



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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June 2025 Services

1st (see below)	10.30am	Messy Church Breakfast
	11.00am	Combined Parade Service led by Messy Church Team
8th Pentecost (see below)	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion led by Revd Bryn Thomas
	5.15pm	Afternoon tea on the Green
	6.00pm	Evening Service led by CTiWW
15th Trinity Sunday	10.30am	Worship led by Marion Moore
22nd (see below)	10.30am	Worship led by Mrs Judy Davies
29th	10.30am	Songs of Praise service led by Mrs Sue Thomas

(Start of) July 2025 Services

6th	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Gathered worship

- **1st June** – The Parade Service will be followed by our Annual Church Fair
- **8th June** – West Wickham churches will join us for afternoon tea on the Green, which will be followed by a joint evening service at Emmanuel, then the Churches Together in West Wickham (CTiWW) AGM.
- **22nd June** – Mrs Judy Davies is a Lay Preacher from Bromley URC

*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,

Summery sun but cool breezes... The longest dry spell for ages, yet 'ne'er cast a clout ere May is out!' Sometimes (usually in the UK?!) the weather echoes our feelings about life with all its variety of blessings and challenges.

Harold Macmillan, when asked about his greatest challenge, said 'Events, dear boy, events'. But that is only the framework. Life is so much more than 'events'. The classic statement is that our sole purpose is to glorify God. Yes, of course. But how can we break that thought down in everyday terms, to enable us to do that? How about the ways we react and respond: all the feelings and thoughts, regrets and hopes, failures, successes and ideals?

Getting our bearings right about all that... is what church is about. It may come in a precise way in a Bible reading, a prayer, a sermon or something someone says over coffee. Or in a more general way, as we sense that this is a good place where we belong, where we can trust people and feel friendship, where we can feel uplifted in music, where we can enjoy the environment, where we care and share, where understanding and empathy abound.

I like trying to explain things, especially from the Bible. But in everyday life It's not so much about a theology of the cross, as a feeling of being freed as followers of Jesus; less a detail about a resurrected body, as celebrating that goodness and love win through; less the wind and flame, as the Spirit being expressed in what we think, feel and do. Just being with each other is a big part of that. That applies to us at Emmanuel and also to our fellowship with other churches in West Wickham.

Perhaps you will feel led to respond to this suggestion: that on Sunday 8th June we gather together at Pentecost – Whitsun if you prefer – in the morning at 10.30 as usual, but also for **Tea on the Green at 5.15 for a service at 6pm that we are hosting for Churches Together in West Wickham**. It's Holy Spirit Day – the Church's Birthday – celebration time. (Indoors, of course, if it is too cold or wet...)

Treasure Archbishop Tutu's summary of our faith:

Goodness is stronger than evil

Love is stronger than hate

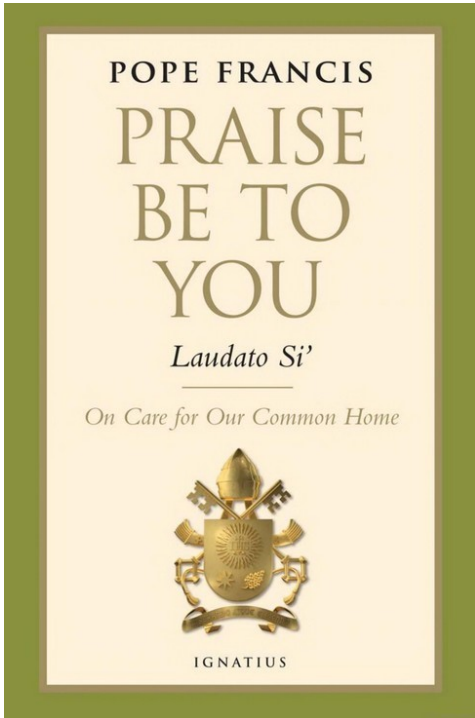
Light is stronger than darkness

Life is stronger than death

Victory is ours through Him who loves us

Bryn

“LAUDATO SI”



This month, following the news of the death of Pope Francis, I've been reading "Laudato Si", his encyclical from May 2015.

