

Emmanuel Life

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God With Us



January 2023

EMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
THE GROVE, WEST WICKHAM, KENT, BR4 9JS

www.godwithus.org.uk
0208 777 1007

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Gathered family worship (in-person) and also broadcast on Zoom. See opposite page for details.



MINISTER

Revd David Pickering

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Vestry phone with answer machine 020 8777 1150 is checked at least weekly – the best number to call David is the manse phone.

Monday is the Minister's day off, please only contact in an emergency on a Monday.

The shared ministry of Emmanuel United Reformed Church, West Wickham and Elmers End Free Church, Elmers End.



January 2023 Services

1st New Year's Day	11.00am	New Year Epiphany Service led by Revd David Pickering
8th	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering communion, reception of new members and Ordination and Induction of Elders
15th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas
22nd (see below)	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Deacon Laura MacBean
29th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship with infant baptism led by Revd David Pickering

February 2023

5th	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship with infant blessing led by Revd David Pickering

- **22nd January:** Laura MacBean is a Deacon at the Methodist Church in Hawes Lane. This is a Churches Together Pulpit swap.

Minister's Letter

Give me a light...

Dear Friends,

As I write another New Year is fast approaching, a time to say farewell to one year with its joys and sorrows and to greet a new year with fresh hopes and latent concerns.

It is a time marked in our nation by the striking of the now restored, 'Big Ben' and reflective features in papers looking back over the last year.



As with many previous years, this last year has not been without challenge, not least the awfulness of the Russian invasion of peaceable Ukraine, fuelling an energy and cost of living crisis impacting across the world. This in the wake of the still unresolved wranglings of Brexit and the ongoing legacy of Covid has resulted in one of the so-called words of the year being, 'permacrisis'. A word defined by the Collins Dictionary as "an extended period of instability and insecurity". And I haven't even mentioned climate change. Oh dear.

Amidst our anxiety and uncertainty, we can be sure that the clock won't stop ticking. But I believe that though change, whether welcome or not will come, God will continue to be real and present. I look back and sense God's hand in life, and read through the Bible of God's guidance through countless generations, and gain confidence that whatever the future holds, God will still be present, chiding, supporting, guiding, comforting, challenging and loving, because that is what the stories of faith tell us.

As we move from Christmas into a New Year may we have the sense that God in Christ who we greeted in the manger, will remain with us in the year to come. The African-American theologian, Howard Thurman, wrote a piece entitled 'The Work of Christmas':

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,

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the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

As people of faith hope, we have a calling to play our part in bringing peace among people and making music in heart, acts which can dissipate feelings of helplessness and hopelessness as we shape through our worship, fellowship and outreach a less-crisis themed future.

With these thoughts in mind, I've offered a pair of texts to accompany us through 2023 at Emmanuel, see below and page 7.

As you set off in the New Year, I offer a quote that I've shared before from the poem 'Gate of the Year' by the philosopher Minnie Louise Haskins. It was used in the King's 1939 Christmas Day address, part of which reads:

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!'*

As 2023 dawns, may you be conscious of the light of Christ illuminating your journey, and may you reflect that light along your way.

Yours in Christ,

David

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, withy guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians Chapter 4 verses 6-7)

From the Treasurer

Dear Members and Friends,

January marks the beginning of a new year for our Freewill Offering scheme, when numbered books of envelopes for each Sunday of the year are handed out to those who still use them.

For other Members and Friends who have arranged a standing order or a regular bank transfer, a numbered book of envelopes is no longer supplied, but each person who gives regularly has an **FWO Number**, which is especially important where a **Gift Aid Declaration** has been signed.

The FWO Number, and the Gift Aid Declaration, enable the church to reclaim an additional 25 % on the amount given by those who are tax payers, and this can apply to any other giving to charity through our church – Christian Aid, Commitment for Life are examples of this.

May I thank everybody who continues to give faithfully to Emmanuel Church through the Freewill Offering scheme. Some we see every week, some can't get to church very often, and some have moved away, but all continue to support the work and witness of our church with their giving.

