



Emmanuel Life



April 2025

**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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April 2025 Services

6 th (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church begins
	11.00am	Gathered worship led by Rev Dr Elaine Colechin
13 th Palm Sunday (see below)	10.30am	Worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas Luke's Passion Narrative
17 th Maundy Thursday (see below)	7.00pm	Worship led by Revd Dr Elaine Colechin with Holy Communion at Hayes Free Church
18 th Good Friday	11.00am	Worship at St Francis Church with Churches Together in West Wickham
20 th Easter Sunday	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Marion Moore with Holy Communion
27 th (see below)	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Jonathan Dolling

(Start of) May 2025 Services

4 th (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church begins
	11.00am	Gathered worship led by Janet Godden
11 th	10.30am	Worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas with Holy Communion

- 6th April – Revd Dr Elaine Colechin is the Minister of Bromley United Reformed Church and Leader of the South London Synod Area
- 13th April – The service will be followed by our Church Meeting. No communion.
- 17th April – Maundy Thursday Service, joining other local URCs at Hayes Free Church, Pickhurst Lane
- 27th April – A welcome return by Jonathan Dolling
- 4th May – Janet Godden is a Lay Preacher from St John's URC Orpington

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore*

(Psalm 121 verse 8)



SYNOD SPRING TOGETHER

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH AT EAST CROYDON URC

THEME- WELCOME TO THE TEAM

A quick Superloop bus ride took Ian Moore and me to East Croydon where I saw Bryn and a few others I recognised. Revd Russell Furley-Smith presided, as our Moderator Revd Bridget Banks was unwell, declaring Synod open 'in the name of Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve'.

Revd Memona Shahbaz led our opening worship, reminding us of the theme being the TEAM. In John chapter 13, Jesus asks his disciples if they understand the meaning of service and Luke 10 verses 1 and 2 remind us that Jesus sent out 70 followers in pairs. On International Women's Day Memona told us how joyful she is to serve God in the Eastbourne churches as in her home country of Pakistan she would not be allowed to. She showed us pictures of how the Eastbourne churches are serving the local community in the hospital, with the police, in shops and stations and with the WI.

Various matters were dealt with in the business section, with the resourcing of Theological Training needing the most attention. The Fund for ministerial and other training has until now been paid for from the M&M (Ministry and Mission) Fund which can no longer pay for all it used to do. One response might be to reduce training but we need to train new ministers, Church Related Community Workers, Lay Preachers and more.

There are growing funds from church closures which could be used to fund sustainable theological training in the URC. John Ellis explained this well and a number of people expressed how vital their training had been, both at the beginning and during their ministry. The mind of Synod was tested and we recommended that provision of theological training is essential and that any review should focus on funding models that provide long term sustainability with wealth from beyond the M&M.

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A 5 minute break took us to the next section – Working Together to Build the Kingdom. Ian Moore was introduced as the new Green Apostle for Southern Synod and he was delighted to unveil the framed certificate for the Bronze Eco Synod Award, largely built on the work of previous Green Apostles, Revds David Pickering, Nadene Snyman and Alex Mabbs.

Mark Rigby's presentation on training for elders explained how eldership has both legal requirements and a strong biblical basis. I partook of Mark's training on the previous Saturday and found it very helpful.

Next Russell inducted 2 people into important roles in the Synod. Some of you will remember Jo Patterson who came to Emmanuel in 2022 to help us 'think outside the box'. Jo was inducted into her new role as Mission and Discipleship Officer and we also welcomed Revd Charisa Hunter Crump from the USA as Training and Development Officer.

In our closing worship Russell reminded us that the world is full of good people who will reach out to those in need. God is there. Do not despair. The power of love is greater than the world's power.

Remember, we are The TEAM.

Pat Best

Services in Holy Week and Easter

ALL worship is special! But some services have particular special characteristics! We rarely hear the whole story... but on **Palm Sunday 13th April** we shall hear just that: the last hours in the life of Jesus, as from Luke 22 & 23. For many, a moving and memorable experience. No sermon!

