the deadline for applications,

Sunday March 16th.

Application forms will be available at all three congregations from the beginning of February.



Alpha Course January 2025

January 2025, a New Year and a new opportunity to learn about Jesus.

The congregation discussed running an Alpha course mid-way through 2024, and the New Year seemed the best time to start a new course.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome no matter your background or beliefs. <https://alpha.org.uk/about> Each weekly session will be an opportunity to have tea and refreshments, time to watch a DVD on the set topic and discussion.

The First week's topic "Is there More to Life Than This?". The discussion that takes place after watching the video, asks questions like "What makes you happy?" and "If there was a God after all and you could ask one question. What would it be?"

To be honest after being a Christian for a good while, these questions can be as challenging to think about and answer as for someone who is just beginning their journey.

The eleven-week course covers subjects on :Who is Jesus? ; How can I have Faith?; Why and How do I pray?; How does God Guide Us? How does God Health Today? And What about the Church?

The prayer sessions will be useful as the ministry team want to encourage prayer as a priority this year, with the Rev Stewart Betts, offering to meet people in small groups, over 3 sessions to encourage and enable people to feel more confident in leading prayer sessions.

On the web site <https://story.alpha.org/> there are individual stories of people like Moses from Nairobi, who lived in an area of high crime and spoke to a pastor when he was in prison. With support and listening to Alpha he was able to turn his life around. These stories inspire and remind us that every life won for Christ is a life saved.

Please continue to pray for the congregation at Rectory Farm and pray that those who attend the course, hear and see for themselves that learning and knowing Jesus can change their lives too.

Fiona Potter



Alpha is a group for people exploring the Christian Faith.

It is held at Rectory Farm Community Centre on Sunday afternoons starting with refreshments at 3.45pm .

The sessions are all led by Rectory Farm Community Church.

Please pray for this group and please feel free to join them.

**No Eye has seen,
No ear has heard,
No mind has conceived
What God has prepared
For those who love Him.**

1 Corinthians 2:9



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**

**If you take your food donation to
Tesco they will add an extra 20%
The church office is open Mon-
day - Friday 10.00 -14.00**

If you have 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

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 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>

Ukrainian hub

We are here to help
Calling all Ukrainian families and sponsors
Weston Favell Community Support Hub

- *Meetings with West Northampton Council resettlement team representatives
- *Advice/guidance on Home for Ukraine scheme, sponsorship and family visas.
- *Help with school places, GP registration, benefits

*Translation available

- *Friendly, welcome environment
- *Delicious Ukrainian food
- *Board games, enjoyable activities and quizzes for kids and adults
- *Creative workshops and art therapy

Every Friday 3 - 5pm

Emmanuel Church Weston Favell Centre NN3 8JR

For more information contact Hanna: 07467589519
or Natalia: Natalia.antipina@westnorthants.gov.uk

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

Keith Holland Delamere—Trustee/Supervisor

Here is a list of suggested items for donation

Tinned Fish	Jars of pasta or curry sauce
Tinned Meat	Sugar
Tinned Veg	Cooking Oil
Tinned Beans or Spaghetti	Salt
Tinned Tomatoes	Toilet Rolls
Tinned Fruit	Men's & ladies toiletries
Tinned Custard	Dog & Cat food
Tinned Rice Pudding	Washing up liquid
Jam or Marmalade	Wash tablets or gel pods
Biscuits	Baby nappies— any size
Tea Bags	Baby wipes
Coffee	Toothbrushes
Long life milk	Toothpaste
Dried Pasta	Razors

**Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!**

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.

DEADLINE

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and

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EDITION

of

B.E.R.T

FRIDAY

21st

March

Please send
articles and
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See **BERT**
in **full colour**
on our Website:
emmanuelgroup.org.uk

plus lots of other
information about
our group of
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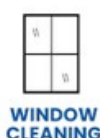
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Emmanuel - God with us



December 17th 2024 saw the 50th Anniversary of Emmanuel Group of Churches.

Our celebration weekend began with a party on Saturday in the sports hall at Emmanuel and on Sunday all three congregations gathered together for a service with communion at Emmanuel led by Lisa Kerry, CBA.

