

Emmanuel Life

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May 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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May 2024 Services

5th	10.00am	Messy Church Including the Induction of our new Youth Worker, Han Brancalone-Phelan (see pages 9 & 11)
	11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering including Child Baptism
12th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion and Believer's Baptism led by Revd David Pickering
19th Pentecost	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Marion Moore
	6.00pm	Pentecost Service (see page 6)
26th Trinity Sunday	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering

(Start of) June 2024 Services

2nd	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

What is green and hairy and goes up and down?

'A gooseberry in a lift' I sense you replying to an old joke.

May is an up and down season in the cycle of church life. During this month we remember the Ascension of Jesus on Thursday 9th May. Then ten days later we celebrate Pentecost, the coming down of the gift of the Holy Spirit marking the birth of the Church, which we celebrate this year on Sunday 19th May.

The disciples knew all about up and down experiences. They travelled with Jesus around Galilee, hearing and reflecting on his teaching, wondering at the healings, valuing his friendship and perhaps from time to time taking a little pride in their role as close associates of someone well known in the area. Then a shadow appeared, first cast by Jesus speaking unthinkably about going to Jerusalem and facing death. The shadow deepened as they approached Jerusalem until the fateful day when the shadow cast was of the cross-bound Jesus. The disciples knew all about the up experiences of life and the deepest of downs'

But that wasn't the end' We learn how the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples over a few precious weeks before finally ascending to God, and of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

It is interesting to reflect on the impact that Christ's ascension had. It may have been natural for the disciples, having lost their teacher and friend to shrink back into themselves, rudderless without Jesus. If that had happened we may never have heard of Jesus, and there might not be a movement called the Church. But the opposite happened. With the words of Christ's commissioning ringing in their ears, and feeling empowered through the mystery of God's Holy Spirit, the disciples stayed staring up to the empty sky in loss, but moved on, looking outwards with Christ's calling and commissioning in their heart.

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The final gifts of Jesus were to leave, creating space for the disciples to continue his ministry, and sending the Holy Spirit anew, to empower them in their ministry. And the consequence was a multiplication, not of loaves and fish, but where there was once Jesus and 12 disciples, there developed a larger group of apostles and even more converts. The multiplication continues to this day through successive generations. God through Christ continues to call the church to look out, still encouraging and equipping it through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Two thousand years on from the Ascension, and we, too, live in decidedly up and down times. Just now the world feels in a particularly parlous state, with the ongoing and devastating war in Ukraine, likewise the civil war in Sudan rendering much of the population facing famine, and top of the news and the global worry list is the conflict between Hamas and Israel, leaving countless civilian casualties and an escalation of hostilities in the wider region. We can feel powerless.

But we are not powerless. We can act including praying and lobbying for peace (see next page). And we can give, with a natural focus this month on Christian Aid week, which this year falls between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. One of their current actions is their Middle East Crisis Appeal.

In the ups and downs of this season, as individuals and as a church we can be part of the 'up' movement, making a difference in Christ's name in our tatty world.

And through all struggles, may we hold onto the last words of Christ as given by the evangelist Matthew.

'And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'.

As the sun rises in May's sky, may rays of God's love warm our lives.

David

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PS, I promised to let you know about a reply from our MP, Bob Stewart, to the letter that I sent offering perspectives for peace and community harmony from Bromley's Three Faiths Forum (Jewish, Christian and Muslim). Sad to say that despite me sending him a reminder, he hasn't replied. Please assume that unless I advise otherwise, he's chosen not to reply. I suggest that if anyone wishes to lobby a serving politician advocating peace, they write to someone else, perhaps the PM or Foreign Secretary?

David

Churches Together in West Wickham (CTiWW)

It is the practice for members and friends of Churches Together in West Wickham to meet together for a joint evening service twice each year, once at Pentecost and once towards the end of October.

The forthcoming service at Pentecost is to be hosted by Emmanuel at 6pm on Sunday 19th May, and will be led by me, after which there will be a break for refreshments with people then invited for the traditionally short CTiWW AGM. At the conclusion of this meeting Jon Hills, Minister of West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church will be handing over the Chair role of CTiWW to myself.