On **Maundy Thursday at 7pm** it would be great if Emmanuel folk could come to the Communion Service at Hayes Free Church in Pickhurst Lane. It IS the original communion service... Hayes is also in vacancy. Elaine Colechin will preside and I shall be at the organ (that I played for 20 years between 1970s and 1990s). Hayes is a United Reformed Church, named 'Free' in a scheme that located nonconformist churches in the suburbs from the 1930s. It always had Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, some Anglicans and a Catholic among its basically Congregationalist fellowship! There is kerbside parking next to the church in Hilldown Road and Courtlands Avenue, and in Crest Road 100 yards up the hill. Step-free access from Pickhurst Lane.

Good Friday at 11am at St Francis: the Churches Together in West Wickham will each have people who will be participating, including Emmanuel. Annually a well-attended service.

On **Easter Day** Marion will be leading our worship. She has written in greater detail about our Easter celebration below – have a look!

Bryn

This year Bryn will be leading at Elmers End and I will be leading at Emmanuel.

We are going to keep the outside element but rather than a separate event I am planning that our Easter act of worship will begin outside at 10.30am and then move inside after a short while to continue in the sanctuary.

So please come with your flowers to decorate the cross and your voices ready for a good sing! Many thanks to our musicians.

We have been blessed with dry weather for the last few years but if on the day we are greeted with rain, we'll go inside rather than dampen our Easter joy!

Marion



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church meets on **6th April 10 – 12 noon**, **Remember**, everyone is welcome to pop in for a 'cupper' before the **11am service** in the sanctuary.

YOUTH CLUB

Will take place on Sunday 27th April from 6-7.30pm. Details on page 25



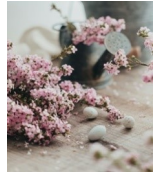
WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL



- 6th - Revd Dr Elaine Colechin, minister of Bromley URC
- 13th - Revd Bryn Thomas (no communion)
- 20th **EASTER DAY** – Marion Moore with Holy Communion
- 27th – Jonathan Dolling

EASTER SERVICES

- **Maundy Thursday 17th 7pm** – at Hayes Free Church led by Revd Dr Elaine Colechin
- **Good Friday 18th 11am** – at St Francis Church
- **EASTER DAY 10.30am** – at Emmanuel (as above)



CHURCH MEETING

Grab a coffee and stay after the morning service for the Church Meeting on **13th April**



EASTER ACTIVITIES

- **Easter Egg Hunt at Emmanuel – Saturday 19th**
- see page 24 for details
- **Crafts & cooking for young people** (4-11 & 7–11 year olds) on 7th & 9th April. See pages 22 & 23 for details



PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Join **Marion** on **Friday mornings** for quiet prayer time in the vestry. Details on Page 10



Rosemary



News of the Church Family, URC and wider Church Community

Shrove Tuesday pancakes seem long past now, but we still have the thoughtfulness of Lent with us – inevitably, also, as the international situation seems to remain dire in many respects. The UK has slipped in its happiness rating, apparently. Yet we live in a country that is wealthy compared to many others, and has ideals around personal freedom, health opportunities and the rule of law that others envy. As a Radio 4 listener, I wonder about the quarrelsome contentiousness of the Today programme presenters, and news on the hour every hour – and what that does to our thinking. We forget that events that make the news are exceptions: the 1% that is negative; while 99% is positive and works as well as we might hope.

In church terms, we approach the downward spiral of Holy Week to Good Friday – so, superficially, not much help there, then... The amazing thing is that the early followers of Jesus began to understand the disaster of the crucifixion as a positive event – both in itself and, of course, because of the way the Resurrection Christ appeared to them. As, I hope, we are beginning to see, Luke is foremost among the positive thinkers.

It is not easy in everyday life to achieve a 3-day transformation from sorrow to gladness, from a scary diagnosis to competent coping; but that *is* the process that we celebrate at Easter, however long it may take us to get there in reality.

There is good news among our fellowship, too.

- Moira Bing's surgery went well and her back-up treatment will start soon. She thanks Emmanuel folk, on page 16, for our prayerful support.
- Jack Beeson is now back home with a care package, greatly improved but with some mobility issues to sort out.
- Do continue to remember Ann Saunders, with Emma, Ian and Neil. Mike Saunders' funeral was on 26th March at Bluebell.