Our name, Emmanuel, means God is with us and He certainly has been with us through good times and difficult times. We give thanks to God for His generosity, consistency and Compassion. We can be confident that whatever the next 50 years has in store for us, God will always be with us.

Stewards and other Volunteers

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/>

Where you can register for an account and 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!

Linda Withers

Lisa Kerry leads the service at Emmanuel.



All three congregations gathered together for a service of thanksgiving



All age Nativity Service at Emmanuel on December 22nd



Party time!



The Hall, all spruced up ready for the party



Thank you Fiona Potter for making the cake(s)
Not only were they beautiful, they were delicious!



Our thanks go to Boothville Community Choir
- led by Janet Tebby,



Huge thanks
to our catering
team and to all
those who helped
in so many ways
behind the scenes.



Vicky Dodd was invited to cut the cake.

Vicky was a member of Emmanuel Church for many years, until she moved away from the area. It was lovely to see and catch up with her and many other past members of the Emmanuel family at our celebration.

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 those who have lost loved ones or been injured and those whose homes have been damaged by Storm Eowen.

and

For those suffering in the cold weather and Pensioners adversely affected by the stopping of their Winter Fuel Payment.

We ask for your presence in the streets and homes of our community. We pray for local law enforcement, for their safety and wisdom and compassion in all circumstances.

We pray your comfort for those who have experienced violence, and we ask your protection for all our neighbours.

Help us to become more aware of the wonder, beauty and vulnerability of your creation and to make every effort to cherish and protect it.

We pray for peace in the world that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.

We pray for your healing for all those we know who are ill or distressed, in mind, body or spirit. We ask that you give them patience in their sufferings and comfort and relieve them in their need,

We pray for the families of those who have been victims of violent crime and especially for the families who have lost their precious young people, one after another, for no reason.

Father we believe that you also grieve over this loss of life, the death of these young people, and the broken hearts of the families left behind and ask you to bring comfort to them in their deep pain and grief, the loss of the hope they had cherished for their children's future,

We give thanks that a ceasefire deal has been agreed between Israel and Hamas and we pray that it will be the first step on the road to peace:

We pray for all of those who are grieving loved ones and who have lost homes and possessions. Be with those who are suffering and those who have been wounded. As emergency aid arrives give the aid workers the strength and courage they need and protect them from harm as they continue to help those in desperate need.

And we pray for all negotiators and political leaders involved in crucial decision making: may you lead them in the paths of peace.

We pray for our group of churches, that we will boldly share the gospel of Jesus.

And shine Jesus' light wherever we go .

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

First things first...

12th January 2025 - Dear all, today I (Stewart) had the pleasure of Boothville's company. I had been speaking on the 'Baptism of Jesus' which forms the 2nd Sunday in Epiphany. One of the ministry team came up to me and felt that the Holy Spirit had suggested that part of what I said was relayed to the wider Emmanuel Group.

We, as a ministry team want to encourage prayer as a priority this year. It will be the Theme of the Lent booklet which will be circulated and after Easter we will have a Sermon Series on Prayer, looking at different aspects of praying. But, returning to Sunday the 12th and for context I have included the final 2 verses of the gospel reading along with some of the words I used.

Luke 3.21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Another theme in early Luke - and please do go home and read through the first four chapters together and you will see an emphasis on the Holy Spirit activity well before this day.

Therefore, the dove is not just making a guest appearance. The suggestion from Luke is that the spirit has been at work in all these events. I also want to challenge a lot of artistic depictions of this event because from the reading of the text Jesus isn't just coming up from the water, he has been baptized with many others and is praying.

The main event has taken the stage, heaven has opened and declares the news of Jesus. We see in this part of the story, Father, Son and Spirit working together in God's mission - to bring healing and hope to the people. As I was reflecting on all this and more!! I could see the order of these events, the expectation and anticipation, the warm up and then the main event but in between the warm up and the headline act we have Jesus stopping for prayer... There would be lots to be done, his ministry was about to really get into the spotlight, yet as we know the wilderness and the calling of the disciples are just round the corner. So there was lots to pray about.