Everyone is warmly welcome at this special service, at which I plan to share a personal 'Pentecost' day experience that I had 35 years ago in 1989, which had echoes of the first Pentecost and which has influenced my ministry ever since.

David

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)



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH



HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY MESSY CHURCH AT EMMANUEL

It's going to be a busy and happy time on **May 5th**.

Messy will be celebrating their **10th Birthday at Emmanuel**, a **baptism**, inducting our new **Youth Worker** - and lots more beside to which all are invited!



More information on pages 9 & 11



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 May

Please find more information on page 17

YOUNG PERSON BAPTISM



We have a **young person** being **baptised on May 5th**.

We welcome her and her family and friends for this very special occasion.

ADULT BAPTISM on 12th May



We welcome family and friends at this special **adult baptism** which will be a full immersion believer's ceremony.

GUEST WORSHIP LEADER



We welcome **Marion Moore** on **19th May**.

Marion is one of our own members and an accredited lay preacher.

CTiWW PENTECOST SERVICE



Emmanuel is hosting the **CTiWW Pentecost** service on **Sunday 19th May** at 6pm followed by the AGM



Rosemary



News of the Church Family, URC and wider Church Community

“It is now May. It is the month wherein nature hath her fill of mirth and the senses are filled with delights. I conclude it is from the Heavens, a grace, and to Earth, a gladness.”

– Nicholas Breton

Please pray the beauty of transforming healing and hope for those in your heart traversing life’s rich journey, especially remembering:

For healing and care

Those who are or have been poorly, or have had time in hospital, or having medical investigations, treatment and procedures, or needing care, including:

- Marty Jones
- Alan and Jan Kienlen
- Nicky MacIntyre
- John Manuell
- David Neighbour
- Ron Tong

Death

Emmanuel is sorry to report the death of Marjorie George, who died peacefully in her sleep at home on Tuesday 16th April. At the time of writing funeral arrangements have yet to be made. We remember Marjorie’s daughter, Hilary, and her sons, David and Alex, and their families 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.*

New Home

It was very good to welcome John Mackintosh to one of the recent Saturday coffee mornings. It was good to hear that John has settled well into his new home and surroundings. Please speak to an Elder or David if you would like to have John’s new address.

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Welcome to Han Brancaleone-Phelan

On behalf of Emmanuel I'm delighted and excited to report that Han Brancaleone-Phelan has been appointed as Emmanuel's Half-time Youth Worker. Han together with her partner Catherine, and their four young children, Kathleen, Rilee, Oisin and Frankie started coming to Emmanuel last summer, and have been attending our more traditional church service and Messy Church. Both Han and Catherine are committed Christians and want to bring their children up in an inclusive faith community where they feel warmly welcomed and embraced. Emmanuel is that church for them!

Han works as a Fire Fighter with the Fire and Rescue Service, with a shift pattern involving 4 days off in every 8 days. The panel felt that Han was just the right person to develop our Christian Youth Work and that we can make her part-time role work around her shift pattern, and of course, family life. We feel very excited about the appointment and feel that her faith, skills and experience dovetails very well with all that Julie is offering us.

Han will be inducted to her role within May's Messy Church on Sunday 5th May – see details and an invitation to her induction below.

Happy 10th Birthday to Messy Church Emmanuel!

May 2024 sees the 10th anniversary of our Messy Church, a wonderful venture which has touched hundreds of lives with the love of God and good news of Jesus Christ, and which continues to grow.

A celebration is planned on Sunday 5th May which will include the induction of Han as our youth worker.

You are invited...

The morning's schedule being:

10am Come for breakfast, whether for a cuppa with or without a morning munchie, served in the Griffith Jones Hall.

10:30am Messy Church begins with an introduction to the theme, 'Meeting the risen Jesus by Galilee' and the induction of Han as Emmanuel's Youth Worker.

Following which there is a choice of worship:

- a) Continue in Messy Church with a range of faith-themed activities
- b) Move through to the sanctuary for our more traditional service, which includes the baptism of a child.

