

Emmanuel Life

Emmanuel
God With Us 

February 2023



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

www.godwithus.org.uk

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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



MINISTER

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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.

More contact details can be found on page 27



February 2023 Services

5 th (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering with Infant Blessings
12 th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship, including Holy Communion led by Revd David Pickering
19 th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by members of Emmanuel Fellowship
26 th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship with Church Parade led by Revd David Pickering

March 2023

5 th	10.00am	Messy Church led by Revd David Pickering and Pat Best
	11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Janet Godden

5th March: Janet Godden is a Lay Preacher from St John's URC Orpington

Minister's Letter

Meeting Matthew

Dear Friends,

The recently celebrated Chinese New Year marked the beginning of the year of the rabbit. Many churches have an annual focus too, typically in a three-year cycle focusing in Year A on Matthew, Year B on Mark and Year C on Luke, with each year exploring John's Gospel along the way.

We are currently setting out in Year A which began in Advent 2022 and will run through to the end of November 2023, during which many preachers will focus on Matthew's Gospel.

As Matthew's year gets underway, I'm excited to say that, with no expense 'Spare'd, our Joint Pastorate, Emmanuel URC and Elmers End Free Church, has landed a major scoop - an interview with Matthew! This is being published in the February edition of their respective magazines, Emmanuel Life and News & Views. Eat your heart out Penguin Random House! Hopefully our editors expectations of the February edition of Emmanuel Life being a major seller are managed!

And as if that isn't enough, despite a multi-million bid from Netflix, our pastorate has secured exclusive rights to screen 'Matthew, Mission and Me', a major new six part series running through March into early April (in church speak – the season of Lent!). This follows the previous Psalms at Seven (2021) and Looking at Luke (2022), with 'Matthew, Mission and Me', being available on a Zoom call near you, see accompanying advert. In other words – this is our 2023 Lent Course.

For now, I hand over to our roving reporter, as he interviews Matthew.

Meanwhile, may the February days be sunny,
the snow and frost be at bay,
and God's love warm the cockles of your heart.

David

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David Matthew, what were your hopes in writing your gospel?

Matthew I wanted to tell the story of Jesus and share with the readers some of what he means to me and the church that I belong to.

David What inspired you to write your gospel?

Matthew There were several influences. First, I like others, was aware that the number of people who knew Jesus and heard and saw what he did and said at first hand were dying out. As their generation passed away it became important to record the stories to hand down to the following generations. I wasn't the only one. Mark had already written his account and I heard that Luke was busy as well. But I was particularly motivated to write a 'gospel' that spoke to the experiences and lives of those in my church.

David Tell me a bit more about you and your church?

Matthew You know my name is Matthew. Some have conjectured that I am the Matthew who was a disciple of Jesus, others that I am Matthew, formerly Levi the tax collector, for whom meeting Jesus was a truly life-changing experience. Others, mindful that my gospel was completed around 80-90 AD have done the sums and concluded that it was more likely that I lived during the first generation after Jesus, but heard the stories at first hand from those who knew him.

As for my church, most theologians suspect it was located in Antioch, in Syria. The clues in the gospel suggest that it was a church of Jewish Christians that had struggled in the fledgling faith, not least after the huge trauma that followed in the wake of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in AD70. As you read my gospel, you may find more than a hint of a struggle between the new and liberating teaching of Jesus and the dogged, legalistic and dry interpretation of the faith by some Pharisees and Sadducees.

David So where did you get your material?

Matthew It came from a few sources, from eye witnesses in our church who spoke of Jesus. Some actually think that Jesus' disciple Matthew or Levi/Matthew may have founded or belonged to my church. There were also stories circulating by word of mouth and some in written documentation. You'll notice similarities between the gospels

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named after Mark, Luke and myself suggesting that we had some common source material, which we each arranged and focused to speak to the experiences of those we knew.

David How would you feel if I suggested that people would be reading your gospel two thousand years after it was first read?

Matthew The human bit of me would be stunned that it had survived so long, and proud that something I'd edited, written and shaped had proved worth keeping. But as I reflect, two further thoughts strike. First, if the authorities couldn't keep Jesus sealed in a tomb, then they couldn't keep his stories from circulating.

