



Emmanuel Life



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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 2025 Services

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| 4th (see below) | 10.00am | Messy Church at McAndrews recreation ground (details on page 9) |
| | 11.00am | Gathered worship led by Janet Godden |
| 11th | 10.30am | Worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas with Holy Communion and Elder's Induction |
| 18th | 10.30am | Worship led by Marion Moore |
| 25th (see below) | 10.30am | Worship led by Joyce Brissett |

(Start of) June 2025 Services

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| 1st (see below) | 10.00am | Messy Church begins |
| | 11.00am | Combined Church and Parade Service led by Messy Church Team |

- 4th May – Janet Godden is a Lay Preacher from St John's URC Orpington
- 25th May – Joyce Brissett is a Lay Preacher from St Paul's URC Croydon
- 1st June - The Parade Service will be followed by our Annual Church Fair

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore
(Psalm 121 verse 8)*

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,



It is unusual for a pastoral letter in the United Reformed Church to focus on a Pope. In past centuries devoted people have killed and been killed for being on the 'wrong' side of the Protestant/Catholic divide. But things have changed – and we thank God for that.

Pope Francis

Jorge Bergoglio was a great man – we have known him as Pope Francis. While I think of myself as a convinced Protestant, I also understand that the boundaries between various versions of

Christianity have become unimportant in many respects, especially in the way our Christian faith relates to the rest of the world. We need a strong leader as we face issues between competing political and economic systems, and in our relationship with other faiths. Pope Francis provided that sort of leadership.

The United Reformed Church has provided an excellent reflection about Pope Francis, which you can download here:

<https://mailchi.mp/urc/on-the-death-of-his-holiness-pope-francis?e=0ff5240ae9>

The reflection begins as follows:

The United Reformed Church, with Christians everywhere, mourns the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, and extends its sympathy to Catholics who will grieve this loss most keenly.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected Pope in March 2013 taking office after the abdication of Benedict XVI. It is rumoured Bergoglio was the runner up when Benedict was elected and was the first Pope ever to have his predecessor living in such proximity throughout much of his papal ministry.

All who are called to offices of leadership and oversight in the Church realise how demanding these roles can be; none is more demanding than that of Bishop of Rome. The complexity of the task tired Benedict to the point of exhaustion and the toll of the office was heavy for Francis.

Within the limitations and expectations of the Papal office Francis was an agent of change who sat lightly on inherited traditions and pomp. Rejecting an ermine lined red cape before being presented to the crowds in St Peter's, Francis said to an aide "no thank you Monsignor ... the carnival is over!"

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Living a simple lifestyle meant, for Francis, rejecting a move into the Papal apartments (which he said had room for more than 300 people) and remaining in a small suite in the Vatican guesthouse, taking his meals with other guests.

Francis saw his ministry, primarily, as being one who called the Church to be missionary. He wanted every element of the Church's life to reflect missionary discipleship and the building of the Kingdom.

From our Reformed point of view, Catholic thinking has a huge weight of tradition to overcome, particularly over the ordination of women, which has existed in the Congregational side of our heritage since 1917. There was more than a touch of reforming in the papal ministry of Francis. We can admire so much of what Pope Francis set out to achieve. We thank God for all that he was as a man of God.

Bryn

Written on behalf of our congregation to our friends at St Mark's:

Dear Fr. Ashley,

I write to extend to you and your congregation at St Mark's our condolences following the death of Pope Francis. There were all sorts of things that made him a leader not just of the Catholic Church but of the church universal in its widest sense. Maybe simply his choice of papal name, maybe his preference for simplicity in everyday living, maybe his ease of relating to all sorts of people. From our Reformed point of view, we appreciated his reviving of aspects of synodical advice and governance. Perhaps he simply communicated God's love in a special way.

In your sadness, celebrate his greatness, and know that others, outside your main tradition, are doing so, too.

*Bryn Thomas (Rev)
for the congregation at Emmanuel, West Wickham*



churches
together
in West Wickham

On Good Friday St Francis was packed for a service with all the churches in West Wickham taking part, with Marion Moore representing Emmanuel. **There were activities for children in St Francis' hall, much appreciated by those families who came. I was very grateful for the support of Deacon Laura MacBean of the Methodist Circuit and members of Emmanuel too.**

It's always good to share with our friends from the local churches and the following is planned.

Sunday 8th June is Pentecost Sunday. There will be a **Tea at Emmanuel** (hopefully on the Green) for all the churches at 5.15pm followed by a joint Service at 6pm. Please put this date in your diary, more details next month.

Pat Best



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church meets on **4th May 10 – 12 noon**.
Hoping to meet outdoors in McAndrews Park for
Messy's birthday celebrations, weather permitting.
More info on page 9.



Sorry, no pre-sanctuary service coffee this time!

