

Emmanuel Life

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February 2024



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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Gathered family worship (in-person) and also broadcast on Zoom on the second Sunday of the month where possible.

See next page for details.



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February 2024 Services

4 th (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering
11 th (see below)	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion led by Revd David Pickering
14 th Ash Wednesday	10.45am	Churches Together Service at St Francis Church of England
18 th (see below)	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Mrs Marion Moore
25 th (see below)	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering

March 2024

3 rd	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering

- 4th February:** Induction of 'Children and Family Worker' in Messy Church at 10.45am.
- 11th February:** Welcome of Elder and new church members.
- 18th February:** Mrs Marion Moore is an accredited Lay Preacher from our own congregation.
- 25th February:** Elizabeth Gowing, founder of 'The Ideas Partnership', will join us for this service.

See Secretary's notes for more information.

There are three things that last for ever: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians Chapter 13 verse 13)

Minister's Letter

Moving home...

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many homes you have lived in?

I wonder how many churches you have belonged to and play a part in?

So enquired Laura Macbean, as she started her sermon entitled, 'A house of heritage and hope' at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Ministry and Mission of West Wickham Methodist Church.

Laura's questions set me thinking, and I totted up:

- I'm living in my fourteenth home, and
- I have belonged to, and played a part in, fourteen churches

From my childhood and youth and then in marriage with Jan, I've lived across England and Scotland, including Bromley, Plymouth, Oxford, Stockton-on-Tees, Wigan, Leeds and Glasgow. I now find myself in Stambourne Way, curiously just a mile or so around the corner from my first home as an infant on Pickhurst Lane. Curiously again, the first church to which I belonged, Bromley Congregational Church, now Bromley URC, is the mother church which helped plant Emmanuel to which I now belong and serve. Whilst Bromley is new territory for Jan, my life has a feel of turning full circle.

You may conclude that with that many moves, Jan and I should be good at relocating by now. But Jan would join with me in saying that it isn't easy to move home, especially to leave a home and faith community where you have made friends and set down roots. More positively, along the way we've been blessed by wonderful welcomes, and in time have settled, made friends, and felt part of the community.

Looking back, we know that our lives have been enriched by the people and

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communities that we've joined, and we dare to think that we might have given and left something of value in the communities where we've belonged.

So, my heart is with the good people of West Wickham Methodist Church, as on Sunday 14th January, they left their spiritual home of many, many years, to seek a new home to worship in, and fellowship to belong to. I am delighted that a good number of them have chosen to move to Emmanuel. I am sure that we'll want to give them the warmest of welcomes, and help to sweeten the poignant sadness of the loss of their beloved spiritual home and faith community.

I am sure, too, that Emmanuel will be blessed by having them join our fellowship. I dare to hope that they may feel God's blessing as they settle amongst us, and together we make new friends and relationships. I imagine, too, that in the weeks, months and years to come, we will be blessed by the gifts that they bring, both personally and from their tradition.

The hymnwriter Marty Haugen expresses my hope more succinctly:

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

So a big Emmanuel welcome to our friends from West Wickham Methodist Church.

As they look back with thankfulness on their house of heritage and hope, may we look forward together to building the next chapter in Emmanuel's life and mission, developing and adding to our mutual faith-filled heritage.

As the snowdrops grace these early Spring days, may you know the love and new life of Christ in this season.

David

MARK'S STORY

A LENT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

FOR THE INTERESTED AND CURIOUS

Over the last three years we've had a Zoom-based Bible study in Lent entitled:

2021 Psalms at Seven

2022 Looking at Luke

2023 Matthew, Mission and Me

So, for 2024 we are going to follow the same pattern, but explore Mark's Gospel, for in the cycle of Bible readings that we often follow, the lead Gospel through to next Advent is Mark's Gospel.

Each session is on a Tuesday evening and will start at 7pm and last for c. 30 minutes, perhaps 40 minutes, with some time for fellowship. Whilst anyone is welcome to come to every evening, each session is stand alone, so if you can only come to one, don't be deterred. It may also help to know that no prior knowledge is needed, but it will be helpful to have a Bible to hand.