God is great, God is with us, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as I said after Christmas. Jesus incarnation was not a one off event, he is born in the lives of believers. God is also God - we are God's people, it sounds simple but too often I wonder whether expectations are not reversed, the people tell God what they want.

Jesus on the cusp of public ministry, sets an important example in prayer. Max Lucado writes: We can do much after we pray. But we should do nothing before we pray. Let's start with prayer.

My friends, prayer will be a theme this year, I want us to inhabit that picture of Christ in prayer. As we pray for the Emmanuel Group let us just tell God what we want but open ourselves up to what God wants from us. I honestly believe that both want and need to have an epiphany of God in the life and work of all at Emmanuel Group.

You see, epiphany is the grasping of the promises God makes, the sending of Jesus and the sending on of his followers, that has

not changed. So may all we do, stay and seek to do and say be grounded in God and be to his glory.
Amen.

When do we Pray together???

Alongside our services and home groups we pray together on Mondays at 7.30pm and in person at Emmanuel on the first Tuesday of each month from 11am.

There is much to be done, let us start with prayer.

Stewart Betts



An Opportunity

Prayer is an important part of being a Christian. Prayer is also an important part of our gathered identity. As Jesus says in Matthew 18.19-20 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

But, let's face it leading prayers for congregations and groups can seem unappealing. Often people are worried about getting things wrong and don't explore what could be a gift to the whole church - your prayers.

Would you like to join a small group (no more than 4 people at one time) to explore the idea of leading prayers from practical tips about length and content, to thinking about resources and more creative ideas.

Then in a safe way we will offer the opportunity to pray together with others leading. My idea is to meet over three sessions, one per week. The aim is simple - to encourage and enable people to feel more confident in leading intercessions.

If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Stewart or the Church office.



A very big thank you to Weston Favell Shopping Centre for including us in their 50th anniversary celebration by supporting The Memory Café and Singing for the Soul, Their very generous donation will make a huge difference to both groups which are both run by Anna Austin who is pictured receiving the cheque.

The Memory Café supports people and their carers/loved ones living with dementia.

Singing for the Soul is a fun singing group for people living with memory loss, young adults with learning disabilities and the elderly.

Cafe Emm @

The Emmanuel Group of churches

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!



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!

Friendship Table on Tuesdays

10.30 to 11.30am at Café Emm

Have a chat with old friends and make some new friends over a cuppa.

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.

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

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 have some extra treats for our customers in the coming weeks. Unfortunately we had to increase our prices in January but still good value for money.

Mug of tea £1.50, Instant coffee £1.75

Dinners Monday – Friday Served from 12.00. Main £7.15, Pudding £3.30, Two courses £9.65

SUNDAY LUNCHES – 9th February, 2nd March, 6th April.

Main Course Sunday Roast with Pudding & Hot Drink £14.95 -

Main Course only £10.50

Choice of Beef, Chicken or Pork – Served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing, Cauliflower Cheese, Honey glazed Carrots & Parsnips, Peas, Cabbage & gravy

Small Main Course Sunday Roast with Pudding; Hot Drink £11.10 - Main only £8.50 Choice of 1 Meat, either Beef, Chicken or Pork – Served with 1 roast potato, 1 Yorkshire pudding, stuffing and a choice of 3 vegetables with gravy

Choice of 3 puddings - will be advertised 2 weeks in advance.

(Hot Drink is either Tea or Instant Coffee, any Special Coffee is 50p extra

Book your place at Café Emm.



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



SHROVE TUESDAY 4 TH March – PANCAKE DAY.

Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. We will be serving pancakes all day, as is the tradition. Pancakes will also be served as desert with our Roast Dinner Special too.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 30 TH MARCH.

MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL Served from 24th to 28th

March. All week we will be offering Special Mothers Day Afternoon teas. Why not bring your Mum, or Auntie, or special friends for a treat. This will need to be booked the day before. Prices and menu still to be announced.

We are still looking for volunteer Befrienders to join our small team to talk with our customers. Please get in touch with Lucy Sone or Fiona Potter for more details. Time and length of each session to be of your own choosing, although we would recommend a regular time each week if possible as this helps build relationships.