In our last financial year our Freewill Offerings came to £45000, and I am hoping that we can achieve at least the same amount in the year ahead, and possibly improve on last year's total.

Whatever the outcome in the year ahead, thank you for your continuing financial support.

Ian Scott
Church Treasurer
e-mail "ianscott74@btinternet.com"



News of the Church Family and Community

As I write a week ahead of Christmas, the High Street is sparkling and bustling, whilst people are sharing stories with some making plans to visit or host friends or family. But we are all conscious that not everyone can enjoy the Christmas of their hopes, and some are struggling as the New Year approaches. Please remember in your prayers those who are poorly, anxious, caring for a loved one or experiencing anxious or testing times, and those who are in hospital, or have had a period in hospital or are recovering or receiving treatment or awaiting a procedure at home, including:

- Audrey Castle
- Barbara and Tony Dandridge
- Will Patterson
- Those who care for another, including elderly parents.

A Prayer for Healing

*Healing Lord, as four friends carried a sick person to Jesus,
so, I carry to Jesus in my prayer...*

(please add a name, or hold a picture, of someone in your thoughts).

*May your healing hand surround and support them,
in Jesus' name, Amen.*

Bereavements – please remember in your prayers

As Emmanuel Life was going to print we received the sad news that Jim Lord's Mum, Ruth Lord, died on Boxing Day after a short illness. Jim's Mum had been living with Jim's sister, Bronwen, in Lee on the Solent for the past year. Please remember Jim and Julie, Katie, Adam and Aggie and Jim's sister Bronwen and her family at this time.

If you know of someone who would appreciate the prayerful support of the church, or has a special anniversary or birthday, or any special news, please let me or an elder know.

David

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God

(Matthew Chapter 5 verse 9)



Secretary's Notes



WELCOME TO 2023

We pray for a peaceful and sustainable year

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Our worship on **January 1st** is at **11am** and will have a story and carols for Epiphany



MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is on **8th January at 10am** and **sanctuary worship** with communion will be at **11am** when we will be receiving new members and welcoming our 2 new Elders, Sara & Frances.



15th and 22nd January



For our 10:30am service on Sunday 15th January we welcome Revd Bryn Thomas and the following week for our 10:30am service on Sunday 22nd January we welcome Deacon Laura MacBean from West Wickham Methodist Church. This is during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when many ministers are exchanging churches. Our minister, David, will be preaching at Coney Hill Baptist Church on this day.



Our 10:30am Service on Sunday 29th January includes an **infant baptism** and will be conducted by our minister, David. This (shorter than usual) service is followed by our **CHURCH AGM MEETING**.

WARM SPACES

Anyone can come and enjoy the warmth of friendship on Fridays for our adjusted time of between 10am and 5pm. Tea/ Coffee are served all day and a home cooked soup with roll are offered at lunchtime.



Rosemary

Emmanuel Fellowship

Dear Friends,

Another year begins, and I pray it brings good things for us all. As we look back over the past year, there have been ups and downs, but I hope we can all say we have things to be thankful for. We have enjoyed friendly fellowship on Tuesday afternoons, and there is plenty to look forward to in the coming year.

Our Spring Term begins on 10th January, which seems like a good time to discover how people welcome in the **New Year** in different **traditions**. So, on the **10th**, that's just what we'll do.

Ian Packham returns on **17th**, to take us on a new adventure '**On Foot through Bangladesh**'. What a way to experience the country! I wonder what gems he will uncover for us.

Winter must be a particularly dreadful time if you face **Homelessness**. On **24th**, **Phil Crump** will tell us why it happens to some people and how they can be supported, calling on his role as a volunteer.

We will round off January in style, with **Penny and Stephen Davies on 31st**, when they bring us more **marvellous musical entertainment**.

Come along and see us some time. There is a warm welcome and a seat waiting just for you.