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY



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PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Join Marion on Friday mornings for quiet prayer time in the vestry.
Details on Page 12.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

11th—17th May. Details on page 21.



YOUTH CLUB

Will take place on Sunday 25th May from 5-6.30pm. Details on page 37.

PARADE & SUMMER FAYRE – 1st June



Join in the fun as the sun shines for our annual
Summer Fayre held on the Green after our Parade
service. Details on page 35.



PENTECOST – advance notice - 8th June 6pm

CTiWW Service & AGM at Emmanuel following
'Tea on the Green' at 5.15pm
More details on page 6.

Rosemary

DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Saturday May 10th 2025

6pm at Elmers End Free Church

(Use Langley Road entrance. Parking kerbside or at Tesco)

**Castaway is Rev Dr Elaine Colechin
Interviewed by Rev Bryn Thomas**

Will Elaine's desert island look like this?



Why not come along and find out?

**Admission £10 including a fish & chip supper.
Please bring your own drinks. There is a raffle.**

**All proceeds are for our 2025 charity
Médecins Sans Frontières.**

For tickets by 4th May
Contact **Anthony Bayley**
anthony.bayley@hotmail.com or 07983 334946
or **Bryn & Sue Thomas**
at church or 07957 858 878 or 07984 326 415



Another year and now we are celebrating our 11th birthday, this time with Julie and Han preparing a party, hopefully at **McAndrews Recreation Ground** on **Sunday 4th May**.

Han and Julie are a huge asset to Emmanuel, bringing fresh energy and ideas to planning meetings, preparation and Messy Church mornings, as well as knowing the best way to see a theme or story from a child or young person's view and experience. Do you remember how we celebrated Advent Sunday Parade with 'Step into Christmas' starting with Elton John's song? They write in Emmanuel Life each month of what we have done.

David thoroughly engaged with all aspects of Messy Church making sure we entered the experience, for example how Peter felt when called by Jesus, being nervous and excited as we do when starting something new. At his last Messy Church when we celebrated the wedding at Cana he made a named invitation for each child and the wedding cake.

Messy Church needs its faithful support team, Marion H, Marion D, Sara, Pat K, Nicky, Ian M, Colin and Emily plus all of you who help in many ways. Do keep coming for breakfast too.

We continue to attract new families which is a great delight. As Messy is informal it gives parents and grandparents a chance to share some of the difficulties as well as the joys of family life and to support each other. We try to remember the 5 core values each time.



All-age

Celebration

Hospitality

Creativity

Christ-centred

Pat



News of the Church Family, URC and wider Church Community

As we said last month, it is not easy in everyday life to achieve a 3-day transformation from Good Friday to Easter, from sorrow to gladness, from a scary diagnosis to competent coping; but that *is* the process that we celebrate at Easter. Now in the Easter season, we are reminded of nature's renewal and beauty in the glorious blossom that has come out recently.

There is good news among our fellowship, too.

Andrew and Joanna Yacoub are delighted to announce the birth of Phoebe on Friday 11th April, sister to Ezra. Andrew and Joanna attend our Messy congregation – our congratulations to them and our hopes that the early weeks of little Phoebe's life go really well.

Colin Best is now back home after a few weeks in the PRUH with an infection that the doctors have persevered to sort out. Colin says that his treatment, in all its detail, has been excellent. He still has some outpatient appointments before they sign him off.

Moirá Bing continues to make very good progress, beginning three weeks' radiotherapy on 28th April. She sends her best wishes to us all.

Jack Beeson has had the benefit of very helpful physiotherapists coming to his home and is progressing well.

We guess that there are many in Emmanuel who know about the mobility issues that arise from having to be in bed for a time either in hospital or at home – those muscles take time to get stronger.

Do continue to remember:

- Janet Dawkins
- Marty Jones
- Christine Jackson
- Wes Seldon
- Will and Elizabeth Patterson
- Helena, daughter of Pippa Dowsett
- Ann Saunders
- Julie Lord's mother and father

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Remember the carers as well as the cared-for, and those who tend to be quiet about the issues they are coping with. And bear in mind us as a church, as our Vacancy Committee gets going to provide information and develop a strategy for the process of finding a new minister.

Do continue to pray for our Synod Moderator, Rev Bridget Banks, whose health still gives concern – and all those in the Southern Synod who have to add aspects of her role to their duties during her absence.

Coming up soon with invitations to a number of local URCs including us at Emmanuel: a fun event that is being organised by our Elmers End friends on **Saturday 10th May at 6pm: DESERT ISLAND DISCS with Rev Dr Elaine Colechin**, with her favourite musical choices, canny questions put by Bryn and a fish & chips supper. See the full details on page 9. Not to be missed?!

The following day, Sunday 11th May, Ian Moore will be inducted to the eldership – so that will be another event to celebrate. We are looking forward to it.