If you have not been into Café Emm before, do give us a try. Treat yourself to a nice coffee and a homemade cake, or bring a friend and come for a light lunch, or enjoy our hot meal of the day.

Café Emm is not an ordinary café. It is a charity, and most of our staff are volunteers.

We do 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 meal each time.

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.

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@CafeEmmmicrosoft.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

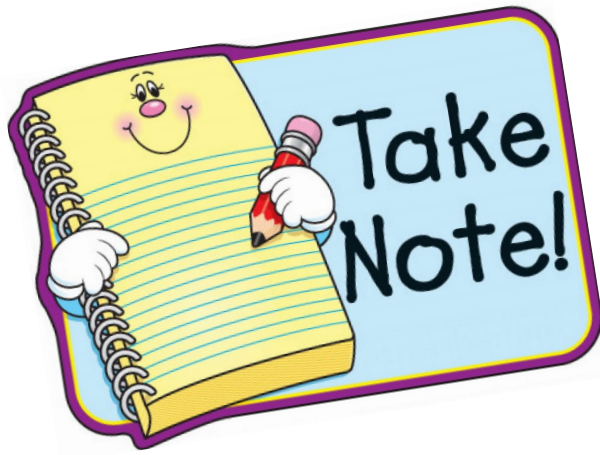
We are also looking for more trustees and in particular a

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 kev-in.potter@emmanuelgroup.org.uk

Your little ones are welcome too,

we have a play area and special food packs for them





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 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



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

Book Club

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-ignited 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. |

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 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



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



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



Our Ministry Team

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Please Note: emails are not normally checked outside of these hours

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EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES

Billing Brook Road

NORTHAMPTON NN3 8JR

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

MEET TERESA...

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

NORTHAMPTON VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME



VOLUNTARY
IMPACT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

WE URGENTLY NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE TERESA
ESPECIALLY IN NN4 AND NN5 POSTCODE AREAS

DO YOU OWN A CAR?

COULD YOU OFFER HALF A DAY A WEEK OR MORE?

- ▶ POSITIVE REWARDING ROLE HELPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE
- ▶ EXPENSES PER MILE REIMBURSED
- ▶ FULL TRAINING & SUPPORT GIVEN

For more information:

01604 628234

carscheme@voluntaryimpact.org.uk

www.voluntaryimpact.org.uk



SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30	Boothville CC @ 10.30	Rectory Farm CC @ 15.45	Midweek Communion 11.30am	MID - WEEK C O M M U N I O N @ <u>EMMANUEL</u> <u>OFFICE</u> TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM
2nd Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40	Communion Stewart Betts	Morning Worship James Fearnley	Alpha	Weds 5th Chris Pearson	
9th 1 Chronicles 29:10-16 Matthew 6:25-34	Generosity of God All together Service Rachael Warnock	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Communion Alpha	Weds 12th Yvon Desroches	
16th James 4:13-17 Matthew 18:22	Generosity of Time Communion Rachael Warnock & Sonia Hicks (Methodist Chair of District)	Morning Worship Jo Pearson	Alpha	Weds 19th Kris Hatherly	
23rd Acts 5:1-11 Mark 12:41-44	Generosity of Money Morning Worship Rachael Warnock & James Fearnley	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Alpha	Weds 26th Chris Pearson	

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5th Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	19.30 Ash Wednesday Communion Yvonne Desroches				
9th Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13	All Together Service Rachael Warnock	Communion Stewart Betts	Communion Alpha	Weds 12th Yvonne Desroches	
16th Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-end	Communion Stewart Betts	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Alpha	Weds 19th Kris Hatherly	
23rd 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock and James Fearnley	Communion Chris Pearson	Communion Alpha	Weds 26th Chris Pearson	
30th 2 Cor 5:16-end Luke 15:1-3, 11- end	Reflective Service & Communion Rachael Warnock	Stewart Betts	Alpha	Weds 2nd April Stewart Betts	

please visit our website for more information
www.emmgroup.org.uk