Second, although the gospel has my name on it, the words, the stories and even the arrangement are God-inspired and speak of deep truth. My gospel ends with a command and promise of Jesus:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

So to answer your question, I am delighted people are still reading my gospel, that it still speaks truth to life, but perhaps not surprised, because the gospel isn't just a collection of words but God-inspired teaching from Jesus that I am sure will remain until the end of the age.

David Thank you. And where can we find out more about you, your Gospel and what it means for our church mission and personal discipleship?

Matthew That's the easiest one, look out for the launch of Matthew, Mission and Me, available on a Zoom Lent-style meeting exclusively through a church near to your heart from 1st March.

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, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians Chapter 4 verses 6-7)



Secretary's Notes



MESSY CHURCH

Will meet on **5th February** at 10am
with the theme '**Follow the Leader**'
All are welcome for a cuppa! Sanctuary service is 11am



WORSHIP LEADERS

On 19th February we welcome **Emmanuel Fellowship** who will lead our morning worship with the theme '**Woman of Influence**'



WARM SPACES

Have you tried the soup yet? You will find a very warm welcome on Fridays anytime from 10am to 5pm.



CHURCH MEETINGS 2023

Future Church meetings will be:
23rd April; 23rd July; 29th October; 10th December
Please make a note of these in your diary.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 22nd February

Keep your eyes & ears open for announcements regarding the West Wickham Ecumenical service.

Rosemary



News of the Church Family and Community

I write in mid-January, one of the bluer times of the year, not least after the twinkling lights of Christmas have been taken down for another year. As the seasons turns, so do our personal lives, and I share news of some in our fellowship and beyond, for you to remember in your prayers.

Moving Home

Please remember four dear friends of Emmanuel

- Audrey Castle,
- Audrey Grief,
- Barbara and Tony Dandridge

who have taken the big step to move from their respective homes of many years, to Care Homes. May they settle into their new home and surroundings and feel safe, secure, loved and cared for.

We also remember Paulina Lebesa and her two young adult children Naledi and Lindo Buthelezi who have moved to Redhill. We hope that they feel settled in their new home and surrounds.

Welcome Back

It has also been good to welcome back some of Emmanuel's friends who haven't been able to worship with us for a while, including Freda Banks who along with Florence Meredith, have been able to get out and about from their care home now that Covid restrictions are relaxing. We are also glad to welcome back Marjorie George, who was looking after her husband, Dennis, for some years. Sadly, Dennis died last Autumn, but Marjorie is now able to get out a little more.

Remembering people receiving health care and caring for their loved ones

Please remember the following people who have had or are having some medical investigations or procedures:

- Pam Grafham
- John Mackintosh
- Maggie MacNamara
- Will Patterson

and those who are caring for loved one, including elderly parents.

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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.*

Diamond Congratulations



Huge congratulations to Will and Elizabeth Patterson who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday 19th January.

Their special day followed a celebration meal with their family.

Greetings

Charles Sebestyen sent me a lovely note over Christmas, telling how he feels settled in his new home supported by his family, Sally and Peter, enjoys the delight of a beautiful new garden and attends, with Sally, her local C of E church. Charles asked me to pass on his best wishes to all at Emmanuel who remember him and Silvia.

Bereavements... two friends of Emmanuel

Emmanuel was sorry to learn of the death of two friends of Emmanuel. Barbara Plummer, who was a member of St Francis, died shortly after Christmas. Barbara played a lead role in Churches Together in West Wickham for over 30 years. Pat Best remembers working with her on children's events and activities since 1990, and in my relatively short time at Emmanuel to date, I knew her as the Secretary of Churches Together in West Wickham.

Barbara's funeral will be held on Tuesday 14th February in St Francis' Church at 11.15am, to which a warm welcome is extended. Pat shared the appropriateness of this date as for many years Pat and Barbara ran a children's activity on the Tuesday of the February school half term. Please remember Barbara's daughter, Kati, who lived together with her Mum, in your prayers.

David Dibbs, who was the regular organist at Emmanuel prior to Ian Verran and who has played a few times since Ian moved away, died shortly before Christmas. A funeral for David has been arranged for 2nd February at 2pm at Beckenham Crematorium followed by a reception at The Elm Tree. David's wife Sylvia added

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that it would help in making arrangements for catering if guests attending the reception can let her know. If anyone would like to attend please let me (David Pickering) know and I can pass on numbers. Please remember David's wife, Sylvia, and their family.