After which both Classic and Messy Church come together on Emmanuel's Green at the front of church around 11:50am to enact our equivalent of a Galilean Beach Picnic, with a round of Happy Birthday Messy Church and a celebratory ice cream for everyone.

Please note that for safety reasons, the car park will be closed on this Sunday morning.

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

Emmanuel Fellowship

Dear Friends,

We have an all-new cast of Speakers at our May meetings.

Here are the details of our May meetings:

- 7th - 'Droughts, Deluges and Dust-Devils – 350 Years of South East Weather:** a talk by **Ian Currie**, who is a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. He certainly knows his stuff!
- 14th - Do you think you know which are the 'Plants and Foods that Changed History'? Peter Batty** will be here to tell us the real story.
- 21st - Have you ever wanted to look inside a forbidden box? Now is your chance to see what hidden treasures lie within when Jean Surrey** comes to the Fellowship to **'Open the Box - 19th Century Boxes and their Contents'**.
- 28th - Half Term week, so there won't be a meeting.**

Join us again on 4th June for a full four-week programme.

See you there.

Best wishes,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee



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We began in May 2014 and here we are now having welcomed some lovely families. Many of you have shared in our celebrations such as Christmas and Pentecost, the Coronation and our overseas charities and have supported Messy Church in many ways. We enjoy you coming to breakfast too.

7year old Eskie says

"I do like all the arts and crafts that we do and there's lots more that I love. My favourite breakfast is brioche. I felt excited to be the Good Samaritan when we acted the story. Anyone, any age can come."

Julie Cook our Children and Family Worker has been helping to lead Messy Church and in May, Han Brancaloneone-Phelan our Youth Worker will join us. Han's induction will be at 10.30 on Sunday 5th May and we hope you will come and be part of that important welcome. Come to breakfast at 10am if you wish.

We invite you to celebrate our birthday with us later that morning as we join together at the end of worship, on the Green.

Pat Best

Nature ramblings – if you go down to the woods today...



Having ‘time out’ does us all good from time to time, certainly me, perhaps you and Jesus too. Jesus did so in preparing for his ministry with time in the wilderness, through his ministry going to quiet places to pray, and in the anxiety and trauma of facing the cross he went to Gethsemane to pray’ Having ‘time out’ does us all good from time to time, me, you and Jesus too.

Yesterday, wrestling with a sermon and having stared at the screen for too long, I chose to head out between showers for a wander in the woods at Hutchinson’s Bank. For me, a stroll through a Spring woodland with

birds singing and flowers blooming is one of the best ways I know to clear the mind and find new inspiration.

I was blessed by swathes of bluebells coming into bloom, scattered violets, some late blooming wood anemones, the lesser celandine, and toothwort (which I wrote about last Spring). I also spotted what I hoped to see, Moschatel (pictured right), an oft missed low-lying diminutive wonder.

The flower’s name derives from Latin for ‘musk’, for it diffuses a fragrance in the evening akin to deer musk. This little bloom has gained other tags too, including Muskroot, Hollowroot, Tuberous Crowfoot and my favourite, the Town-Hall Clock. The latter name reflects the flower’s characteristic four outward facing blooms, like a town-hall clock, and a fifth face which can be seen from above.



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I won't pretend that my walk in the wood straightened everything out in my mind, not least the sermon that I was wrestling with, but it did me good seeing and bathing in part of creation's wonder (and provided copy for this month's edition of Nature ramblings!)

As I wandered home it struck me that were Jesus to have preached the Sermon on the Mount in our time and place, rather than encouraging people to set aside their worries by considering the lilies of the valley, he may have invited them to consider the blooms of the English Spring wood.

So, if you go down to the woods today... may you be blessed by peace and wonder.

PS My March column told of my first butterfly spot of the year being a Peacock. I promised an update, so report that my 2024 species list is now seven, with the addition of Holly Blue, Brimstone, Red Admiral, Comma, Small White and Speckled Wood. And at least one church member is ahead of me having seen my favourite, an orange tip!