You are welcome to bring your own cuppa or glass! The programme is at **7pm on**

27 th February		Introducing Mark's Story
5 th March	Part 1	Around and about Galilee
12 th March	Part 2	Through the shadow of the cross
19 th March		Themes along the way
26 th March	Part 3	Night of despair to a new dawn

Tuesdays:

0203 901 7895	0208 080 6591	0208 080 6592
0330 088 5830	0131 460 1196	

Zoom details

Emmanuel Fellowship

Dear Friends,

Hasn't it been cold this January! Well, not every day, perhaps, and we hope you have all felt a warm welcome stepping into the Fellowship on Tuesday afternoons, as we love to have your company.

Our Spring Programme continues through February:

6th— 'Trustee of A Rocha', Ian Moore, will be here to enlighten us on his new role and the work of this Christian Conservation organisation.

13th— It's Half Term, so there will be no Fellowship this week.

20th— Clare Walker returns to the Fellowship with her talk entitled '**New Zealand via Vietnam**'. What wonders there will be instore for us this afternoon!

27th—'Prinny, Caroline and the Mob' is the fascinating story that awaits us when we welcome **Elizabeth Lanyon** to the Fellowship once again.

This whole month has the feel of reuniting us with friends, as each of the Speakers is already known to our Fellowship. Enjoy!

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church meets on 4th February 10 – 12 noon, continuing the theme of 'Journeying'. We will be welcoming our new Family & Children's worker, Julie Cook.

Remember, everyone is welcome to pop in for a 'cupper' before the church service

LENT BIBLE STUDY via Zoom



Mark's Story

6th February at 7pm (and then Tuesdays in March...so save the dates!!!)

See page 6 for details

ELDER & NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION & WELCOME



We welcome an Elder and some new Members on 11th February at our morning communion service.

SHROVE TUESDAY 13th February



...or more commonly known as Pancake Day Emmanuel Fellowship are on their half-term and so are not meeting.

**EMMANUEL
FELLOWSHIP**

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February



St Francis are holding an Ash Wednesday service with communion and the opportunity to receive ashes at 10:45am, to which everyone is warmly welcome.

Synod Safeguarding Course in the Sanctuary at Emmanuel (see separate article on page 20 for details)

- 10-12:30 Foundation Course
- 1:30-4pm Intermediate Course

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VISITING WORSHIP LEADERS



We welcome our own Marion Moore on 18th February.

This is the first Sunday in LENT

In our 10:30am on Sunday 25th February David will **introduce and interview Elizabeth Gowing** from the **'THE IDEAS PARTNERSHIP'**, who will give us insights about our **2024 overseas charity.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



On Friday 1st March St Francis is hosting a service for the World Day of Prayer at 10:30am The country that has prepared worship and for which prayers will be focused is Palestine, which will be both highly pertinent and deeply poignant at this tragic time.

Rosemary

ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

Dear Friends,

Emmanuel's Annual General Church Meeting is being held after the morning service on Sunday 28th January.

The whole morning will be themed around our meeting, with our service having an element of 'looking back' at our church life over the last year, and 'looking forward', asking where God may be calling us through 2024 and beyond.

As such, our gathering is not just a matter of reports and decisions, important though those are, but also critically of discernment, seeking God's guidance for our journey forward.

I warmly invite and encourage as many members as possible, together, of course, with friends of Emmanuel, to attend this most important meeting in our church's annual life. It may help to know that the morning service will be a little shorter than usual enabling us to move to our AGM and still be home for Sunday lunch!

I look forward to seeing as many as can possibly attend, as we go forward in faith.

David



News of the Church Family, URC and wider Church Community

“February, bending from Heaven. In azure mirth, it kissed the forehead of the Earth and smiled upon the silent sea, and bade the frozen streams be free, and waked to music all their fountains, and breathed upon the frozen mountains.”