We also remember:

- ⇒ Janet Dawkins
- ⇒ Marty Jones
- ⇒ Christine Jackson
- ⇒ Wes Seldon
- ⇒ Will and Elizabeth Patterson
- ⇒ Helena, daughter of Pippa Dowsett
- ⇒ Julie Lord's mother and father
- ⇒ Marion Moore's father and stepmother (who celebrated her 90th birthday recently)

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There are many who quietly cope with various issues and many who do a lot of caring: think of them, too. And pray for us as a church, feeling our way towards finding a new minister and also pulling out all the stops (organist's phrase!) to carry forward our church's mission of compassion and caring, among people of all ages, in this part of God's world.

Pray for our Synod Moderator, Rev Bridget Banks, who has had health issues to cope with – and all those in the Southern Synod who play a part in supporting local churches, especially those in vacancy.

Thank you for helping to make us aware of the joys and the heartaches – your own, your families' and friends'- either via your elder or directly. Phone (with answer-phone) 020 8462 5860 or email brynthomas@uwclub.net or susanthomas767@gmail.com.

Bryn & Sue

Pause for Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4.6)

We have much to be thankful for in Emmanuel; we also have much to pray about as we navigate this time of vacancy. We can pray for our Elders, our staff, our vacancy group. We can pray for all those who are leading groups and sustaining them during this time. We can pray for our young people, for those facing ageing's challenges, for our local community.

I had the idea that it might be helpful to make a set space and time to provide a focus for prayer. It could be that some are able to come together in person. Others may be able to join online, or simply to offer their own prayer at home at the same time, knowing that they are praying as part of the whole church community.

So starting after Easter, I would like to try pausing to pray for the church on Friday mornings at 9.30. Most weeks I will be in the vestry and welcome anyone who would like to join me in person. Alternatively you can join online with the zoom link below or perhaps set your own reminder and pause at that time wherever you are. This would be quite informal, silent participation is as welcome as spoken words. We can gain encouragement from coming together as a community and with God.

Feel free to share any thoughts or questions with me.

<https://tinyurl.com/psjn95fe>

Marion Moore

Emmanuel Fellowship

Emmanuel Fellowship is an open group.

We meet every Tuesday throughout school term time. For just £3 you get a variety of entertainment, refreshments, and a warm, friendly welcome.

Spring is here in all its glory as we come to the end of our Spring term and, oh how welcome the warmer weather and spring foliage are! The Fellowship has wonders awaiting you in April, but it is a short Fellowship month, as we break for Easter:

- **1st April** – We welcome a new Speaker to the Fellowship. **Richard Winston** has a very interesting story to tell, entitled ‘**From One to a Thousand – My Journey into Wildlife Photography**’
- **8th April** – **Revd Bryn Thomas will be Leading towards Easter.** We will be holding a **Chocolate Raffle** at this meeting, so come prepared and full of hope, as your taste buds may be in for a treat!

Do enjoy your Easter break and make sure you put **29th April** in your diaries, as we will be back at the Fellowship with another marvellous musical performance by **Franz Hepburn, Singer-Composer.**

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee

Children & Families at Emmanuel

Update from Julie, our Children and Family Worker

Messy Church



The theme for March's Messy Church was Zaccheus and the Tree. We had some great acting from Colin and Han and the children loved joining in too.'

Activities included a game similar to pin the tail on the Donkey, but it was put Zaccheus in the tree! Clay modelling of a tree or Zaccheus and creating two wonderful pieces of art work

The cooking activity had to be the messiest yet! A tree made from rice crispies and marshmallows with a chocolate finger!

Giggles and Grow

For those with babies who are crawling and not walking (or only walking a little) then join us on a Tuesday morning 10.30-12noon in the James Todd room. Babies can explore new toys and play with little ones of similar ages.

Blissful Beginnings

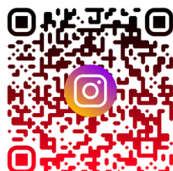
This group gives Parents / Carers to meet others who have little ones too. A lovely group where everyone sits and chats while the babies can play!
This group is on a Wednesday morning from 10.30-12noon in the James Todd Room.

Time Together Thursdays

This has been a really buzzing group since January and we have had many families joining us for fun over the last couple of months.
If you have a 2,3 or 4 year old then bring them along! It is 10-11.30am – we have had different themes each week – Pancake Day, Rainbows – so lots of messy play, craft, toys to play with and a snack, story and singing at the end!

Easter Holidays

During the Easter Holidays, the weekly groups will not run, but keep an eye on our facebook page as we have two sessions planned on 7th April and 9th April.
Children, Family and Youth Instagram and Facebook page.