News just received

As Emmanuel Life was going to press we've just heard the sad news that Kathleen Hutson, who has been housebound for a number of years, died on Saturday 21st January. Arrangements for her funeral have yet to be made and will be announced in due course, and an 'In Memory' of Kathleen will be published in the March edition of Emmanuel Life. Please remember her family at this time.

A Prayer for Comfort

*Shepherding, welcoming God,
for treasured memories of loved ones, thank you.
May your peace, touch grieving hearts,
May your light, dispel death's darkness
May your new life, bring hope. Amen.*

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

Monthly Prayer

Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Rapha, Jehovah-Shalom,
God of liberty and righteousness, God of peace and truth,
in the glory and wonder of earth, sea, and stars,
in the miracle of all life and form in the whole universe,
in the complexity and confusion of human experience,
we celebrate your loving compassion.

We are called by your name, we seek your face, we humble ourselves.

Hear us from heaven, and heal our world.

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

(Matthew Chapter 5 verse 9)

Emmanuel Fellowship

Dear Friends,

We have begun our Spring Term with our fingers crossed that the weather may be on our side. So far, we have been lucky, and today, as I write, the sky is blue, the sun shines brightly, but oh, it's very cold. As long as we are free from snow and floods, we are on track for a Fabulous February.

So far this term, we have seen in the New Year from a worldwide perspective, travelled 'On foot through Bangladesh' and (if all goes to plan, although this is an alteration to the original programme) done a spot of bird-watching, and been astounded by the music-ability of Penny and Stephen Davies.

February is full of promise: **Clare Walker** returns on the 7th, this time leading us up mountains in '**The Search for the Yeti**'. I think the atmosphere will be set if the cold weather stays with us, so wrap up warm and enjoy the adventure.

February 14th is our half term, so we all have one day holiday.

We'll be back on the 21st to meet with our dear friend **Elizabeth Lanyon**, who will tell us '**Nothing new under the sun**'. I'm sure there will be a great deal to that story!

And on the last day of the month, we will greet **Anne Miles**, accompanied by Brenda, when we will raise our voices in a '**Singing Session**'. Make sure you don't miss out that first 'g'. No professional training required for the afternoon, just enthusiasm and a sense of fun.

We're still waiting to welcome you if you haven't ever joined us, or if you've been too busy to pop in for a while. It's cosy and friendly beyond those wooden doors in the Richmond Hall, so come along and take a peek.

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee

Ramblings: Nature Notes from God's Creation

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

As 2022 bowed out I wrote what I thought was my final copy of Nature Ramblings, reflecting on aspects of the wonders of God's creation through 2022. I also indicated that with the launch of our Facebook, I'd transfer my attentions (and alliterations?) there. But I was lobbied... and requested to both continue with Facebook and Nature Ramblings in Emmanuel Life. And so back by demand, for an edition or two...

As I write in mid-January, the grass and air are crisp white, held in a second wintry blast, and yet, signs of new life may be seen and heard.

Outside in the evening air I can hear an occasional bark together with an unsettling and somewhat bloodcurdling scream. Last year's fox cubs have not long left their parental care, so the typically faithful dog and vixen mate again. The night's eerie cries and screams are part of their seasonal mating. With a gestation period of around 52 days, the new season's cubs may be born around the end of February. We'll be looking out for a first glimpse of the new litter in our garden.

Meanwhile, another harbinger of Spring may be seen. Shortly after Christmas we spotted the first shoots of bulbs, and now our garden has nodding patches turning a whiter shade of green, as the familiar slender stems with white heads emerge.

The nature poet Wordsworth published his poem, To a snowdrop, in 1819, opening:
LONE Flower, hemmed in with snows and white as they

*But hardier far, once more I see thee bend
Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend,
Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day,
Storms, sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay
The rising sun, and on the plains descend;
Yet art thou welcome, welcome as a friend.*



Wordsworth greets the flower as a welcome and unbidden friend, whose transitory appearance in somewhat unfriendly weather, marks the changing

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season, and whose struggles are seen as sallying through the inclemency of life. Wordsworth concludes:

*Chaste Snowdrop, venturous harbinger of Spring,
And pensive monitor of fleeting years!*

Between the floral lines, Wordsworth reflects that we, too, may know times of hope and joy, life's adversity, the rising sun's rays through the passing of those fleeting years.