Many of you will know of Laudato Si, some of you may have read the encyclical itself. I admit it's not a quick read - 80 odd pages - but I do recommend it. It's still readily available [on the Vatican's website](#) of course. There are many, many sections that I could happily pull out as quotes. There is deep theology, rooted in Catholicism of course, but much that is universal I would suggest. Indeed, there is a deliberate appeal to all.

Of course, Pope Francis took his name in homage to St Francis of Assisi, sometimes called the patron saint of ecology. The encyclical reminds us that St Francis was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. And so throughout the encyclical there is a repeated, heavily interwoven message that

"a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (para 49)

Laudato Si is not just a lament, it's not just a treatise, and it's not just for Christians. Pope Francis addresses it to every living person on the planet. For me it serves as yet another reminder that we must use the message of caring for God's creation to help frame all our conversations with our neighbours, those of Christian faith, of other faiths or of none.

Grazi Papa Francesco.

Ian Moore

PS "Laudato Si" is also now the name of the umbrella Catholic movement covering over 1,000 organisations worldwide committed to caring for the common home that is earth.

Why 'Leo'?

Popes take on a new name on election: Cardinal Robert Prevost was no exception. So why choose the name 'Leo'?

It's not that he wants to roar like a lion ('leo' in Latin). He sees himself as treading in the footsteps of Leo XIII (1810–1903), Pope from 1878 to 1903, whose dates are comparable to Queen Victoria's (1819 – 1901).

Leo XIII defined the position of the Catholic Church with regard to modern thinking. In his 1891 [encyclical *Rerum novarum*](#) ('Of New Things'), he outlined the [rights of workers](#) to a [fair wage](#), [safe working conditions](#) and the formation of [trade unions](#), while affirming the [rights to property](#) and [free enterprise](#), opposing both [socialism](#) and [laissez-faire capitalism](#). He became known as the 'Social Pope', having created the foundations for modern thinking in the [social doctrines of the Catholic Church](#), influencing his successors.

That Leo was Pope during a time of social change in the last quarter of the 19th century. The new Pope Leo is aware of major changes in the world, like AI and the diminishing role of democracy. Given such social, political and economic change, he hopes to lead the Catholic Church in asserting Christian values in a powerful way, especially to promote peace.

I may write about popes, but no, I am not an under-cover catholic! There is much in catholic belief that a URC minister could not hold, but locally we get on very well and engage in the same sort of love-your-neighbour Christianity that really matters in our community. I think that is more important than doctrine. Also, our world needs strong Christian leadership to challenge both European secularism and influences from China, Russia and America.

Our Reformed tradition is not hierarchical, so we do not bring to prominence any particular leader, recognised world-wide as a person of significance. This Pope – Leo XIV – could provide the leadership that Christianity needs just now. We may well find that he speaks for us as well as for his own Church.

Bryn



churches
together
in West Wickham

Sunday 8th June is **Pentecost**

The churches in West Wickham will be gathering at Emmanuel beginning with **Tea on the Green** at 5.15pm

followed by a **Service of Celebration** at 6pm.

All welcome

A short AGM will follow.

Pat Best



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH & PARADE



Messy Church meets on **June 1st 10.30am** starting with breakfast and leading into the sanctuary to lead the **All-Age Service** and **Parade**.

SUMMER FAYRE – 1st June



Join in the fun as the sun shines for our annual Summer Fayre held on the Green after our Messy Church & Parade service. Details on page 23.



WORSHIP LEADERS for JUNE at Emmanuel



1st – Led by Messy Church Team

8th – 10.30am Revd Bryn Thomas with Holy Communion

8th – 6pm Led by CTiWW shared leadership for Pentecost

15th – Marion Moore – Trinity

22nd – Judy Davies

29th – Sue Thomas – ‘Songs of Praise’ details on page 25.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER



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

PENTECOST – 8th June 6pm

‘Tea on the Green’ at 5.15pm followed by service at 6pm led by the CTiWW shared leadership with CTiWW AGM afterwards. More details on page 7.



Rosemary



News of the Church Family, URC and wider Church Community

As Great-grandparents! Janet and Kenneth Hotten are delighted to announce the recent birth of Eden, son of their grandson Daniel and grandson of their son Andrew. Our best wishes to little Eden, to his mum Jess, and his dad Daniel.