Thank you for helping to inform us about what is going on – your own worries and delights, those of your families and friends – either via your elder or directly. Phone (with answer-phone) 020 8462 5860 or 07957 858 878 or email brynthomas@uwclub.net or susanthomas767@gmail.com.

And enjoy spring time – all part of God's gift of renewal and beauty!

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.

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

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

Easter Sunday has passed but the Easter spirit can live on in our hearts and actions throughout the year. Without the Easter events, we would not be here, as Christians, as a Church, and probably as a Fellowship too. Jesus set an example of living for us to follow: loving, caring, offering friendship and help when and where it's needed, and speaking words of kindness. Wouldn't the world be a marvellous place if everyone lived like that?

Thank you for your words of gratitude and the support you give the Fellowship Committee as we extend God's love and Jesus' welcome to you week-on-week. Bless you all.

Here is our programme for May:

- **6th** – **BBC weatherman Ian Currie** will bring us some mind-boggling stories of weird and wonderful weather events, in a talk entitled, '**The Day it Rained Crabs and Frogs**'.
- **13th** – Are you ready to hear about more '**Curiosities of the City of London**' ? **Stuart Robinson** will have plenty to tell us in this, the second of his talks about the delights of our great metropolis.
- **20th** – Have you heard enough about American politics? Surely not! **Joe Mendell** will be here to tell us a thing or two we don't know about '**America's Presidents in Bits and Pieces**'. Something not to be missed!
- **Half Term** makes a surprise early appearance after only three weeks back, due to the lateness of Easter this year, so there will be no Fellowship on **May 27th**. We will be back in June with some fabulous musical entertainment, so, watch this space!

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 April's Messy Church was Palm Sunday, we started with Breakfast and then went into the Richmond Hall to take part in many activities – making fruit palm trees, pin the tail on the donkey, painting stones and the letters to the word 'Hosanna'



The morning ended with a story being read by Julie and acted out by Han and some of the children who particularly enjoyed the many 'Hee-Haws' they needed to shout out!

Easter Holidays

During the Easter Holidays, my usual groups stopped, and activities were run for 4-11 year olds.

An afternoon session of craft, games, toys, lego and fun! And nearly 50 people came and joined us for the afternoon!

The following morning, 14 children joined us to make some wonderful Easter cupcakes! And some Easter themed craft activities.



All groups have now restarted

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.

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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.

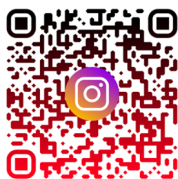
If you have a 2,3 or 4 year old then bring them along! It is 10-11.30am – we have had different themes each week – Pancake Day, Rainbows – so lots of messy play, craft , toys to play with and a themed snack, story and singing at the end!

Youth Club

This month we decided it would be nice to do something a little different. We went bouldering at Rhino in Bromley. Everyone had a great time and challenged themselves really well to climb further and do the harder climbs.

We look forward to arranging some more outings alongside regular youth club at the church.

Thankyou so much to Penny Davies and the parent supervisors who came to oversee the safety of our lovely young people.



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

Personal Thanks & Announcements

Dear friends,

We have really appreciated all the loving kindnesses and good wishes we have received, personally and through your cards and prayers. It has been good to have been upheld by our dear Emmanuel friends.

Our very grateful thanks too, for the practical help you have given to enable Messy Church, Warm Welcome and the Easter children's events to continue.

Colin and Pat



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
- Honey/jam/peanut butter
- Sugar
- Long-life milk
- Instant hot chocolate
- Tins of meat (ham, hot dogs, corned beef)
- Meat meals (fraybentos pies, chicken in sauce, stews, minced beef, etc.)
- Vegetables (sweetcorn, peas, carrots)
- Pasta sauce
- Bags of rice
- 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

Our overseas charity 2024-2025

Оберіг Oberig



This is a charity recommended by our Warm Welcome Fridays chef Tania and is in her home town of Lviv in Ukraine.

Oberig means 'Guardian, angel on the shoulder'.

It is a non-profit charity providing support to Ukrainians impacted by the war.

A large mansion has been donated as a school for children displaced from their community.

There are 120 special needs children, age 6 to 18, a number of whom are non-verbal. We at Emmanuel can play our part by raising money for electronic tablets that can be programmed to enable non-verbal students to communicate.



Half of our Christmas Day collection has already purchased tablets which have been sent to the school. On **Sunday 1st June we will hold our Summer Fair** and all the proceeds will be for Oberig. Do put the date in your diary so that we can give these children our best support.

see <https://facebook.com/oberig> for more information

Pat



Commitment for Life met up with Sostina Takure, who coordinates the Zimbabwe ACT Alliance Forum.



Sostina told us about just how much she loves working with the ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance. ACT Alliance is faith based and, as a pastor's wife, Sostina feels right at home. She coordinates the efforts to assist people who are most at risk in Zimbabwe.