David

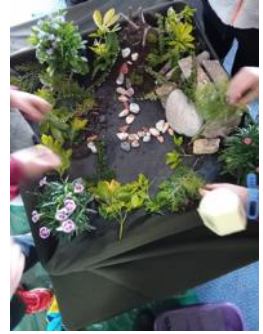
Children & Families at Emmanuel

Update

During the Easter Period, there has been a lot of fun activities taking place for Children and their Families.

On Good Friday we joined with St Francis Church and ran craft activities to introduce the Easter Story.

In the morning of Easter Saturday, Children came to Emmanuel Church to make the Easter Garden, take part in an Easter Egg Hunt in the Church and listened to a retelling of the Easter Story by Pat.



Messy Church

The Theme for April's Messy Church was Easter. Some of the activities included making a crown of thorns, decorating their 'biscuit' Easter Garden and painting hearts.



During the Easter Holidays, I ran two sessions for Children, they spent the morning making and decorating Easter themed cupcakes.

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In the afternoon, the session involved craft activities, playing games and building Lego.



FINALLY, I am really excited to share the news that Blissful Beginnings (for Parents and Carers and babies 0-6 months) and Time Together Thursdays (for Parents and Carers of 3- and 4-year-olds) started this week. It has been lovely to meet new parents and their children.

Julie

Personal Thanks & Announcements



What an experience! On April 7 I ran through the streets of London alongside two friends, to the encouraging cheers of supportive onlookers ('Go Penny!') and high fives from many children. The last few miles were tough - over Westminster Bridge, back again (oh no...), round the Houses of Parliament and finally to the finish and my shiny medal.

Around 15 million pounds was raised by participants in the London Landmarks Half Marathon for hundreds of excellent charities. Thank you all so much for your donations, you helped me raise (so far!) £1,071 plus Gift Aid of £167.50 for the NSPCC.

Many many thanks.

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:

- Milk
- Jam
- Tinned veg
- Pasta Sauce
- Toilet Roll
- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder/pods

Other items that are getting low:

- Cereal
- Tinned meats
- Soup
- Spaghetti
- Nappies (we have a very good stock of size 5, 6, 6+, but are giving out a lot of 3, 4, 4+)
- Shampoo (we have lots of shower gel and conditioner though)

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

Christian Aid Week – 2024



This year Christian Aid Week runs from the 12th – 18th May. As a church, along with thousands of other churches across the country, we are undertaking our own fundraising to ensure that the vital work of Christian Aid can continue.

Emmanuel is organising two ways in which, together we can raise funds.

e-envelopes

Following the success of last year's e-envelope scheme, a new one has been set up for 2024, enabling people to click and give, and for Christian Aid to collect any Gift Aid due. The e-envelope may be accessed by clicking here:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/emmanuel-church-west-wickham-christian-aid-week>

In addition the church email circular will email around the link to our e-envelope giving page at the start of Christian Aid Week.

The e-envelope invited us to set a target, so we have the ambitious target of £1000. Emmanuel Life will report on whether we reach our target.

Donations at Church.

Alternatively, you may send a cheque to our Treasurer, Ian Scott, or leave a donation in an envelope marked Christian Aid in a plate in church on any Sunday in May.

By giving through the e-envelope scheme or by making a donation via church, you will enable us to total up all donations from Emmanuel!

If you have any questions about Christian Aid or Christian Aid Week please contact Jim Lord.

Christian Aid – '70K in May'

This year as part of the fundraising for Christian Aid Week, the charity is encouraging people to do '70k in May'.



The 70k can be undertaken in any way you choose – walking, running, cycling; whatever way you choose, the more unusual, the better. The 70k does not have to be completed in one go. The aim is to complete to 70k and obtain as much sponsorship as possible and donate the funds to Christian Aid.

Further details and forms etc. can be obtained from Jim Lord.

IN MEMORY OF CAROL MATTHEWS



Carol was born and bred in Balham and was educated at Grey Coats Hospital School in Westminster, where she developed her love of sport. She was a keen Brownie and Girl Guide and was active with her church youth club. After she left school Carol worked as a secretary.