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Youth Club

This month we have had two youth club sessions; we have had some great fun making pizzas, playing dodgeball, tag and doing some arts and crafts. We then finished with a great game called Mafia which is a great laugh.



Thank you so much to Emily who always helps and the other volunteers. Your help is much appreciated as I couldn't run it without you so a big THANK YOU!!!

WE REQUIRE YOUR HELP!

With all these groups running, we **need** some volunteers to help us – making tea, playing games, chatting with families, playing with the children. This can be once a week, once a month, once a term – we would love you to join us when you can! Please speak or email either Julie (child.family@emmanuelww.org.uk) or Han (youth@emmanuelww.org.uk) or speak with Sara Stocker or Pat Best on a Sunday.

Julie and Han

Heather Moore organised this event as Youth Assembly Moderator and our Youth leader Han took 3 young people from Emmanuel.



On Friday 7th March myself, Damien, Leila and Louie from Emmanuel West Wickham travelled to Youth Assembly in Northampton. This year's youth assembly theme was 'All are Welcome'. When we arrived at the venue there was dinner followed by worship and prayer. We then got into small groups and played some fun icebreaker games.

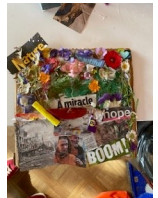


After that we enjoyed a nice campfire where we toasted marshmallows and made smores whilst chatting and getting to know people.

On the Saturday we enjoyed a nice morning prayer walk followed by a delicious breakfast. We then had a great talk about climate justice and what it means to welcome and be welcomed. We then enjoyed chosen workshops including forest church, drama, arts and crafts, bible study and more, as well as dodgeball, football and badminton. We also got together as the whole youth assembly and the youth had discussions about topics and made decisions and voted to elect a new youth moderator elect.



After dinner and worship we were lucky enough to have a lesson in Scottish dancing which was very fun for all. There was also pool, table tennis, games and late night Karaoke to finish the Saturday night off nicely.



Sunday morning after a prayer walk and breakfast we had worship, workshops and all got together in small groups where the youth had a chance to say and discuss what they did and didn't enjoy about the weekend. It was then time to pack up and travel home after a lovely Sunday roast.

The weekend seemed very enjoyable and although it was tough as I missed my own family it was a pleasure to come and support the Emmanuel youth and watch them have fun, meet new people and develop and learn new things. Thank you to Heather and all involved in the organising and support and of course Ian Moore for providing lifts to make it easier for the young people.

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Han

From the Treasurer

The church has recently opened a new bank account with the Co-operative Bank and has closed its accounts with NatWest.

The transfer has been handled by the banks as an account switch which means that any payments made to the NatWest account will automatically be paid to the Co-op account for the next 3 years, so nothing will get missed.

Everyone who makes a regular gift to the church by bank transfer should already have received a letter about this. If you haven't, please get in touch with me.

I'm not including the new bank details here but am very happy to give them to anyone who wants or needs them.

If you have any questions, or have received a communication with your bank that you're not sure about, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or Doug Carr.

Marion Moore

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Spend time in nature

Spending time appreciating God's creation can be an act of worship.

Nature can be experienced when we notice an insect, hear a bird sing, feel the earth beneath our hands or even when we watch a documentary. There is strong evidence that nature is also good for our mental health. Try to immerse yourself in nature every day, even for just a few minutes and give thanks to God for His good creation.

Further ideas can be found at arocha.org.uk/ideasto-enjoy-nature/

Just a thought...

Luke's approach to the last hours in the life of Jesus

Each month we are following Luke's Gospel (and later his Acts of the Apostles) to see how he deals with the big ideas that we consider at Christmas (Epiphany), Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. With others to mark David's retirement and Trinity, that covers six months.

Luke's insights were shown, as we have seen, by his emphasis on the aspect of Jesus' ministry that favoured poor people. Around the Birth, he featured shepherds (with angels bringing God's message *to them!*), the manger and the Magnificat manifesto. Later Luke's Beatitudes mention not 'poor in spirit' (Matthew) but plain 'poor'.

When we turn to the Passion story (chapters 22 and 23) Luke's choices (compared with Mark) are just as striking. Here are some of them:

In Gethsemane the disciples go to sleep. You might expect them to be supportive and extra vigilant, but that is not the case: Mark shows Jesus feeling badly let down as they go to sleep *three times*. Luke ignores much of that, as he does not want to show the disciples as uncaring, nor Jesus as being impatient with them. He shows them asleep only once and sympathetically explains it away with 'because of their grief'.