When Hurricane Idai struck Zimbabwe several years ago, Christian Aid in collaboration with ACT Alliance, was one of the first to have 'boots on the ground'. They helped people to safety, rescued personal property and livestock and helped people rebuild over 500 houses.

Sostina told us how she is passionate about empowering women, whether this is in relation to economics or to family life. She helps women set up markets that empower them to get good prices for their produce. Sometimes, women need help to get out of abusive situations. Sostina is there to help, with the assistance of the church.

With your continued support for Commitment for Life, incredible people like Sostina can function and do what they do best – care for people. Please continue in your prayers for Zimbabwe, especially given how attention is being diverted by local and global crises.

Easter Service

It was great to be able to welcome many visitors to our Easter service at Emmanuel. The cross was beautifully decorated and I also appreciated the Easter Garden created by the children and young people who came to the egg hunt on the Saturday.

Han wrote last month about attending Youth Assembly with some of Emmanuel's young people. The URC has produced a video from the event which is available to watch via this link: [URC Youth Assembly - United Reformed Church](#)



Moore



Marion



Christian Aid Week – 2025

This year Christian Aid Week runs from the 11th - 17th 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 to raise funds.

e-envelopes

Following the success of last year's e-envelope scheme, a new one has been set up for 2025, enabling people to click and give for Christian Aid to collect any Gift Aid due. The e-envelope may be accessed by using this link:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/emmanuel-urc-west-wickham>



or you can use this QR code;

Also 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 a target of £500. Emmanuel Life will report on whether we reach or even exceed our target!

Donations at Church.

Alternatively, you may send a cheque to our Treasurer, Marion Moore 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.

In addition we will also be organising a General Knowledge Quiz Night on the 12th July run by Bill Bowman in support of Christian Aid. Please save the date and I will send out more details nearer the date.

How Christian Aid Helps

In Guatemala, the climate crisis is destroying crops and causing hunger for Indigenous communities. But with training, farmers like Aurelia are fighting back.

Aurelia has faced extreme heatwaves that have killed her crops, but through Christian Aid's partner, Congcoop, she's learning to grow resilient crops, make fertiliser and conserve water. She's sharing this knowledge with others, helping her community build a sustainable future.

This Christian Aid Week, please give to support farmers in the fight against hunger and the climate crisis.

What's 70k in May?

70K in May is Christian Aid's fundraising challenge for this year's Christian Aid Week. It's simple: travel 70K, in whatever way you want, throughout the month of May.

By taking part in 70k in May you can be the starting point for change. Help fund more vital training so farmers are equipped to fight the effects of the climate crisis.

Find out more at <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/70k-in-may>

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

Just a thought...

How Luke's Gospel deals with Resurrection

We have seen how Luke writes about the Birth of Christ and then about his last hours. Now we look at the way he presents Resurrection. So far, we have noted his emphasis on the importance of poor people in Jesus' ministry, and the way he changes Mark's account, e.g. to be kind to the disciples and to underline Jesus' compassion (healing the slave's ear, reassuring the repentant thief) and his last words on the cross.

Now that we come to Resurrection he makes us think hard about Jesus' Resurrection body by including aspects that seem incompatible to us.

Reading between the lines, we can see he is sympathetic to the women who came with embalming spices, devotedly wanting to carry out their duty later than they wished (because of the intervening sabbath) and finding an empty tomb, thus preventing them from expressing their respect and love for Jesus ('...it was the least we could do...'). And then they were disrespected by the male disciples, who did not believe their report that the tomb was empty ('We can't believe women'). Peter (give him is due?) goes alone to confirm this as a fact, whereas in John's gospel he and John have a boys-will-be-boys race to get there first.

Then we read a major part of the story, which, like the shepherds, the manger, the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, is found only in Luke: the walk to Emmaus. It has rightly become a favourite in the devotional life of many Christians: two people set off on a journey; a stranger joins them; they do not recognise him as Jesus, who explains scriptures for them; they arrive and invite the stranger to join them (as in the hymn 'Abide with me, fast falls the eventide'); they sit down at table, the stranger says grace, blessing the bread just as in the Last Supper; finally they recognise Jesus; at that moment he vanishes. Our reflection is that we can always rely on God, even if we do not recognise his presence, and even if he suddenly seems to leave us. Our Good Friday moment of sorrow can become an unexpected Easter time of joy. Somehow he takes charge, blessing us and actions we take in his name. The non-recognition and the sudden vanishing become, not puzzling weaknesses, but the strengths of the story. If, however, we try to use this story to explain what Jesus' body was like, we get nowhere: Jesus can walk and talk, yet is not recognisable? He prepares to eat, yet vanishes into thin air? We can't work it out.

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The next part of the story is also puzzling: Jesus appears among them and they think they are seeing a ghost. 'I'm no ghost,' says Jesus, in effect. He eats some fish that they offer him (a detail that suits Galilee better than Jerusalem). So, a real body just as before the Crucifixion?