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee

Ramblings: Nature Notes from God's Creation - reflecting on a year

(a monthly reflection, interweaving nature and faith, from our minister, David)

As the year draws to a close it feels an opportune moment to review the last year, including my experiences of nature. The UN has been doing this recently through the COP 15 Biodiversity Conference, a parallel process to the COP Climate Changes conferences, on conservation of the richness of the earth's species. The outcome is, in a sentence, 'need to try much harder and more urgently, with a target set of protecting 30% of the world's lands, seas, coasts and inland waters by 2030. Time will tell how the UK and other nations actually respond.

One of the motivations to conserve species is for the well-being of humanity, but from a faith perspective there is recognition of the calling to nurture and care for what is the God-given gift of creation, which has integrity beyond being valued by people.

For me, rambling in nature can have a spiritual quality. So some nature highlights from my 2022, include:

On Mull:

- watching with Jan a pair of otters fishing and playing, ducking and diving,
- almost daily sightings of the utterly majestic Sea Eagle flying

In the home counties

- Visiting Blean Woods in East Kent, site of a rewilding project, and seeing the rare Heath Fritillary Butterfly (pictured right), oh, and then a White Admiral, both firsts for us. A wonderful day.
- Wandering on a manicured lawn at Cambridge Botanic Garden and being surprised by my first ever White-letter Hairstreak Butterfly alighting on the grass (pictured on the right). They are normally seen fluttering around the treetops. It is named from the thin white coloured W shape on its wing.



Nearer to home:

- The joy of seeing one of my favourite butterflies, the Orange Tip at Hutchinson Bank, Featherbed Lane near New Addington. For me this Spring butterfly heralds the joy, verdancy, fecundity and promise of the season,

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- The electric-blue dash of the Kingfisher along the Ravensbourne running through Ladywell Fields,

And at home:

Badgers bustling through our garden in a Spring evening gloaming.

Some species I sought out, others I tripped over or simply spotted when I wasn't deliberately looking, and each remain firm in memory. One of the natural and indeed spiritual joys of the world, without which life would be immeasurably poorer. I wonder if any nature sights have lingered long in your mind or have enriched your soul this year. John Muir, Scottish born father of the US environmental movement, wrote:

Earth has no sorrow that earth cannot heal.

Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.

Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine into trees.

In our 'permacrisis' dogged world, we need nature more than ever.

As 2023 opens, may you, too, have some encounters in the natural world to gladden your heart and enrich your soul with the wonder of God's gifts.

David

p.s. The Reformed Martin Luther wrote: "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." Inspired, I collected an acorn shed by the ancient Wickham Oak, and have planted it in a pot. Should it germinate I plan to plant it at the end of the manse garden, hoping that my little act may bequeath a nature-rich future.

p.p.s. Having written a series on pilgrimage to Sacred Sites on Scottish Isles (2021) and on Nature Ramblings (2022), for 2023 I plan to continue such occasional writings, but switch medium to Facebook. I hope that through posting an occasional picture and reflection, I can share a spiritual message more widely.

Thank you for reading these columns these past two years.

David Pickering

Personal Thanks & Announcements

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Isie Chandler sends her love and best wishes for the New Year and 2023 to everyone at Emmanuel.

Many thanks,

Sue Beynon



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massive 'Thank You' to all of you who gave so generously to our Christmas appeal for gifts of toys, books, games, toiletries, vouchers and clothes. Also for boxes of chocolates, biscuits and crisps, in addition to your ongoing weekly donations.

Please be assured that the families who received these were most grateful.

Pat Best and Helen Church



FOOD BANK DONATIONS...PLEASE

When I was hungry, you gave me food...

As mentioned in the 'personal thanks and announcements' on the previous page, we are grateful for all that you have given. At this time, we have no specific requests, but continue to appreciate all that we receive, this includes carrier bags (branded or unbranded—as long as it can hold a fair amount of items)

Items can be left in the church vestry or at Sainsbury's on the high street (not on Station Road), even if they are not bought in-store. Also note that there are two donation boxes but only one is for the Salvation Army. You are also welcome to donate to our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/newaddingtonsalvationarmy>

Please note our donations delivery times; Tuesday evenings 7-8pm, and Saturday mornings 9-10am.