So wrote Percy Bysshe Shelley. In this month of (hopefully!) winter thawing and storm calming, with the earth stirring in anticipation of new life, please remember in your prayers the following from our fellowship at this time:

Remembering people receiving health care and caring for their loved ones

Those who are poorly or have had or are having or recovering from hospitalisation, medical investigations and procedures, breaks or replacements, support or treatment, including:

- Anne Andersen
- Marjorie George
- Marty Jones
- Jan Kienlen
- John Mackintosh
- Lynda Stock

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brodie Hunter who joined the band of octogenarians on Wednesday 17th January. As may (just conceivably) be said north of the border, Och aye the noo, happy birthday to you! Or perhaps better and more simply, slainte!

For God’s blessing as we remember those setting out in a new role

Heather Moore as she sets out in her significant ministry as Moderator of URC Youth.

Julie Cook, as she begins her role as Emmanuel’s half-time Children and Family Worker. Julie began her role on Tuesday 23rd January and is being inducted to the role in Messy Church at 10:45am on Sunday 4th February.

It is very much hoped that all those coming to worship at Emmanuel on 4th February

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will first come to Messy Church in the Richmond Hall for the short act of induction at 10:45, so together we can ask God's blessing on Julie's work amongst us. Following the act of induction worshippers may choose to stay for the Messy Church activities or go through to the church for our more traditional service which will begin at 11am.

For the process of recruiting a Youth Worker

As Emmanuel seeks a half-time Youth Worker to serve alongside our newly appointed Children and Family Worker, please pray for the selection process, that we may be led to appoint the right person, and that you may bless the selection panel with wisdom, insight and discernment.

For the Fellowship of West Wickham Methodist Church

Please remember our friends at West Wickham Methodist Church. Some of them have chosen to come to Emmanuel, others to Bromley or Beckenham Methodist Churches and others are considering where they may make their next spiritual home. Please remember their fellowship at this time, and pray that those who have chosen to attend Emmanuel may soon feel at home.

Please let David or an Elder know of anyone known to you who has a special anniversary, birthday or news, or who would value the prayerful support of the church.

David

Nature ramblings - Mistletoe

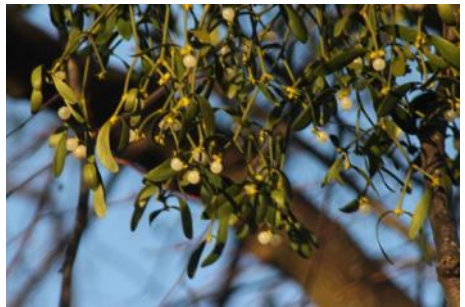
I lift mine eyes to the quiet hills... so opens Timothy Dudley-Smith's hymn, drawing on Psalm 121, in which the psalmist looks upwards to the hills as they travel on pilgrimage to worship at the Temple in Jerusalem.



Should we lift our eyes upwards through the bare winter months as we come to worship at Emmanuel, we can't help but see one of the trees on The Green bedecked by mistletoe. For as summer's leaves fall through Autumn, a veil is drawn back on a wealth of tangled mistletoe balls, each plant replete with multiple pairs of winter-green leaves and creamy juicy berries.

In times of old the sight of life flourishing high above the earth through the winter months imbued mistletoe with a mystical, magical aura, and led to it being associated with fertility. This is an understanding drawn upon in Christian times, leading people to bring sprigs of mistletoe indoors for young love to kiss under, whether in hope, flirtaciously or sealing romance.

Mistletoe is a partial or hemiparasite, growing by photosynthesis from the sun, and gaining water and nutrients from its host tree. It favours certain species, including apple, hawthorn and lime, the latter being the host at Emmanuel. And whilst the host tree doesn't favour the life-sapping mistletoe, in the balance of nature, mistletoe provides valuable food through winter's hungry months for some bird species which depend on the berries to survive. These include the mistle thrush and the blackcap, the latter being a summer warbler that now regularly overwinters in our southern English climes. It is from the birds feeding on the berries that the indigestible seeds are either excreted (mistle thrush) or wiped during feeding (blackcap) onto branches. From this act, the seeds may germinate, growing into a new plant, and is why a single tree can become festooned with mistletoe.