Mark's gospel says he will meet his followers in Galilee; Matthew ends his book with Jesus giving the Great Commission in Galilee; John sets the scene in Jerusalem in ch20, then takes them off to Galilee in ch21. Why does Luke insist that they stay in Jerusalem? Because in seven weeks' time he needs them to be there to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The scholars have not conclusively worked out why Mark and Matthew want him back in Galilee: the gospels do not say...

Luke, meticulous historian, diligent researcher and organised editor, gives us stories he thinks are significant. His deep faith in Jesus may make him unaware of the contradictory aspects of some of his account; or, of course, 2000 years ago, humanity had not yet developed the scientific, factual, approach we now take for granted. What IS clear is that Jesus appeared to many people – Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 says 50. Maybe it does not matter what *exactly* his body, or 'body', or vision of body, was like. Our Scriptures provide testimony, not explanation. We intuitively know that Jesus appears to us also in ways appropriate to us.

Asking us to see Christ in others, and to try to be Christ to others? Everywhere, every day, involving everyone?

Bryn

AN UNUSUAL SCHOOL OUTING

Flora suggested that I might try writing an article about life in our amazing world.

In 1977 I was teaching in Brunei Borneo and our family moved into a new bungalow on a hill and I remember getting out a map and looking out of the window and realized that the tropical rain forest in front of me went on for hundreds of miles without a break. Unfortunately today man has cleared large areas of that forest and planted palm oil plantations.

My friend Ralph was teaching Geography and as he had a friend working for World Wide Helicopters he suggested that we took ten Malay boys and girls on a three nights away camping trip to a forest area called Temburong. We would disembark from the helicopter on a hill called Bukit Pagon at a height of 1,870 metres. The Brunei Army lent us 25 "Bashers". These are rectangular waterproof canvas sheets with a seam up each side so you can push poles through them and make beds and also join them up to make a crude shelter.

We also took water containers, parang machetes (to cut poles and firewood) and general camping gear. After disembarking with our gear Ralph groaned and I asked him what the matter was. He said "The pilot has left us on the wrong hill and I hope that he realizes that when he returns to pick us up as we have no means of communicating with the outside world". Then we immediately picked up our parangs and set about cutting poles to fix up our beds and make some kind of roof over our heads on the helicopter landing patch. After that we cut firewood and fetched water from a stream we found at the bottom of the hill. After making a fire and boiling some water we had a well earned mug of tea.

We had a wonderful view from the hill over primeval forest and we were woken in the morning by the howling of gibbons from below. Their howls seemed to echo for miles.

In the short time there we explored the forest using animal tracks, though we didn't see any and no tribal people seemed to live in that area. Insects and bugs abounded and the vegetation was profuse and varied and pitcher plants were abundant. Trekking through the forest, keeping the cooking fire going, fetching water and preparing meals made the time go quickly. The school students were pleasant company and we soon got to know something of one another and they enjoyed the chance of boy/girl sociability as this is often difficult in a Muslim community. We were all obliged to learn to share, be tolerant, considerate and cooperate in a confined space.

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When we awoke on Sunday it was raining and very misty. We dismantled our camp and waited for the arrival of the helicopter. At about 10.00am we heard the rotor blades of the helicopter, but after a time the noise faded away. We decided to put up the canvas sheets again to give us and our kit some protection from the rain and we would just wait it out.

The parents of the children who had come to the army camp to collect their children put pressure on the helicopter pilot to come out again, which he did a few hours later and this time he realized which hill he had left us on. At about 4.00pm we heard the helicopter and then saw it coming out of the mist. We quickly dismantled our shelter and threw everything into the helicopter and scrambled in after it. I asked one of the boys how he had enjoyed the outing. "These have been the most exciting days of my life" he replied.

John Manuel

Memory Box is celebrating its 9th Birthday

Memory Box Dementia Café was started in 2016 by some members of Ravenswood (West Wickham) WI. This was our community contribution to celebrate the WI Centenary of 2015 as we were aware there was no other provision for people living with dementia in West Wickham. Our aim remains to make West Wickham dementia friendly.

We first met in the Hewitt room with a few people meeting once a month, soon moved to Griffiths Jones and also started meeting twice a month. We have been in the Richmond hall for some years now in order to accommodate all our visitors and volunteers.

Visitors come to us from Bromley, Croydon and even further away. While we work within our community we are there to support anyone living with dementia and their carer(s) as we know how little care is available.

While volunteers were initially from Ravenswood and other local WIs, we soon recruited through Churches Together. Now we have an even wider group of volunteers from the community in general. We hope to recruit to our steering group as there are few of us to be able to keep up momentum.

A number of volunteers have been with us from the beginning. They are a great group of people committed to helping those living with dementia. We organise yearly training sessions for volunteers and our baseline is attending a Dementia Friends session.