It was great, on 11th May, to welcome Ian Moore back as a serving elder. All he does for Emmanuel is so much valued, as is his work as the Synod's Green Apostle.

Colin Best continues to recover well, as does Jack Beeson. Do remember them, with, of course, both the Pats.

Moiria Bing continues to make very good progress, with her radiotherapy now completed – an important milestone. She sends her best wishes to all at Emmanuel.

John Mackintosh has been in Croydon University Hospital for a check-up.

Do continue to remember in prayer those mentioned above and:

- Janet Dawkins
- Marty Jones
- Christine Jackson
- Wes Seldon
- The Patterson family
- Helena, daughter of Pippa Dowsett
- Julie Lord's mother and father

Think of the carers as well as the cared-for, and those who cope with varying issues without letting on to others what they are going through.

Thank you for helping us to know what is happening – 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

Bryn & Sue

Pausing for Prayer

We have been pausing for prayer for a few weeks now on Fridays at 9.30am and I'm finding it so valuable! The discipline of putting that time aside to step away from the busyness of the day or the worries that can surround us. As we sit in the vestry and remind ourselves that God is with us, I have found myself calmed, uplifted in thankfulness, and encouraged. We have brought the concerns which are on our hearts and simply laid them down. By 10.00am or so we close. I feel refreshed and reassured.

We have some powerful pray-ers in our fellowship (you know who you are) but there is space for more. I'd be glad to hear if anyone is making this their own time of prayer at home. Also I check the board in the church for prayer requests so do please use that space (there are pens and paper on the offertory stand) if there is a person or situation you want us to pray about. And you can join over zoom as well, using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/psjn95fe>. Anything we share is confidential within those who are there on that day, and there's no expectation that everyone has to speak.

As we pray, we are developing the discipline which helps us to keep connected with God, and to experience God's transforming grace.

Best wishes,

Marion Moore

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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.

After an early Half Term break, are you ready for all the excitement of the long second half of our Summer Term?

Here is the line-up for June:

- **3rd** - We begin with a return visit from **The Chancery Singers**, who will give an exciting performance in a lovely **mix of musical styles** to fill us and the **Church Sanctuary** with joy. Emmanuel's own Wendy Stuart is one of the choir members.
- **10th – Pastime Historical Dance** group will give a performance of dances from **The Regency Period**: elegant dances in authentic costumes, a real treat! There might just be a chance to join in if you feel the urge to do more than tap your feet.
- **17th** – Hold onto your heads, you ladies, for here comes **Henry VIII**, one of the many alter egos of **Tony Harris**, **professional comedian, raconteur and historian**. Another opportunity to be enthralled by Tony's total transformation into character, as we learn about this famous, feared figure from our past.
- **24th** – We welcome a Speaker who is new to the Fellowship. Have you ever wondered about '**Great Mysteries and Conspiracy Theories**'? If you have, then **Revd Dr Nicholas Henderson** may just have some of the answers for you.

Do come and join us on Tuesdays at 2.15pm. We meet in the Richmond Hall, except for June 3rd, when we will meet in the church Sanctuary.

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee

Children & Families at Emmanuel

Update from Julie, our Children and Family Worker

Messy Church

On 4th May we celebrated the 11th birthday of Messy Church. We thought it would be lovely to celebrate this by having a Picnic/Tea party with some snacks, refreshments and games. We met at McAndrews Playing Field in West Wickham not far from Emmanuel Church.

We had picnic blankets, activities set up as everyone arrived. Children enjoyed a game of bowls, tag, catch, north, south, east and west and football. We also had colouring, play doh and mega bloks for them to play with. Having had Easter a few weeks ago, Pat organised a lovely egg hunt, when the children opened the eggs they found little paper figures of all the people who saw Jesus after he rose again. This was a great fun activity.

We ended the morning with birthday cake and sang happy birthday to Messy Church and all shared some yummy cake and finished with the messy grace.

People stayed chatting in the park while the kids played, although it was a little chilly at times, the sun did come out and the morning had a lovely community feeling to it. Thankyou to all involved and all who came.



Half term activity afternoon

Stay and Play Thursday 29th May 2pm—3.30pm. Details on page 18.