The opening of Psalm 23 speaks of the abiding presence of God, including through our green pasture, and might we add, flowery meadow moments, restoring soul:

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.*

So I'm thankful for the snowdrop, a first bloom in the year's meadow, to lift our souls.

David Pickering

Personal Thanks & Announcements



Mighty Mites

The next collection of Mighty Mites will be on Sunday February 12th.

We collect small coins, 1p, 2p, 5p, to send a cheque to UNICEF once a year.

There is no need to count the coins. Just bring them to church in a bag. I shall take them to the bank and the bank machine does the counting for us.

Many thanks,

Gill Childs

Overseas charity of the year

Soarta is the overseas charity that we have chosen to support through our giving on Christmas Day and at our Summer Fair later this year.



The Soarta Community Association is based in Moldova and a team of volunteers have supported many thousands of Ukrainian refugees arriving in Moldova.

The Association welcomes refugees on the border with Ukraine to offer packages of food, warm meals, toiletries, school supplies, toys, and nappies. They also provide mobile sim cards preloaded with 15 minutes of call time and 20GB of internet to save data roaming charges.

Soarta is known to Commitment for Life through its global partner work and the URC has made a donation to aid this work.

Francis Brien, URC Deputy General Secretary (Mission), said: "The Mission Team fully endorses Churches Together in England's call for the immediate end to the conflict in Ukraine. We commend the work being undertaken to help refugees by so many wonderful people in neighbouring countries.

"We are especially grateful for Asea Railean in Moldova, director of the NGO Soarta, for her tireless work in supporting Ukrainian women and children."

What makes the effort by these people so remarkable is that Moldova is the poorest country in Europe but is giving so much to welcome refugees into their country. I hope that we can give generously to Soarta. We can do this at our Summer Fair or by adding to the amount raised on Christmas Day.

Pat Best

‘St Christopher’s: More than just a hospice’

Emmanuel’s Local Charity for Christmas 2022

It is our tradition at Emmanuel to support two charities with our Christmas Day collection, one overseas and one local: St Christopher’s was the local charity that benefitted from half the money last Christmas. Do you wonder how that money will be used? Perhaps you have preconceived ideas about the hospice, so maybe the reality will surprise you.

St Christopher’s hospice was founded by Cicely Saunders in 1967 to meet the specific needs of patients with terminal illnesses. She aimed to make the lives of such patients as comfortable and dignified as possible, and to ease their loneliness and suffering. The hospice became a centre of excellence.

Now, St Christopher’s not only achieves these outcomes for patients, it also adds depth and quality to their lives. With art and music therapy sessions, money advice, companionship, complementary therapies, rehabilitation, spiritual and emotional support and much more, life can be lived to the full.

It doesn’t stop there either. St Christopher’s has recently built a state-of-the-art centre named CARE: The **C**entre for **A**wareness and **R**esponse to **E**nd of Life. CARE is a learning space for professionals and Carers; it offers courses and workshops, as well as art exhibitions, events and space for quiet contemplation, and the centre is open to everyone. The significance of St Christopher’s reaches much further than the local community, as it is one of the largest providers of palliative care education in the world.

There is so much more to St Christopher’s, and if you would like to do a bit of your own research, you could try their website, which is where the information for this article was found: <https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/>

If you missed the Christmas Day collection and would like to make a donation to St Christopher’s, you may put it in an envelope, marked ‘St Christopher’s’ and place it in one of the collection plates at Emmanuel at any Sunday service.

Sue Thomas

Memorial Service for Paul Thomas

Date: **Friday March 31st**

Time: **12 noon**

Place: **Emmanuel URC Church The Grove West Wickham BR4 9JS**

Please join us afterwards for refreshments in the church hall. It would help the caterers if you let me know you intend to stay and if you have any special dietary requirements.

If you wish to make a donation in Paul's memory we recommend Alzheimer's Society (Alzheimer's.org.uk) or Doctors for Nepal, raising money for equipment in rural areas (doctorsfornepal.org).