We hold the café on 1st and 3rd Fridays 2pm-3.30pm (sometimes 4pm) and thanks to a bid to Bromley Innovation Fund we were able to set up Move with Memory Box with an instructor from Primetime on the 2nd and 4th Fridays with Emmanuel's Warm Welcome providing visitors with refreshments after their exercise session. We are the only dementia specific exercise class in Bromley although there are dementia friendly classes provided by Primetime.

Thanks to the agreement of the then Minister David Pickering and the Elders Emmanuel provides a dementia friendly service when there is a 5th Friday in the month, followed by refreshments again kindly provided by Warm Welcome enabling everyone to mix and get to know each other.

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Emmanuel is ideal as a venue for Memory Box. We share the desire to embrace the local community, do not judge and do not turn anyone with dementia away. Memory Box Dementia Café can have upwards of 8 tables of 6 visitors, each table supported by a volunteer. Refreshments are a highlight, especially chocolate biscuits! We are very grateful for the assistance offered in preparing the room so that tables and chairs are available for our visitors. At the café we provide a variety of entertainment, craft activities, quizzes, word searches, crosswords, colouring, song and dance. Music is so important in the lives of those living with dementia, helping them to continue to communicate in whatever way they can.

Memory Box are grateful to Ravenswood WI for our start and we are now independent. Our funding for the café is through fund raising, donations and generous bequests. We are pleased to be partners with Bromley Dementia Friendly Communities, the umbrella organisation for dementia in Bromley. Our chair, Lyn is leading on a transport project with BDFC as we are aware many cannot get to dementia cafés as public transport may be too difficult or there is increasing need for more appropriate transport. This is an exciting and challenging project.

We will keep going, saddened when people leave us but always pleased to see new visitors join the existing group. Some former carers return on a regular basis feeling a part of Memory Box family. We are Grateful for our “home” at Emmanuel and while Memory Box is non religious and non political, between us we are enhancing the lives of people living with dementia and their carers. It is a joy to see the smiling faces arriving at Memory Box and to hear how people enjoy coming. It is a privilege to be able to be part of people’s lives. Emmanuel and Memory Box Dementia Café is definitely the “go-to” place in West Wickham on a Friday afternoon!

You CAN live well with dementia.

Dementia action week is between the 19th and 25th of May.
There will be various activities around the borough.

Unity

TWO SPECIAL MEMORIES

In 2002 Sam and I had a wonderful holiday in New Zealand and spent four weeks with friends touring around the North and South Islands.

We stayed for three nights on a farm in Fox Glacier, on the west coast of the South Island and booked ourselves on to a trip by helicopter to take us to the snow fields on the very top of Fox Glacier.

The helicopter took just the four of us and it was amazing flying up over the glacier and then landing on the snow fields beyond. The sky was so blue and it was surprisingly warm, wispy clouds were so low, or perhaps it was because we were so high up, we felt we could touch them.

It is hard to describe just how fantastic it felt up there on the snow fields, as apart from our pilot and the helicopter, we were the only people on this huge expanse of snow stretching as far as the eye could see and the top of the glacier clearly visible. After we had indulged in a snow fight, we marvelled at the sheer beauty of the landscape, it really brought home to us just how powerful nature can be – it took our breath away and that incredible experience is still fresh in our minds after 23 years.

Fast forward to 2020, this time of year, end of April, the country was in lockdown and the weather was glorious. We went out every morning after breakfast for our permitted daily walk and discovered areas around West Wickham that we didn't know existed!

One day we decided to do a walk that we knew very well – across the fields to St John's Church on the hill as we hadn't done that walk for a few months. It was a joy to cross the road from Sparrow's Den without having to dodge the traffic and we headed off, through the woods first before crossing the fields.

As we came to the last field that leads up to the church we just stopped walking, we hadn't said a word but we were both overwhelmed by the sight that greeted us. To the left of the narrow footpath the field was a mass of yellow rape seed and to the right there was a multitude of bright red poppies. The church straight ahead standing on the hill, was bathed in sunshine against a backdrop of the bluest of skies and all around us the trees were sporting that beautiful shade of green that comes with the spring growth. It was breath taking, but what really struck us was the lack of noise apart from the most wonderful birdsong. No cars and lorries pounding up and down the mad mile, no aeroplanes and not another living soul in sight. Just peace, birdsong and undiluted nature at its best.

These two very different, amazing and frankly, biblical moments had a huge impact on us and we feel blessed to have experienced them.

Janet Pickering

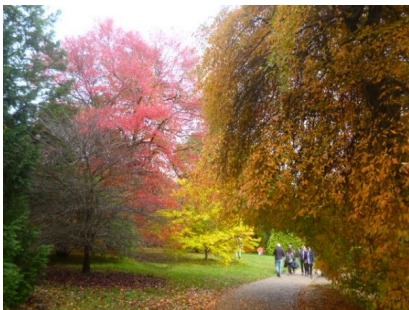
Comment on Humanity

I took a stroll, to breathe fresh air,
to clear my mind, to feed my soul,
where nature claims predominance
beside suburban railway track.
There bluebells bloom in varied hue,
as birds proclaim their rightful due.