Carol and John married in 1963 and moved to Wood Lodge Lane in West Wickham in 1964. At that time they joined Emmanuel and became active in church life. Carol ran the Brownies for 17 years and there are numerous girls, now grown up with their own families, who have fond memories of Tara (Brown Owl) She joined the badminton club and Emmanuel Keys, she sang in the choir and up until her death, was a loyal

member of Women's Fellowship (now known as Fellowship) Carol was an Elder for a time and until quite recently a Pastoral Assistant. She also loved playing the hand bells with the Wandle Ringers.

For about 35 years Carol enjoyed a weekly exercise class with Anthea Tong, myself and 3 other ladies and throughout those years, as well as keeping fit, we offered friendship and support to each other. Carol continued to attend a keep fit class at Bencurtis Park until just a few months ago.

Carol and John loved overseas travel and over a period of about 20 years had some amazing trips to over 20 countries, but also found time for family holidays in Cornwall.

Family was everything to Carol, she was a loving and caring Mum and Grandma and she was always interested and supportive in whatever activity her 3 children Diane, John-Paul and Helen and her 4 grandchildren Emma, Matthew, Anny and Scott were involved in.

After John died Carol moved into a bungalow in Bencurtis Park and enjoyed chatting with friends and neighbours during her daily walk around the grounds. She was a social person and well known for her love of visits to Costa coffee with friends and family.

But I will also remember Carol as quite a private person, she was thoughtful and always measured when she spoke. The death of Helen, Carol's youngest daughter just a few months ago, was a devastating blow, but she bore this loss with great fortitude.

Carol was a loyal friend and will be missed by many.

Janet Pickering

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Say no to the mower

Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals. Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space - sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/.



Hats & Scarves *for* The Ideals Partnership *work in Kosova*

If you would be interested in supporting our chosen International Charity for this year by knitting hats and scarves for them, please contact Alison Lessiter at church.

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Job filled – Jobs vacant

Elders are delighted to report that they will be bringing a unanimous proposal for someone to succeed Ian Scott as our Church Treasurer to our Church Meeting on 14th April. The consequence of this nomination is that we need one or more people to take on the roles below. It may help to know that the following three can be undertaken at home, and at a time of the person's choosing, they each require having a computer with internet connection and that a full briefing is available.

Copyright Reporting

This role involves periodically reporting the hymns and songs that have been sung in worship. It doesn't require attendance at each service, for orders of service are always available.

Website Support

This role involves periodically updating the website (www.emmanuelww.org.uk) and in particular uploading Emmanuel Life each month.

Social Media Posting

This role involves posting a range of news and thoughts on our social media. The group undertaking this role is expanding, so you would be one of a team. This role would dovetail particularly well with website support, as above'

Please speak to an Elder or our minister David if you feel that you could offer to undertake one or more of the roles to help keep our church life running smoothly.

And another vacant post...

Cradle Roll Secretary

Emmanuel is seeking a Cradle Roll Secretary to succeed Karen Florence, who is willing to hand over the insights that she has. In summary, the role includes:

- Potentially liaising with the family ahead of the baptismal day and being present to welcome them (or arrange for someone to welcome them if you are away) on the day.
- Arranging for a children's Bible to be presented following the baptism.
- Arranging to add the child's (or adult's) name to be added to the Cradle Roll.
- Liaising with Janet or Sue about a flower presentation.

This is a vital ministry of welcome, undertaken a few times each year. Could this be you? If you have an interest or would like to find out more please speak to Karen Florence or David.

Thank you.

Volunteers Wanted

As you may already know, Tony, our caretaker, is moving to a three day week from May 20th this year, working as normal on Monday to Wednesday from that date, but enjoying time with his family on Thursdays and Fridays.

We intend to employ another person to work on Thursdays and Fridays, but it is unlikely that a new recruit will be with us by the time Tony starts his three day week.

So there will be a period during which we will need to cover some of the necessary tasks on our premises on Thursday and Friday, and, for this, we are appealing for volunteers.