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 10.30am-12noon in the James Todd room (all year round). Babies can explore new toys and play with little ones of similar ages.

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Blissful Beginnings

This group gives Parents / Carers the opportunity 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 10.30am-12noon in the James Todd Room (all year round).

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 – VE day, Sunflowers – so lots of messy play, craft, toys to play with and a themed snack, story and singing at the end! (term time only).

Youth

At youth club this Sunday we had great fun. We enjoyed burgers, played dodgeball and tag as well as a great game of telestrations.



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.

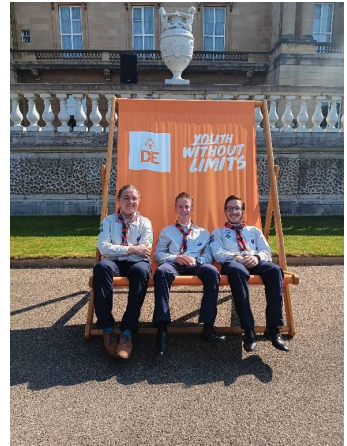
Julie and Han

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards

On Monday 12th May 2025, my family and I went to Buckingham Palace for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Celebration.

Jamie (8th WW Cub Leader) and Adam (8th WW Scout Leader) and Robert McHugh (8th WW Cub Leader) have all received their DofE Gold award over the last couple of years (Jamie was unable to attend last year due to exams). They started the award when part of the 8th West Wickham Explorer Unit and were able to finish it as they became leaders.

The day was an extremely special occasion, as we entered the gates of the Palace, I felt extremely proud of what they have achieved. We spent the morning in the gardens listening to speeches, having a cup of their finest tea, eating a specially made cupcake and taking lots of photos!



Finally, we heard from the Duke of Edinburgh himself as well as Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson and caught a glimpse of the Duke as he walked by.

A day the Cook family will remember for a long time!



Julie Cook

Personal Thanks & Announcements

Dear Friends,

As those who remember me will know prayer, and the power of prayer, are very important in my life. I would like to thank all those who have been praying for my daughter Helena as she goes through cancer treatment. Currently the consultants are very pleased with how things are going. Will be towards the end of the year before treatment finishes, so grateful for continued prayer. Worrying times, but I have the bonus of being with the twins and brother Alex every 3 weeks.

Thank you all. Emmanuel is often in my thoughts and still very much missed.

Pippa



A massive thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid week this year, either online or in the church. So far Emmanuel has raised £1,026 (including Gift Aid) which is well above the target of £500!

Jim Lord



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.

If you are unable to come to the fair you will still be able to contribute.

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

Pat



A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Join in with a nature and climate initiative

One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. Joining in with wider initiatives also reminds us of the power and encouragement of being part of communities and taking action together.

Churches Count on Nature, 30 Days Wild, and The Great Big Green Week all take place across June. Join an awareness-raising event or nature count as an individual, with your household or church. Find out more at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs, wildlifetrusts.org/30-dayswild and greatbiggreenweek.com.

A THOUGHT FOR THIS YEAR WITH CELEBRATING EIGHTY YEARS SINCE WORLD WAR TWO WITH VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY

My twin brother George like me was a school teacher. We sometimes discussed our reactions to various situations which we encountered at our schools. Many years ago he was teaching English in Luton to Pakistani boys for whom English was a foreign language. Unfortunately these boys faced much physical and verbal abuse from the English boys. One evening George was leaving school at the end of the day having finished preparing lessons for the following day when he saw one of the Pakistani boys lurking in the corridor. The boy told George that he was afraid to leave school as there were four boys outside waiting to beat him up. George said to him, "I shall walk straight towards those boys and you make a run for it". The following day George saw the headmaster and told him about the incident. The Head told him that he would get another teacher to cover for his next lesson while he went round each class in the school to try and identify the four bullies. Luckily he was able to recognize each one and so the Head arranged a meeting with the four bullies and their parents.

At the meeting George was expecting the Head to give them a talking to about their unacceptable behaviour, but he said to them, "Mr. Manuell has something to say to you". George was shocked for the moment but thought quickly and said to the boys, "I am very proud to be British. Are you proud to be British?" They sheepishly agreed. He then said, "My Dad, who was a man of peace, went to war against the Nazis, along with thousands of others so that people in Britain whatever their colour, religion, race or gender could walk down the street without fear of being harassed, bullied or abused and now your behaviour is betraying their sacrifice. I want you to think and give serious thought to what I have just said. Think about your actions to these Pakistani boys in the light of what I have just said.