But humans mar the scenery
strewn debris lying all around...
How could they thus defile the ground?

What careless acts, what disarray!
That turned my thoughts to such dismay
recalling Reform's leader say,
'Britain does no good to think
our mild attempts will un-pollute.'
I hope his words do not take root!



Let's *reform* our actions, *unite* to care
Treasure our planet; love this world.
We have only one chance,
as there is no other!

Oh, do we care for sister, brother?
Will we hand on nature's best,
or will we leave just wilderness?

'Poem and photos by Sue Thomas

“No Mow May” is here again

Time to rein back on the lawnmower, and celebrate having a diverse garden.

At Emmanuel, for a couple of years we've been setting aside parts of our grassy areas for longer grass over summer. We keep some parts short, and others long, all part of trying to create a diverse habitat which is:

- better for all the microbes and so on in the soil
- better for more flowers with the nectar which help bumblebees, moths and butterflies.

Dandelions are a particularly good source of nectar as they come into flower early and provide much needed food early in the season when there is little else out in flower.

So if you see stripes that don't look mown in the coming months, those could well be the deliberately unmown bits. And if you see lots of colours in there, then it means we're winning in getting more biodiversity.

Head to Plantlife's website for loads more information:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/your-no-mow-may-lawn-guide/>



Ian Moore

Birdspotting – Thrushes

It hasn't been hard to spot the thrushes recently. On many occasions there's been a thrush hopping around the green, digging for grubs and quite often pulling out good size worms. Sit on the benches for 10 minutes or so, and it was quite likely for the thrush to pop down from the lime tree where it seems to hang out, very unconcerned about other things that might be going on.

One time I actually had my camera with me, and managed to get a number of good photos (one on the cover, and one below). I watched the one thrush pause, cock its head as it was listening closely, and then dart with its beak and pull out a 3-4" long worm. And then I was surprised to see a second thrush come down and start to tussle over the worm. I even managed to get the two thrushes in shot together – and with the worm!

And as there are two, do let me know if you seen any baby thrushes in the near future?



Ian Moore

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Support pollinators

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But bees are declining because of habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification.

Tuesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators - even small efforts make a difference.

Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them such as wildflowers, in our Target 25 resources at arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25 and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.

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

Quiz—No. 2

Supplied by Lawrence White

1. How many squares are there on a chess board?
2. Who became Warden of the Royal Mint in 1696?
3. Who wrote 'Little Women'?
4. Who was the last Irishman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature?
5. What is the lightest metal?
6. Where is The National Archives in Wales?
7. How many state capitals in the USA begin with the letter 'A'? Can you name them?
8. Who wrote 'Ecclesiastical History of the English People'?
9. What are the factors of 1001?
10. What is an Arabian camel called?
11. Who designed the first cast iron bridge? It is still used as a footbridge.
12. How many letters are there in the Greek alphabet?
13. Who invented Jasperware and Creamware?
14. What was the first No1 hit in the UK popular music charts?
15. Who founded the National Youth Theatre?
16. How many symphonies did Beethoven write? What was his only opera?

Answers can be found on page 45

Battle Choral Society : Musical Director - Vincent Wade

THE SEASONS

Joseph Haydn



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Emmanuel's Annual Fair

Sunday 1st June 2025



Everyone is warmly invited to come along to Emmanuel's Annual Summer Fair, which will be held outside on the Green after the church service between 1200 and 1400 on the 1st June, or in the church halls if it rains.

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

We look forward to seeing you all there.

The fair will be raising funds for our church's nominated overseas charity Oberig.

If anyone would like to help in any way, then please get in touch with me, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Jim Lord



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.

Email: child.family@emmanuelww.org.uk
07444998312
www.emmanuelww.org.uk

Emmanuel
Faith, Hope and Love in West Wickham
(part of the United Reformed Church Family)



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!

Contact: Julie Cook
Children and Family Worker
child.family@emmanuelww.org.uk
07444998312
Donations welcome



Blissful Beginnings



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



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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 longs, stories, play time and much more ...



Contact
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Youth Club


Join us 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, trampolining and climbing.

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

Dates: April 27th 6-8.30pm, May 20th 6-8.30pm, June 22nd 6-8.30pm,
 July 13th 6-8.30pm, August 31st 6-8.30pm, September 20th 6-8.30pm,
 October 18th 6-8.30pm, November 12th 6-8.30pm, December 7th 6-8.30pm

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 OR EMAIL YOUTH@EMMANUELWVW.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
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EMMANUEL ART GROUP

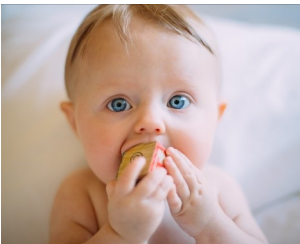
The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

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.