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From the host tree life is taken, and from the mistletoe new life bounds.

So lift your eyes as you come to worship during these winter months,
for creation is a wonder to behold.

cycle of life and death in the natural world. Isn't creation wonderful.

David



Manele Mpfu works for the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA) based in Harare. “These mining corporations are interested in profits,” he told us. “Many are looking to develop their mining interests in some of the most sensitive cultural and environmental areas of the country, including the famous Mana Pools, often against the law. We are here to represent the interests of local communities and the environment, both of which are negatively impacted by destructive mining practices.”

ZELA works closely with local communities to find out how they wish to engage with a proposed mining or industrial development in their area. ZELA will then take these concerns and suggestions to the companies that may be in breach of human rights. In some cases, ZELA might be compelled to litigate through the country’s courts, but quite often the companies can be persuaded to take the law and the interests of the affected communities seriously.

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The support you provide through Commitment for Life is critical to the effectiveness of our local partners in Zimbabwe like ZELA. Thank you for your efforts! If you'd like to listen to Manele yourself, please watch the video produced by Commitment for Life (link below).

<https://bit.ly/41exajJ>

It is well worth watching

Pat Best

Prayer in a Time of Conflict

*Peaceful God,
We are inundated with distressing news of conflict and war.
We are told to choose sides;
that the good side's violence is justifiable, because the bad side
is wrong or evil.*

*Help us only ever to choose the side of peace. When faced with his own arrest
and violent crucifixion, Jesus refused to yield to fear or hatred or violence. Jesus
chose the side of peace.*

*We know from scripture that true peace grows in the fertile soil of justice, mercy,
humility, and the equal sharing of your free gifts. Help us set aside the misguided
attempt to choose whose violence is better.*

*God of love, may your true peace be planted anew in us. May your love fall gently
upon our communities like morning dew on thirsting crops as we remember that
nothing in creation, neither heights nor depths, nor powers, nor principalities, can
separate us from the indescribable love of the God.*

Amen.

Personal Thanks & Announcements

From the AV desk

Since August 2020, ever since we returned to worshipping in the church following the first COVID lockdown, we have been offering worship via zoom and recording the service and uploading to YouTube.

Terry Gibbs did the research and set up the software needed, and donated the more powerful computer we needed to make it work. Particularly during further lockdowns this has, we hope, been a valued resource for the congregation. But it's much more complicated to run, and people willing to be on the rota have been in short supply. Right now, only Ian and Marion are regularly available. The number of people watching on zoom has also fallen and is usually less than 5.

Elders have agreed that with effect from 11th February, we will only zoom and record one service a month. This will be the second Sunday in the month (usually the Communion service).

It's less complicated to project pictures and hymns in church but without adding the zoom or video recording. We are delighted that Sue Thomas has agreed to rejoin the rota. Keith Daniels has also been learning to operate, so it should hopefully be possible to continue to offer projection in church every Sunday.

We would very much welcome more volunteers and are very happy to train and offer support.

Thanks for everyone's understanding for the times when the technology decides not to work.

Marion Moore

Penny's Half Marathon

I shall be running the London Landmarks half marathon on Sunday 7th April in support of NSPCC, building up to the full distance over the coming weeks. If you are able to make a donation via my Justgiving page (given below), or directly to me that would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/londonlandmarkshalfmarathon2024-penelopedavies>

Thank you!

Penny



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:

- tinned veg
- jars of pasta sauce (tomato)
- milk
- jam
- fruit
- savoury snacks
- shampoo
- cleaning products (bleach is regularly asked for)

Items can be left just outside 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 Tips in 2024

Last year, Sue T and I provided you with a whole load of eco tips, largely drawing on our own efforts in our own lives. This year, we've decided to use A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips Calendar which comes from their Wild Christian programme.

Wild Christian is a sibling programme to Eco Church, and is about the commitments and changes we can make *as individuals* to live more joyfully and sustainably with God's creation. Emmanuel is already signed up to Eco Church programme, but perhaps you're inspired to sign up as a Wild Christian? If so, then for more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, start by signing up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian

You've already seen January's tips in last month's magazine, here's a preview of the rest of the year.