I should emphasise that heavy duties are not required, opening and closing the premises is unlikely to be necessary, and setting up the heating will not be part of the job.

But emptying waste bins in the halls, checking that supplies such as soap and paper towels are available where needed, and ensuring that the halls, the kitchen, and the church are clean and tidy will be necessary tasks.

If you would be prepared to volunteer for this short term role on our premises, please speak to me and I will provide more details.

The more people who volunteer, the less frequently will your individual turn come round, and, of course, on Fridays there will always be Emmanuel people serving coffee and soup in the Hewitt Room and warmly welcoming you.

I hope you will respond to this call for help, and speak to me.

Thank you,

Ian Scott



churches
together
in West Wickham

Pentecost

6pm on Sunday 19th May
at Emmanuel

All welcome

Refreshments will be served and
the AGM will follow

Eco Church Network Bromley

A series of meetings in 2024, helping eco-churches across Bromley get together, share knowledge and ideas, and hear inspiring talks. Travelling to different churches to see what different congregations are each doing on their patch.

Wednesday 5th June **St Mary of Nazareth, West Wickham (BR4 0DX)**

"Jesus died to save the planet" - Paul Kunert, author

Wednesday 18th September **St Johns URC, Orpington (BR6 0BG)**

Carbon footprints (tbc)

Wednesday 27th November **Emmanuel URC, West Wickham (BR4 9JS)**

Energy audits and funding applications (tbc)

Open to all churches and other faith groups in Bromley.

You don't have to be registered with Eco Church to come, you could be just starting to think about it.



For further details, please contact Ian Moore at
ecochurchnetworkbromley@gmail.com

Blissful Beginnings



Every Tuesday

10.30am – 11.30am

For ages 0-6 Months

Emmanuel Church The Grove, West
Wickham

Bring your little ones along and join
other parents for a drink and a chat.



CONTACT

Julie Cook

Children and Family Worker

child.family@emmanuelww.org.uk

07444998312

Donations welcome

TIME TOGETHER THURSDAYS

FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Every Thursday

1pm - 2.30pm

Emmanuel Church The Grove,
West Wickham

Connect with other parents/carers and
bring your child for themed activities, sing a
longs, stories, play time and much more ...



Contact

Julie Cook
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Donations welcome



Save The Dates

Emmanuel's Annual Fair Sunday 7th July 2024



Everyone is warmly invited to come along to Emmanuel's Fair, which will be held outside on the Green after the church service on the 7th July, or in the church halls if it rains.

There will be live music, a bouncy castle, raffles, games, stalls and refreshments.

As you may already be aware, this year the fair will be raising funds for **The Ideas Partnership**.

If anyone would like to host a stall, or indeed help in any other way then please get in touch with Jim Lord. He would be delighted to hear from you.

Music Quiz Night

Later in the year on the **19th October 2024** we will be holding a Music Quiz Night at Emmanuel. Please save the date in your diaries! More details nearer the time!

Any queries to Jim Lord.

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.



GROWING TOGETHER

COMMUNITY GARDEN



COME AND JOIN US

THURSDAYS 10AM | 1 PM
ST FRANCIS CHURCH
86 RAVENSWOOD AVENUE
BR4 0PW

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT - 0333 335 5209

Sports classes for walkers to 7 years



Fri & Sat weekly classes
9.30am - Midday

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*

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Coffee and Get-together

Warm Welcome Fridays

Fridays 10am till 4pm



breakfast lunch
drinks cake



Newspapers, games, conversation

All welcome

Pat Best

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



Church Diary for May

Friday	3rd	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Sunday	5th	10.00am	Messy Church Including the Induction of our new Youth Worker, Han Brancaleone-Phelan
		11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering including Child Baptism
Tuesday	7th	10.30am—	Blissful Beginnings
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship; 'Droughts, Deluges and Dust-Devils – 350 Years of South East Weather: a talk by Ian Currie In the Richmond Hall (details on page 10)
Thursday	9th	1.00pm—	Time Together Thursdays
Friday	10th	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 31)
Sunday	12th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion and Believer's Baptism led by Revd David Pickering
	12th—18th		Christian Aid Week (details on page 17)
Tuesday	14th	10.30am—	Blissful Beginnings
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship; 'Plants and Foods that Changed History'? a talk by Peter Batty In the Richmond Hall (details on page 10)
Thursday	16th	1.00pm—	Time Together Thursdays
Friday	17th	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 31)
Sunday Pentecost	19th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Marion Moore
		6.00pm	Pentecost Service (details on page 22)