So Luke deletes material from his copy of Mark's gospel something he cannot accept. He can also *add* an interesting episode, e.g. with Pilate sharing the problem of possible crucifixion with Herod Antipas, 'as he was in Jerusalem', noting that after that 'they became firm friends'.

All four gospels say that a slave's ear was injured by one of Jesus' people. (John says it was Peter and that the slave's name was Malchus.) Only Dr Luke has the insight to consider what Jesus did next, telling us that he healed the ear – an event that in Luke's mind is a prime example of Jesus' wonderful healing ministry.

Only Luke tells us what Jesus says as they nail him to the cross, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do'. Then we hear that the penitent thief recognises that, while both thieves deserved their punishment, Jesus had done nothing to merit being crucified. Jesus' response was, 'Today you will be with me in Paradise'. Only Luke...

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The most starkly different point is that, while Mark gives Jesus' last words as 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Luke substitutes, 'Into your hands I commit my spirit'. Luke just cannot believe that Jesus would have felt abandoned, so he sets aside the text of Mark that he has in front of him, and offers a serene final thought instead. Then Luke worked out that a Roman officer was unlikely to use the phrase 'Truly, this man was the Son of God', so he changes it to, 'This man was innocent'.

What do we make of these differences? Enlightening, I hope. Luke is a profound thinker in his own right, as well as a convinced and faithful follower of Jesus: he doesn't just pass on as facts information he has researched about the happenings of 50-60 years before, but reflects on them in the light of *his commitment to Jesus in his own life*.

So we too can reflect on our experience of our faith: as with Luke, that process is an aspect of what we mean by the work of the Holy Spirit. We will come up with something that is broadly in line with what the Bible says, but, for each one of us, it will be subtly different.

Further, however we understood the 'inspired Word of God' in the past, we can now see that the Holy Spirit acts *through* Luke and the three others to produce accounts that give authentically their knowledge of their Lord, each being slightly – but significantly – different from each other, all of them being wonderful windows into the life of Jesus. Read Luke 22 and 23 and don't be surprised if eyes moisten up.

Bryn

Personal Thanks & Announcements

D

ear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me and sent messages of support in different ways following my surgery in February. I am now building up my strength before embarking on some treatment probably in April.

Moira



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:

- Cereal
- Squash
- Honey/jam/spread
- Sugar
- Longlife milk
- Instant hot chocolate
- Potato Crisps
- Savoury biscuits/crackers
- Washing up liquid
- Cooking oil
- Carrier bags

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 7pm-8pm, and Saturday mornings 9am-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



Clearcommunityweb are collaborating with the Orpington Hub at Orpington Methodist Church for an exciting new Art project around the theme: Equity in digital inclusion, an exciting community art project funded by Arts Council England.

A friend told me about ClearCommunityWeb as their GP surgery, in Norbury, put on some free digital workshops for their patients, run by this charity, to help them with the new Apps. He said they went to three of their sessions to learn about using the MyChart and NHS apps. It was most useful and they learnt a lot. They now get sent regular updates from the charity who are doing an excellent job of filling the knowledge gap for seniors, most of whom have to use the Apps every week now.

I then looked up ClearCommunityWeb and found that 200 people had attended an event at Orpington Methodist church. See the article at <https://clearcommunityweb.co.uk/well-we-didnt-expect-this-orpington/>

CCW inform us that they have links with PCN and local surgeries.

Note, there's also a Digital Awareness course available online.

Jude

Quiz

Supplied by Lawrence White

1. Where was Florence Nightingale born?
2. What word has the letter 'X' followed by the letter 'G'?
3. How many London boroughs are there?
⇒ Which is the largest?
⇒ Which is the smallest?
4. How many sides does a dodecahedron have?
5. Which is the longest river in Scotland?
6. Which city houses the painting "The Last Supper" by Leonardo Da Vinci?
7. When and where was the Princess Royal born?
8. Who wrote "The Mysterious Affair at Styles"?
9. Who founded the promenade concerts?
10. Who said "History is bunk"?
11. When did women vote for the first time in a UK general election?
12. Who was the designer of Crystal Palace?
13. Who founded the Society of Friends of the Quakers?
14. Whose home was the red house in Bexleyheath?
15. What was the most remarkable undertaking by Sir Marc Isambard Brunel?
16. Who was the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons?