January Make enjoying nature your priority	February Go green for lent	March Celebrate spring
April Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine	May Say no to the mow	June Join "30 Days Wild"
July Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food	August Assist local wildlife during hot weather	September Step outside this season of creation
October Contribute to wildlife conservation	November Green your home	December Celebrate a greener Christmas

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So look out for a varied set of ideas to get you thinking!

PS: just because this calendar is about individuals, we're not letting up on the Eco Church programme for church as a whole (ie worship, premises, community engagement etc). We'll shortly be getting a detailed energy audit for the premises, and starting to work through those priorities. And watch out for more initiatives coming soon to "green" the outside of the premises. If you'd like to help, from a one-off task to helping plan and implement the things we want to do, please get in touch with Sue T or myself.

Ian Moore

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Go green for Lent

The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, ecofriendly living?

- Go plastic free
- Boycott fast fashion
- Buy less or second hand
- Buy local or in bulk
- Become zero waste
- Spend more time in nature
- Invite wildlife into your garden or church green space (with permission!)
- Try a plant-based recipe or diet
- Grow your own
- Change your method of transport
- Take a step to save energy in your home
- Move your money
- Join the movement for fossil free Churches
- Join the Eco Church community

Explore some of these changes at arocha.org.uk/go-greenfor-lent/

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING HOSTED BY EMMANUEL

Synod arrange a series of online Safeguarding Courses through the year, and in addition a limited number of 'in person' training sessions. Emmanuel is delighted that Belinda Herbert, the Synod Safeguarding Co-ordinator, will be offering safeguarding training for those who need it at Emmanuel on **Wednesday 14th February**. This is open to URCs across the Synod, including our friends from Elmers End Free Church. Two courses are being offered at the following times:

- 10.00am - 12:30pm Foundation Course
- 1:30pm - 4.00pm Intermediate Course

The Foundation Course is mandatory for those with the following roles:

Church and Deputy Church Safeguarding Co-ordinators

Active Ministers including retired ministers who continue to serve in an active way

Youth and Children Workers and volunteers **

Managers of children and youth workers

Those who undertake pastoral roles including Elders and Pastoral Assistants

Elders who are trustees

The Intermediate Course is additionally mandatory for those with the following roles:

Church and Deputy Church Safeguarding Co-ordinators

Active Ministers including retired ministers who continue to serve in an active way

Youth and Children Workers and volunteers **

Those who undertake pastoral roles including Elders and Pastoral Assistants

*** those helping at a holiday club, assisting occasionally with Sunday school, running a craft activity at Messy Church, running the tuck shop at a youth group, helpers at a craft club / lunch / trip, etc, where it is clear these people are in 'helper' roles and are always working in the presence of, and under the supervision of, a 'leader'*

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If you are unsure if you should be trained, please speak to one of us. The training will take place in church, where refreshments will be served. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and eat it in the James Todd room at the rear of the church sanctuary.

The United Reformed Church recognises that it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard others and thus needs to ensure that people holding specific roles and responsibilities are specifically equipped to protect vulnerable groups. A key part of this is to undertake regular training, normally at least every three years. Whilst this training is available online, Emmanuel is delighted to be hosting these sessions, for we think that training in person is both more effective and more fun.

If you would like to attend please can you book directly with the Synod Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Belinda Herbert
Post: URC Thames North Synod, St Paul's URC, Newton Road, London W2 5LS
Tel: 07716 640 596
Email: safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

[It would help if you can also let one of us know if you intend to come, or if you have any difficulty making your booking.](#)

Thank you to everyone who undertakes vital roles in our church life. We hope that if this training is applicable to you, it will prove helpful as we strive to maintain Emmanuel as a safe place for everyone.