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Church Diary for May...continued

Tuesday	21st	10.30am— 11.30am	Blissful Beginnings For age 0-6 months (details on page 24)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship; 'Open the Box - 19 th Century Boxes and their Contents' with Jean Surrey In the Richmond Hall (details on page 10)
Thursday	23rd	1.00pm— 2.30pm	Time Together Thursdays For age 3-4 years (details on page 25)
Friday	24th	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 31)
<i>Saturday</i>		<i>25th</i>	<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i>
Trinity Sunday	26th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	28th	10.30am— 11.30am	Blissful Beginnings For age 0-6 months (details on page 24)
Thursday	30th	1.00pm— 2.30pm	Time Together Thursdays For age 3-4 years (details on page 25)
Friday	31st	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 31)

Church Diary for the start of June

Sunday	2nd	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd David Pickering
Tuesday	4th	10.30am— 11.30am	Blissful Beginnings For age 0-6 months (details on page 24)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship
Thursday	6th	1.00pm— 2.30pm	Time Together Thursdays For age 3-4 years (details on page 25)
Friday	7th	10.00am— 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 31)

Notices

BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES

5th May
@ 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
patbest@btinternet.com



Christian Aid Week

12th—18th May

More details on page 17

Churches Together

PENTECOST SUNDAY
19th May at 6.00pm

Details on page 22

Emmanuel Fellowship

(Some) Tuesdays at 2.15pm
in the Richmond Hall

Details on page 10

**Baby & Toddler
Group**

Wednesdays at 9:30am

Details on page 27

**Time Together
Thursdays**

For 3-4 year olds

Thursdays at 1.00pm till 2.30pm

Details on page 25

Blissful Beginnings

For 0-6 months olds

Tuesdays at 10.30am till 11.30am
NOT on 2nd May

Details on page 24

Emmanuel Art Group

Thursdays
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Details on page 27

Warm Welcome

Fridays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Details on page 31

Mini Athletics

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

In the Richmond
Hall

Details on page 29

Emmanuel Church Contacts

ACTIVITY	MEETING	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Emmanuel Fellowship	Tues 2:15pm	Sue Thomas	
Baby & Toddler group	Wed 9:30 am	Zoe Favata zoe_04@hotmail.co.uk	
Emmanuel Art Group	Thurs 1.00pm— 4.00pm	Sheila John john.band3@gmail.com	
Rainbows	Fri 5:30pm— 7:00pm	Jess Wright westwickhamrainbows@gmail.com	
Brownies	Fri 5:30pm— 7:00pm	Carole Douglas brownowlcarole@gmail.com	
Guides and Rangers	Wed 6:30pm— 8.00pm	Jo McGee jojmcgee@hotmail.com	
Beavers (6-8 years old)	Thurs 6.00pm— 7.00pm	Niels Rump niels.rump@8thwestwickham.org.uk	
Cubs (8-10½ years old)	Mon 7.00pm— 8.15pm	Niels Rump niels.rump@8thwestwickham.org.uk	
Scouts (10½-14 years old)	Tues 7.45pm— 9.00pm	Niels Rump niels.rump@8thwestwickham.org.uk	
Explorers (14-18 years old)	Tues 7.45pm— 9.30pm	Niels Rump niels.rump@8thwestwickham.org.uk	
Caretaker		Tony Stephen	
Commitment for Life		Pat Best	
Communion Secretaries		Keith & Rosemary Daniels	
Cradle Roll secretary		Karen Florence	
Fabric Adviser		Ian Moore	
Halls Manager		Katy Macmillan halls@emmanuelww.org.uk	
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