Answers can be found on page 37

Springtime Sparkle

Easter craft, games, toys, lego,
table tennis & lots of fun!



Monday 7th April 2025

2pm-3.30pm

Emmanuel Church, West Wickham



If you are aged between 4-11 years,
come and join us!

No need to book, just turn up
(parents are required to stay).



Donations welcome

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Children & Family Worker.

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Faith, Hope and Love in West Wickham
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Egg-cellent Creations

Crafting & Cooking

Wednesday 9th April 2025

10-12pm

Emmanuel Church, West Wickham

Do you

Love Cooking?

Making craft items ?

Aged between 7-11 years then come and join us!

Please contact me to book as places are limited.

Parents are not required to stay.



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churches
together
in West Wickham

Good Friday

Good Friday is on 18th April.

There will be a service in which all the churches will take part
at St. Francis' Church at 11am

and activities for children in St Francis' hall.

Pat Best

Easter Egg Hunt **at Emmanuel Church** **Saturday 19th April @ 10.00 am**



Come and make the Easter Garden,
hunt for eggs and share in the Easter story

For more details contact Pat Best on 07714 808498 or patbest@btinternet.com

Youth Club

Meets at Emmanuel Church West Wickham

At our Youth Club we have something for all. Games, art, music, air hockey, football, table tennis and more. We also go on trips out to cinema, bowling, trampolines and climbing.

We have snacks, refreshments, fruit and hot dogs, pizza or burgers

Dates: April 27th 6-8.30pm, May 25th 6-8.30pm, June 22nd 6-8.30pm,

July 15th 6-8.30pm, August 5th 6-8.30pm, September 25th 6-8.30pm,

October 16th 6-8.30pm, November 12th 6-8.30pm, December 7th 6-8.30pm

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OR EMAIL YOUTH@EMMANUELWV.ORG.UK



Join Hayes Wick Primary Care Network at

Connected Living Café

Are you interested in how we can help community wellbeing?
Do you need assistance with accessing NHS digital services?



This café is designed for the over-60's registered with a GP in the Hayes and West Wickham area. We offer activities and refreshments with a programme of speakers including clinicians and other local service representatives as well as help and support accessing NHS digital services with our NHS App Ambassadors.

Free
Join us – no need to book!

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday
(starting from 4th February 2025)
11am – 1pm
Medhurst Hall, West Wickham
BR4 0JX





Messy Church is a form of church for children, teenagers and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.



The 1st Sunday of the month (excluding August)
Join us at 10am for breakfast, followed by Bible stories and fun activities until 12 noon.

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Giggles &

grow

Has your child starting crawling,

but not walking yet?

Then join us on



Tuesdays 10.30-12.00

at Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham

For playing, chatting and stories!

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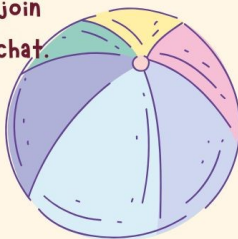
Every Wednesday

10.30am – 12.00noon

For ages 0–6 Months
(or until crawling)

Emmanuel Church The Grove, West
Wickham

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



CONTACT

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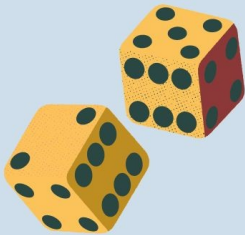
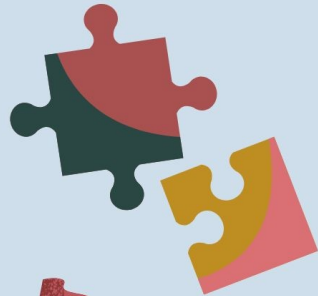
TIME TOGETHER THURSDAYS

FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Every Thursday (term time only)
10.00-11.30am

Emmanuel Church, The Grove,
West Wickham

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



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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



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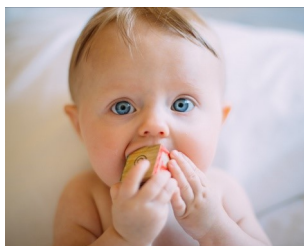
The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

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.



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.