Gill Chamberlain – Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Nicky MacIntyre – Deputy Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Frances Thornton – Safeguarding Link Elder
David Pickering - Minister



An Exciting Opportunity:

to develop a new role as a
Youth Worker



Hours: 18 hours per week: Flexible working

**Salary: £15,000-£17,500 depending on experience
(£30,000-£35,000 36 hours Full Time equivalent)**

Location: West Wickham, Bromley, Kent

- Emmanuel is seeking a warm hearted, fun, self-motivated person who is passionate about working with young people, as a key part of our plans to develop our church's ministry.
- Emmanuel strives to be an open, inclusive and welcoming community.
- Emmanuel has a strong tradition of children and youth work, now comprising:
 - ⇒ Messy Church which attracts a growing number of families, all the Scouting and
 - ⇒ Guiding groups and a weekly parent/carer Toddler Group.
- We aim to develop a vibrant presence, integrated in the heart of the community, offering a range of activities for all ages Monday – Sunday

To find out more and for an application form, please contact:

Sara Stocker: messychurch@emmanuelww.org.uk

or please send a stamped addressed envelope to:

Sara Stocker, Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham BR4 9JS

Closing Date: 12 noon on Monday 29th January 2024

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COMMUNITY GARDEN



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Fri & Sat weekly classes

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Teeny Athletes - Walkers to 2 years

Didee Athletes - 2 - 3.5 years

Little Athletes - 3.5 to 5 years

Mini Athletes - 5 to 7 years

To book go to www.miniathletics.com

Location: Richmond Sports Hall, Emmanuel Church
Contact details: Lara Doherty on ldoherty@miniathletics.com

*Kaleidoscope Domestic Abuse
Support Group West Wickham*

*Free confidential support and
advice on all types of Domestic
Abuse*



*Last Saturday of the month
1-3pm*

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

*Contact Maxine on 07399718153
for further details*

Coffee and Get-together

Warm Welcome Fridays at Emmanuel Church

*will continue into spring
with a 'lite bite' lunch*

*10am till 4pm
All welcome*

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: Zoe Favata

Email: zoe_04@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile: 07852 153115

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

Friday	2nd	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 26)
Sunday	4th	10.00am	Messy Church
		10.45am	Induction of 'Children and Family Worker' in Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered/broadcast worship led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	6th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship; 'Trustee of A Rocha' with Ian Moore In the Richmond Hall (details on page 7)
		7.00pm	Lent Bible Study via Zoom (details on page 6)
Friday	9th	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 26)
Sunday	11th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion and welcome of Elder and new church members led by Revd David Pickering
Wednesday	14th	10.00am – 12:30pm	Safeguard Training—Foundation Course (details on page 20)
		1:30pm— 4.00pm	Safeguard Training—Intermediate Course (details on page 20)
Friday	16th	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 26)
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Church Diary for Februarycontinued

Saturday	24th		Last day for Emmanuel Life items
Sunday	25th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	27th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship; 'Prinny, Caroline and the Mob' with Elizabeth Lanyon

Church Diary for the start of March

Friday	1st	10.00am —4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 26)
Sunday	3rd	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	5th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship In the Richmond Hall
		7.00pm	Lent Bible Study (details on page 6)

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Notices

BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES

4th February
@ 10 am in the Richmond Hall

www.emmanuelww.org.uk
www.messychurch.org.uk

For more details, please contact:
Pat on 07714 808 498 or
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Annual General Church Meeting

Sunday 28th January
(shortly after the church service)
Details on page 10

Lent Bible Study

Tuesday 6th February at 7:00pm

via Zoom
Details on page 6

Safeguarding Training

Wednesday 14th February
10.00am – 12:30pm Foundation Course
1:30pm -4.00pm Intermediate Course

Emmanuel Church

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Emmanuel Art Group

Thursdays
1:00pm to 4:00pm

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Warm Welcome

Fridays 10:00am to 4:00pm

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Emmanuel Fellowship

Tuesdays at 2.15pm
in the Richmond Hall

Details on page 7

Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 9:30am
Details on page 27

Mini Athletics

Fridays & Saturdays
9:30am to 12:00pm

In the Richmond Hall

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