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.

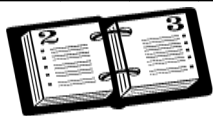
Janet Pickering and Pat Best



Church Diary for May

| | | | |
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| Thursday | 1st | 10.00am—11.30am | Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 36) |
| Friday | 2nd | 10.00am—4.00pm | Warm Welcome (details on page 41) |
| Sunday | 4th | 10.00am | Messy Church |
| | | 11.00am | Gathered worship led by Janet Godden |
| Tuesday | 6th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 36) |
| | | 2.15pm | Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 13) |
| Wednesday | 7th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 29) |
| Thursday | 8th | 10.00am—11.30am | Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 36) |
| Friday | 9th | 10.00am—4.00pm | Warm Welcome (details on page 41) |
| Sunday | 11th | 10.30am | Gathered Worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas with Holy Communion and Elder Induction |
| | 11th—17th | | Christian Aid Week (details on page 21) |
| Tuesday | 13th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 36) |
| | | 2.15pm | Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 13) |
| Wednesday | 14th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 36) |

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Church Diary for May continued...

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| Thursday | 15th | 10.00am—11.30am | Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 36) |
| Friday | 16th | 10.00am—4.00pm | Warm Welcome (details on page 41) |
| Sunday | 18th | 10.30am | Gathered worship led by Marion Moore |
| Tuesday | 20th | 2.15pm | Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 13) |
| Wednesday | 21st | 10.30am—12.00noon | Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 29) |
| Thursday | 22nd | 10.00am—11.30am | Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 30) |
| Friday | 23rd | 10.00am—4.00pm | Warm Welcome (details on page 41) |
| | | <i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i> | |
| Sunday | 25th | 10.00am | Messy Church |
| | | 11.00am | Gathered worship led by Joyce Brissett |
| | | 5.00pm—6.30pm | Youth club (details on page 37) |
| Tuesday | 27th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28) |
| Wednesday | 28th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 29) |



Church Diary for June 2025

| | | | |
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| Sunday | 1st | 10.00am | Messy Church |
| | | 11.00am | Combined Church and Parade Service led by Messy Church Team |
| Tuesday | 3rd | 10.30am—12.00noon | Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 36) |
| | | 2.15pm | Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 13) |
| Wednesday | 4th | 10.30am—12.00noon | Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 36) |
| Thursday | 5th | 10.00am—11.30am | Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 36) |
| Friday | 6th | 10.00am—4.00pm | Warm Welcome (details on page 41) |

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Quiz Answers

Quiz on page 33 supplied by Lawrence White

1. 64
2. Sir Isaac Newton
3. Louisa May Alcott
4. Seamus Heaney
5. Lithium
6. Aberystwyth
7. 5 Albany in New York State, Austin in Texas, Annapolis in Maryland, Augusta in Maine, Atlanta in Georgia
8. The Venerable Bede
9. 7x11x13
10. Dromedary
11. Abraham Darby III
12. 24
13. Josiah Wedgwood
14. Here in my Heart by Al Martino
15. Michael Croft
16. 9 Fidelio

Notices

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

**4th May
(details on page 7)
@ 10 am in McAndrew recreation
ground**

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

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

Youth Club

**Sunday 25th May
5:00pm to 6:30 pm**

Details on page 37



Annual Church Fair

**Sunday 1st June
After the church service Emmanuel
Church**

Details on page 35

Desert Island Discs

**Saturday 10th May
6.00pm
At Elmers End Free Church**

Details on page 8

Christian Aid Week

11th—17th May

Details on page 21



Sunday 8th June

**Tea at Emmanuel
@ 5.15pm**

Details on page 6

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Notices continued...

Giggles and Grow

Those crawling but not walking

Tuesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 36

Emmanuel Fellowship

(Some) Tuesdays @ 2:15pm

Details on page 13

Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 9:30am

Details on page 36

Blissful Beginnings

For babies up to crawling

Wednesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 36

Time Together Thursdays

For 2-4 year olds

Thursdays @ 10:00am to 11:30am

Details on page 36

Pause for Prayer

Fridays @ 9:30 am

In the vestry or on Zoom

Details on page 12

Warm Welcome

Fridays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Details on page 41

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 (4-6 years old) | Thurs 17:30—6:15pm | Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk |
| Beavers (6-8 years old) | Thurs 6.00pm—7.00pm | Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk |
| Cubs (8-10½ years old) | Mon 7.00pm—8.15pm | Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk |
| Scouts (10½-14 years old) | Tues 7.45pm—9.00pm | Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk |
| Explorers (14-18 years old) | Tues 7.45pm—9.30pm | Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk |
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