My brother said that they and their parents looked remorseful but he prayed and often wondered if they took what he said to heart.

John Manuell

Just a thought...

Luke's last chapter – Ascension – Hebrew Scripture

To recap: our exploration of Luke's angle on Jesus started with:

Christmas (angels appearing to poor shepherds, birth in a manger, priestly family of forerunner John the Baptist, the theory developed during the first century of conception by the Holy Spirit); then continued to:

Good Friday (being lenient with sleeping disciples, forgiveness of the repentant thief, serene last words); and brought us to:

Easter (apparently inconsistent accounts; the only gospel to feature the tantalising Emmaus journey; best to focus not on 'what sort of body?' so much as on the many followers who had a personal experience of the risen Christ appearing to them).

It is a fascinating story, immensely rich in detail and thoroughly thought-provoking. Now Luke adds at the very end of the Gospel his brief account of the risen Christ being 'taken up' – 'The Ascension'. It inevitably in our minds brings us back to the 'what sort of body?' conundrum, which we can summarise as having three variations:

1. A solid body just as it had been at the Last Supper (in which case, how could it dematerialise into the clouds as in Acts 1, or vanish as at Emmaus? And why did Jesus not continue his ministry when injuries healed?)
2. A different sort of 'body' that was not actually flesh-and-bone, but unique to the risen Christ.
3. An explanation that had grown up during the first century, which Luke includes because he needed to see Jesus away from the earth's surface (the appearances had ceased) and deeply desired to show Jesus 'exalted' alongside his Father-Creator. This account could be less fact and more the profound spiritual speculation of people who understood the direction in which the faith was to go, i.e. passing the whole Jesus task over to us, his followers.

In his last chapter 24, Luke repeatedly features references to scripture, even precisely mentioning the Law (Pentateuch), the Psalms (Writings) and the Prophets i.e. the whole Hebrew Bible. Why? Because he wants to convey to his readers not just the story of the carpenter's son, but the high status of Jesus, as he is mentioned in scripture: it clinches his standing as Messiah.

Our version of respect for the Bible was not quite the same in Jesus' time – its details were more open to argument and interpretation. Isaiah 53 is for us the

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easiest example – ‘he was despised, rejected ... by his stripes we are healed etc’ – words that can be applied to the final dreadful hours of Jesus’ life. They argued this even though they knew that the passage referred to a previous situation of Israel and that the tense was past not future. What more could they want to prove the specialness of Jesus? Yes, he was the Messiah, the Christ.

That brings to a close our exploration of Luke’s main waymarks in his Life of Jesus. The story is not over, because Luke uniquely continues his account of the early church in Acts, beginning with a new disciple, Matthias, to fill the gap left by Judas, and the excitement of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – for which the disciples are charged to remain in Jerusalem.

Finally, when we have covered that, we can explore further unique aspects of Luke’s Gospel, like the Good Samaritan, the Lost Son and the differing beatitudes. Luke will continue to amaze for a bit longer...

Bryn

Easter in Barbados



Many of you will know that I was on holiday in Barbados in April.

In past years when we have been there at Easter, I have attended a service at the local Anglican Church. However this year I craved the familiarity of the Emmanuel Easter Sunday service. As I was over 4000 miles away I decided that I would watch the service on Zoom. However Barbados is five hours behind GMT, so this meant getting up at 5am to be ready with my coffee for the 5.30am start. I wondered if I would be determined enough to get up, after all I was on holiday!

Of course I did and I set my iPad up on the balcony table with a cup of coffee as the sun was beginning to rise. I even sent a text to Flora to request a photo of the cross on the green and she quickly obliged.

I was delighted to watch Marion lead the Service, with contributions from others. I sang the hymns *quietly* and joined in with the prayers and responses. I felt the joy of Easter Sunday along with a congregation that I know and love, aided by a beautiful photo of the cross with the flowers.

So I would like to give special thanks to our marvellous AV team for making this possible!