The Vine is located in Salcot Crescent New Addington CR0 0JJ. We are down a narrow driveway between houses 11 and 13, next to Tharreo House school.

MANY THANKS once again for all your help - we really couldn't manage without our public donations!

Flora

In Memory of Dennis George



Dennis was born and brought up locally, leaving London for a period during the war as an evacuee where he was cared for by a family in Liskeard in Cornwall, before returning in 1945. On leaving school aged 14, Dennis joined Barclays Bank, whom he served throughout his working life.

As a young man Dennis met Marjorie, who he courted for 3 years before marrying in 1954, they enjoyed a loving marriage over 68 diamond plus years. Dennis and Marjorie had the joy of Hilary as their daughter, and in time two grandsons, David and Alex. They each remember their 'Papa' with love and huge appreciation for all that he gave to shape their lives.

Dennis was a quiet, unassuming man, with the joy of family in his heart and a way which was approachable, gentle, quiet, patient and loving.

Dennis, together with Marjorie, gained new joy late in life through the arrival of great grandchildren, Beatrix, Joshua, Keziah and Alyssa. Dennis loved babies!

Dennis and Marjorie worshipped at Emmanuel for many years before Covid and failing health prevented them from doing so.

We remember his wife Marjorie, their daughter Hilary and her family at this time.

David Pickering

Following our harvest giving to Commitment for Life here is an update about some of the work in Zimbabwe.

BRACT in Zimbabwe



The Manyenga dam, in Mutoko District. Part of the BRACT programme, which is helping communities adapt to climate and socio-economic shocks in Zimbabwe. Photo: Christian Aid

Christian Aid has had a long and fruitful presence in Zimbabwe, in affiliation with various partners who deliver transformative programmes on the ground.

One such programme is BRACT. This initiative over five years has formed part of the Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZBRF). It was developed with the aim of helping communities prepare and adapt to a changing climate and economic shocks and stand up for the rights of ordinary people.

The programme's full title is: Building Resilience through improving the Absorptive and Adaptive Capacity for Transformation (BRACT) of at-risk communities in the Mutoko and Mudzi districts of Zimbabwe.

Through BRACT, Commitment for Life supports vulnerable households that are affected by recurring shocks, mostly related to climate change. BRACT has enabled us to build partnership in Zimbabwe, and we are grateful to those who administer the work on the ground.

As we begin the new year, Commitment for Life wants to thank each of you for the precious gift of your support. This enables us to deliver support programmes like BRACT that make an enormous difference in the lives of the people of Zimbabwe.

Pat Best

Emmanuel's 2022 Christmas Carol Countdown

Thanks to everyone who voted for their 2022 favourite Christmas carols. In total 46 people voted for 48 different carols, with each person having 3 votes for which their first choice was assigned 3 points, their 2nd choice 2 points, and their 3rd choice 1 point. Emmanuel's top 21 carols came out as:

No. 17 (17 – 21) scoring 5 points apiece:

- Like a candle flame (Graham Kendrick)
- O Come, O come, Immanuel
- On Christmas night all Christians sing
- See him lying in a bed of straw (Calypso Carol)
- The angel Gabriel from heaven came

No. 13 (13 – 16) scoring 6 points apiece:

- Away in a manger
- God rest ye merry gentlemen
- O holy night
- Three kings from Persian lands afar

No. 11 (11-12) scoring 7 points apiece:

- Who would think that what was needed (Scarlett ribbons)
- Born in the night, Mary's child

No. 9 (9-10) scoring 9 points apiece:

- Joy to the world
- Long time ago in Bethlehem (Mary's boy child)

No. 8 scoring 10 points:

- Love came down at Christmas (tune: Yuletide)

No. 7 scoring 11 points:

- O little town of Bethlehem

No. 6 scoring 13 points:

- O come all ye faithful

No. 5 scoring 14 points:

- Silent night

No. 3 (3-4) scoring 15 points apiece:

- It came upon a midnight clear
- Once in royal David's city

No. 2 scoring 21 points:

- In the bleak midwinter

No. 1 scoring a runaway 30 points:

- Hark! The herald angels sing

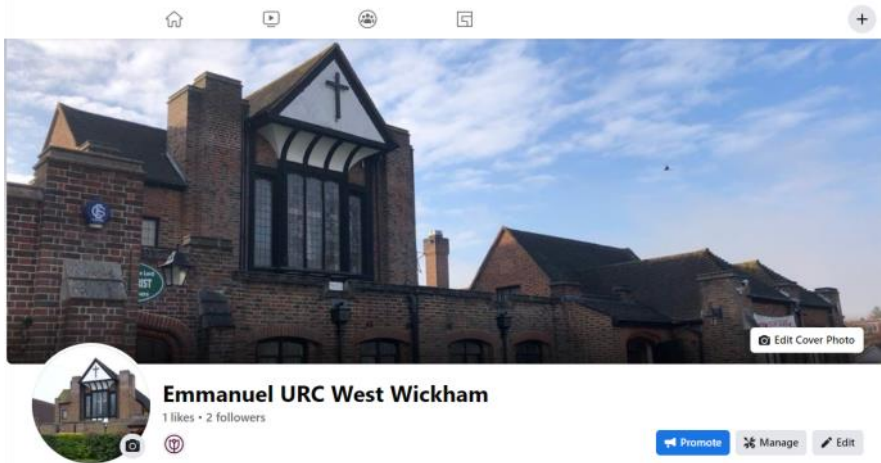
David Pickering

Emmanuel launches our Facebook Page

As Advent heralded the new Church Year, Emmanuel launched into the world of social media, with an aim to widen our connection to people in our neighbourhood beyond those who we reach through our magazine and other established media. For those with Facebook, you can find us by searching: 'Emmanuel URC West Wickham', and when you land on our page, please do 'follow us', 'like us' and 'share us' with your family and friends.

It is planned to use the page to post some spiritual thoughts and reflections accompanied by a photo on a weekly or so basis, and from time to time, advertise or promote an event too. We hope that through this medium we can promote the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the life of our church.

Pictured below is the cover of our Facebook page on launch day, thankfully, the number of followers (the two are Marion Moore and myself who set this up) has risen since then!



David Pickering

WARM SPACES

West Wickham



As part of Warm Spaces West Wickham, the Hewitt Room has been open all day (10-5) on FRIDAYS from 4th November. 5 churches are taking part, one on each weekday.

We already open for coffee and have been pleased to welcome our usual customers from Emmanuel and beyond, many of whom have been pleased to stay for a bowl of homemade soup and a roll at lunchtime. We have also welcomed a number of people, some seeking refuge from the cold, but mostly just an opportunity to come in for a chat or to sit quietly. For example, an artist, a bus driver, a teacher, young children and their carers, our halls users and a contractor working on the building.

We have met some lovely people. What started out as a help to the community has turned out to be a blessing to Emmanuel.

Newspapers, Emmanuel Life, some Christmas literature and our What's On leaflets, books for borrowing and single gospels are provided. There are also some games, puzzle and colouring books, and free Wi-fi.

The people who have been serving coffee continue to do so and some also help at other times, together with further volunteers from Emmanuel, the WI and Memory Box. Two lovely ladies, Munni and Gita, who wanted to do something in the community, have served lunch each week together with Jan Pickering.

Most weeks David has made a different flavour soup, Janet Pickering, Munni and Gita have also made soup, and a pre-Christmas treat of curry and rice. As well as biscuits we serve cake in the afternoon and enjoyed mince pies at Christmas.

We soon realised that many who enjoy this time of welcome and fellowship want to give a financial contribution so there is a plate for donations to The Vine Foodbank and so far we have raised a few hundred pounds.