The service will be broadcast on Zoom and also recorded. If you would like to know the links for either of these please contact me and I will forward them when known.

There will be a book available on the day for your comments and memories. If you are unable to attend in person or cannot join us for refreshments we would still like to acknowledge your presence so a contribution which can be added to the book would be appreciated.

Please, no black!! Wear something brightly coloured.

The family are looking forward to seeing you.

Janet Thomas



FOOD BANK DONATIONS...PLEASE

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

As usual, please don't feel under any obligation to give in any way, but this is simply a little guidance for any of you who would like to give at the moment. We are short of the following items, and ask you to consider these in your donations:

- Pasta sauces (ideally tomato)
- Tinned vegetables
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Milk
- Nappies size 3, 5, 5+, 6+
- Jam
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Rice (in packs rather than sachets)
- 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

Eco Hints & Tips

We've been asked by a few people to start including some eco hints and tips each month in the newsletter. Some of the choices you can make in your lifestyle, trying to be better at caring for God's earth.

So between us, Sue & I will try and give you one new idea each month this year – various things we think everybody can consider. Some will be very simple (like this month), some might be a bit more complicated. Don't worry, we're not going to get into big debates on topics like electric vehicles etc, they're really hard to simplify. This will be "10 minute", easy stuff.

If you're already doing it – bravo! And give yourself a pat on the back. If it's a new idea to you – please give it a try!

February – leaky letterboxes

Did you know that around 10% of the heat loss from a normal house can escape via a badly fitting letterbox? That could be 10% of your annual gas bill you could save with one simple step.

- Easy solution – fit an internal letterbox draught excluder. The simplest model (white plastic) costs just £7 from Wickes, or a brass effect one is £7.49 from Screwfix. A model with an internal flap as well as brushes costs a bit more, up to £25, but of course it does a better job as well.
- Harder solution – fit an external letterbox and block up the hole in the door completely. There's a wide range of styles and sizes, many are lockable. On Amazon for example, we quickly found all sorts ranging from £30 to over £100. It's a bit more work to install of course, but well within the reach of average DIY skills.



Got your own top tip and want to share it? We'd love to hear from you.

Ian M, Sue T



Allegri
Singers

with the Rosenau Sinfonia

Conductor
Stephen Anthony Brown

Handel's Messiah

7.45pm Saturday 25th February 2023

St Mark's Church, Westmoreland Road, Bromley BR2 0TB

Tickets: allegrisingers.org.uk Adults £15, u18s £5



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WARM SPACES

West ⁱⁿ 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
In West Wickham

*Kaleidoscope Domestic Abuse
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Abuse*



*Last Saturday of the month
1-3pm*

*The Emmanuel Church, The Grove,
West Wickham, br49js*

*Contact Maxine on 07399718153
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 February

Thursday	2nd	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Friday	3rd	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on page 20)
Sunday	5th	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering with Infant Blessings
Tuesday	7th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 11)
Friday	10th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on page 20)
Sunday	12th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship, including Holy Communion led by Revd David Pickering
Friday	17th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on page 20)
Sunday	19th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by members of Emmanuel Fellowship
Tuesday	21st	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 11)
Friday	24th	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on page 20)
Saturday	25th		<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i>
Sunday	26th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship with Church Parade led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	28th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship in the Richmond Hall (details on page 11)

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Church Diary for the start of March

Friday	3rd	10.00am— 5.00pm	Warm Spaces in West Wickham, incorporates Drop-In coffee mornings (details on page 20)
Sunday	5th	10.00am	Messy Church led by Revd David Pickering and Pat Best
		11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship

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Notices

BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES

5th February
@ 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

Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 9:30am

Details on page 23

Warm Spaces in WW

Fridays 10:00am to 5:00pm

This incorporates Drop-In Coffee
mornings

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Allegrì Singers

@ St. Mark's Church
Saturday 25th February at 7:45pm

Details on page 19

ELDERS' MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 2nd
February at 7:30pm

Emmanuel Fellowship

Tuesdays at 2.15pm
in the Richmond Hall
Everyone welcome

Details on page 11

Emmanuel Art Group

Thursdays
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Details on page 22

PAUL THOMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Date: Friday March 31st
Time: 12 noon
Place: Emmanuel URC
Church

Emmanuel Church Contacts



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