Wendy Stuart

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



The Matchbox Theatre
presents



A Comedy by
Steve Tolmie



5th to 7th June 2025
at 8.00pm
Tickets: £8.50
Children £6



Directed by
Victoria Pearce



St. Francis Church Hall, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham BR4 9PW
Tickets may be purchased online*
using a debit/credit card at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-matchbox-theatre>

***or alternatively from the in-house box office: 07432 742209**

After something of a hiatus the Matchbox is back performing. A world premiere, no less! *Crumbs*, a comedy by Steve Tolmie. This is Steve's third play for us, following on from the hugely successful *Can I Ask You a Question* and *England Expects!*

*Performances are on **Thursday June 5th, Friday June 6th and Saturday June 7th***

Barron's Biscuits made their name with their Coronation Cream, a biscuit baked in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. When Charles III comes to the throne, company owner George Barron sees a chance to bring back the glory years to his family firm. But the Coronation Cream recipe died with his father, and an ill-judged court case is threatening him with bankruptcy. And when a longstanding family feud flares up again, George finds himself in a make-or-break situation. As time runs out to recreate the hallowed Coronation Cream, how will the cookie crumble for George?

Support your local theatre! Tickets are on sale now!

Please log on to www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-matchbox-theatre or call 07432742209.

Thank you,

Tim Pearce

Your Church needs you!



June 29th is a 5th Sunday and I will be leading a **Songs of Praise** service at Emmanuel.

In fact, there will be three Songs of Praise services this year: June 29th, August 31st and an Advent Songs of Praise on November 30th.

Please send me details of your favourite hymn or worship song so I can prepare the line-up in advance. If your choice misses out in one service, it will be featured in the next.

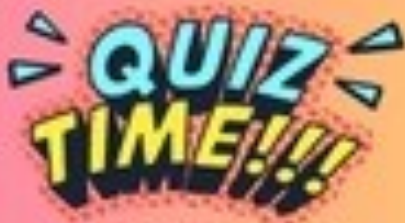
Please speak to me or phone me with your choice on 0208 462 5860 or 07984 326 415.

The deadline to choose a song for the June 29th service is June 21st. So, start humming those favourite tunes and we will all have a lovely time singing them.

Thank you and bless you,

Sue Thomas





General Knowledge Quiz

Run by Quizmaster Bill Bowman
Richmond Hall,
Emmanuel Church, West Wickham

Saturday 12th July 2025

7pm for a 7.30pm start

Teams of 6-8 people

(do not worry if there is only two of you, we will include you
with a team of others to make up a team)

**Tickets £5 per person, bring your own drink
(beer and wine (no spirits) and Nibbles**

All proceeds to Christian Aid



For more information and to
purchase tickets, please email:
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Emmanuel

Faith, Hope and Love in West Wickham
Church of the United Reformed Church Family



Quiz—No. 3

Supplied by Lawrence White

1. Which four American presidents' faces are carved into the rock of Mount Rushmore?
2. Who compered the ITV show 'Sunday Night at the London Palladium' (1954-1958)? His famous catchphrase was 'You lucky people'.
3. What meat is used in a shepherd's pie?
4. In which country was Audrey Hepburn (1929-1993) born?
5. In which year did the Paris Metro open?
6. Who was the first British monarch to be photographed?
7. Who was the first Archbishop of Canterbury?
8. Who said, 'One is not born a woman, one becomes one'?
9. Who was the first artist to have five simultaneous Top 20 singles in the UK?
10. Who was the 'Apostle to the Gentiles'?
11. What is the common name of acetyl salicylate?
12. In what year was the British General Strike?
13. What was a Hansom cab?
14. What was the profession of Sir Roger Bannister (1929-2018), the first person to run a mile in under 4 minutes?
15. Where was the first crossword published?
16. What is the meaning of Anno Domini (A.D.)?