We will continue throughout the cold weather. Please do call in if you have the opportunity, and if you would like to help please contact Ed Prekopp or myself.

Pat Best

WARM SPACES

West Wickham



A PLACE TO GRAB A DRINK, SOME SOUP & RELAX

From 31 October, the following places will be open every week, 9am-5pm, for you to drop in at any time (unless otherwise specified).



Monday: West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church, Wickham Road, CR0 8EH

Tuesday: Coney Hall Baptist Church, Coney Hill Road, BR4 9BU (to 3:30pm)

Wednesday: St Francis Church, Ravenswood Avenue, BR4 0PW



Thursday: West Wickham Methodist Church, 2 Linden Leas, BR4 0SE (from 11am)

Friday: Emmanuel United Reformed Church, The Grove, BR4 9JS (from 10am)



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together
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This 8 session course will
commence on January 23rd.

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to be trained as a Lay Preacher?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or
to register your interest.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Training in *pastoral* care

January 24: SESSION 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care

February 21: SESSION 2: Building the team and Boundaries

March 21: SESSION 3: Developing your Listening Skills

VENUE: Faversham United Church (LEP),
Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PE.

TIME: 10.30 – 13.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy Twilley:
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for further details*

Coffee Mornings



FRIDAY COFFEE

*Where—The Hewitt Room

When—**11am to 12 noon** every Friday morning

Sunday Coffee

No coffee service on the first Sunday of the month, however, Messy Church would be pleased to welcome you at 10am for a cuppa.

On the other three Sundays in the month we will be looking forward to welcoming you in the Hewitt Room, after the service for coffee, biscuits and fellowship.

We can remain at tables or spill into the vestibule, the sanctuary or outside, so there will be plenty of space.

Janet Pickering and Pat Best

EMMANUEL ART GROUP

The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

A friendly group, new members always welcome.

Please contact us before coming so that we can discuss what you would like to do and how we can help you.

- Sheila 02086882707 or
- John 07708194093 john.band3@gmail.com

Community Baby & Toddler Group



Where: Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham

When: Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am, term time

Fee: £3.00 per family

Contact: Ann Glover

Email: youtooann@yahoo.co.uk

Mobile: 07946511391

We meet each week in the Richmond Hall, which is a large safe place. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers have a chance to catch up while watching their children play, build friendships and develop alongside their peers. There are many toys and resources allowing the children to play freely, as well as structured activities, story time and songs with actions.

Come along to our friendly inclusive group and try us out.





Church Diary for January

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering
Thursday	5th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Friday	6th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on pages 18 & 19)
Sunday	8th	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship communion, reception of new members and Ordination and Induction of Elders led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	10th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 9)
Friday	13th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on pages 18 & 19)
Sunday	15th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas
Tuesday	17th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 9)
Friday	20th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on pages 18 & 19)
Saturday	21st	<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i>	
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Deacon Laura MacBean
Tuesday	24th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 9)
Friday	27th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on pages 18 & 19)
Sunday	29th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship with infant baptism led by Revd David Pickering, followed by AGM
Tuesday	31st	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 9)

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Church Diary for the start of February

Friday	3rd	10.00am—	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In
Sunday	5th	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering

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Notices

BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES

8th January
@ 10 am in the Richmond Hall

www.godwithus.org.uk
www.messychurch.org.uk

For more details, please contact:
Pat on 07714 808 498 or
patbest@btinternet.com

ELDERS' MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 5th
January at 7:30pm

Emmanuel Fellowship

Tuesdays at 2.15pm
in the Richmond Hall
Everyone welcome

Details on page 9

Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 9:30am

Details on page 23

Emmanuel Art Group

Thursdays
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Details on page 22

Warm Spaces in WW

Fridays 10:00am to 5:00pm

This incorporates Drop-In Coffee
mornings

Details on pages 18 & 19

AGM

Sunday 29th January
After coffee, after the church
service

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