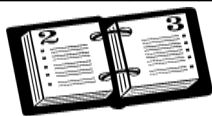
Janet Pickering and Pat Best



Church Diary for April

Tuesday	1st	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 11)
Wednesday	2nd	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 29)
Thursday	3rd	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 30)
Friday	4th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Sunday	6th	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered worship led by Rev Dr Elaine Colechin
Monday	7th	2.00pm-3.30pm	Springtime Sparkle (Easter crafts) For 4-11 year olds (details on page 22)
Tuesday	8th	2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 11)
Wednesday	9th	10.00am—12.00noon	Egg-cellent Creations (crafting & cooking) For 7-11 year olds (details on page 23)
Friday	11th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Palm Sunday	13th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas Luke's Passion Narrative
		Followed shortly afterwards	Church meeting
Good Friday	18th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Saturday	19th	10.00am	Easter Egg hunt (details on page 24)

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Church Diary for April continued...

Easter Sunday	20th	10.30am	Gathered worship, with Holy communion led by Marion Moore
Tuesday	22nd	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
Wednesday	23rd	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 29)
Thursday	24th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 30)
Friday	25th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
		<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i>	
Sunday	27th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Jonathan Dolling
		6.00pm—7.30pm	Youth club (details on page 25)
Tuesday	29th	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 11)
Wednesday	30th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 29)



Church Diary for May 2025

Thursday	1st	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 30)
Friday	2nd	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Sunday	4th	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered worship led by Janet Godden

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Answers

Quiz on page 21 supplied by Lawrence White

1. Florence, Italy
2. Foxglove
3. 32
⇒ Bromley
⇒ Chelsea
4. 12
5. River Tay
6. Milan
7. 15th August 1950 at Clarence House, London
8. Dame Agatha Christie (1890 – 1976)
9. Sir Henry Wood, 6th October 1895
10. Henry Ford (Denmark 1919)
11. 14th December 1918
12. Sir Joseph Paxton (1801 -1865)
13. George Fox (1624 – 1691)
14. William and Jane Morris
15. The Thames tunnel from Rotherhithe to Wapping (1825 – 1843)
16. Nancy, Lady Astor took her seat as MP for Portsmouth (Sutton) on 1st December 1919

Notices

**BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES**

**6th April
(details on page 7)
@ 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

Springtime Sparkle

Easter crafts for 4-11 year olds

**Monday 7th April
2.00pm-3.30pm**

Details on page 22

Church meeting

**Palm Sunday
Shortly after the church service**

Details on page 7

Egg-cellent Creations

Wednesday 9th April
10.00—12 noon

Crafts & cooking for 7-11 year olds

Details on page 23



**Friday 18th April
at St. Francis Church @ 11am**

Details on page 24

Easter Egg hunt

Saturday 19th April
at Emmanuel Church
@ 10am

Details on page 24

Youth Club

**Sunday 27th April
6:00pm to 7:30 pm**

Details on page 25

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Notices continued...

Giggles and Grow

Those crawling but not walking

Tuesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 28

Emmanuel Fellowship

(Some) Tuesdays @ 2:15pm

Details on page 11

Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 9:30am

Details on page 32

Blissful Beginnings

For babies up to crawling

Wednesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 29

Time Together Thursdays

For 2-4 year olds

Thursdays @ 10:00am to 11:30am

Details on page 30

Pause for Prayer

Fridays (after Easter) @ 9:30 am

In the vestry or on Zoom

Details on page 10

Warm Welcome

Fridays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Details on page 33

Emmanuel Church Contacts

ACTIVITY	MEETING	CONTACT
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 jojomcgee@hotmail.co.uk
Squirrels <i>(4-6 years old)</i>	Thurs 17:30—6:15pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Beavers <i>(6-8 years old)</i>	Thurs 6.00pm—7.00pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Cubs <i>(8-10½ years old)</i>	Mon 7.00pm—8.15pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Scouts <i>(10½-14 years old)</i>	Tues 7.45pm—9.00pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Explorers <i>(14-18 years old)</i>	Tues 7.45pm—9.30pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Caretaker (shared)	Monday-Wednesday Thursday-Friday	Tony Stephen Zhanna Tkach
Commitment for Life		Pat Best
Communion Secretaries		Keith & Rosemary Daniels
Cradle Roll secretary		Karen Florence
Fabric Adviser		Ian Moore
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