Answers can be found on page 37



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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FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

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Emmanuel Church, The Grove,
West Wickham

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Youth Club

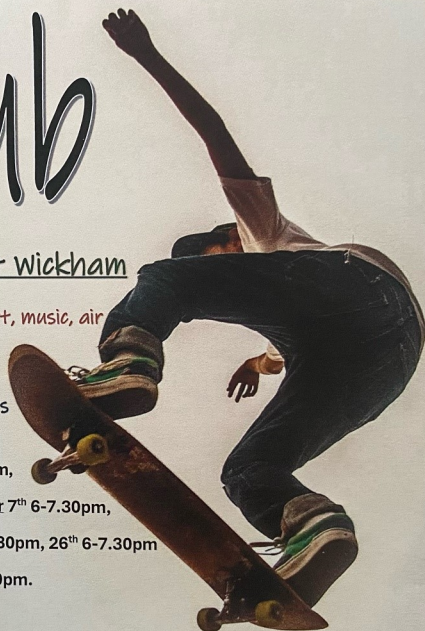
Join us at Emmanuel Church West Wickham

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!

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

DATES: May 25th 5-6.30pm. June 22nd 6-7.30pm, 29th 6-7.30pm. July 6th 6-7.30pm, 13th 6-7.30pm, 20th 5-6.30pm, 27th 5-6.30pm. August 31st 6-7.30pm. September 7th 6-7.30pm, 14th 5-6.30pm, 21st 5-6.30pm. October 12th 6-7.30pm, 19th 6-7.30pm, 26th 6-7.30pm. November 2nd 6-7.30pm, 9th 5-6.30pm, 16th 6-7.30pm. December 7th 6-7.30pm, 21st 5-7.30pm

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

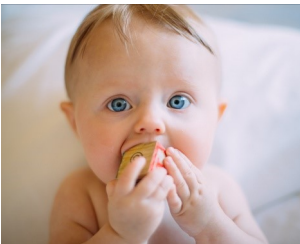
The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

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.

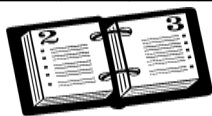
Janet Pickering and Pat Best



Church Diary for June

Sunday	1st	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Combined 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 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 11)
Wednesday	4h	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	5th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	6th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Pentecost Sunday	8th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion led by Revd Bryn Thomas
		5.15pm	Afternoon tea on the Green
		6.00pm	Evening Service led by CTiWW (details on page 7)
Tuesday	10th	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	11th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	12th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	13th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Trinity Sunday	15th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Marion Moore

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Church Diary for June continued...

Tuesday	17th	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	18th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	19th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	20th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
		<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i>	
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Worship led by Mrs Judy Davies
		6.00pm—7.30pm	Youth club (details on page29)
Tuesday	24th	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	25th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	26th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	27th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Sunday	29th	10.30am	Songs of Praise service led by Mrs Sue Thomas
		6.00pm—7.30pm	Youth club (details on page29)



Church Diary for July 2025

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 28)
Thursday	3rd	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	4th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 33)
Sunday	6th	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered worship
		6.00pm—7.30pm	Youth club (details on page29)

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Quiz Answers

Quiz on page 27 supplied by Lawrence White

1. George Washington (1732-1794) 1st president
 - Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) 3rd president
 - Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) 16th president
 - Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) 28th president
2. Tommy Trinder (1909-1989)
3. Minced lamb
4. Belgium
5. 1900
6. Queen Victoria (1857)
7. St Augustine (died 604)
8. Simon de Beauvoir (1908-1986)
9. Ruby Murray (1935-1996)
10. St Paul (born Tarsus, died Rome)
11. Aspirin. It was invented by Felix Hoffmann while working at Bayer
12. 1926
13. Named after J A Hansom (1803-1882), an English architect, it was a 2 wheeled horse-drawn cab accommodating 2 inside with the driver seated behind
14. Neurologist
15. New York
16. In the Year of our Lord

Notices

STAY and PLAY in MAY

For 4-11 year olds

Thursday 29th May @ 3:00pm to 3:30pm

Details on page 18

BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES

1st June
(details on page 8)
@ 10 am at Church

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

Annual Church Fair



Sunday 1st June
Emmanuel Church
After the church service

Details on page 23



Sunday 8th June

Tea at Emmanuel
@ 5.15pm
Service @ 6pm

Details on page 7

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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 28

Blissful Beginnings

For babies up to crawling

Wednesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 28

Time Together Thursdays

For 2-4 year olds

Thursdays @ 10:00am to 11:30am

Details on page 28

Pause for Prayer

Fridays @ 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 (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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