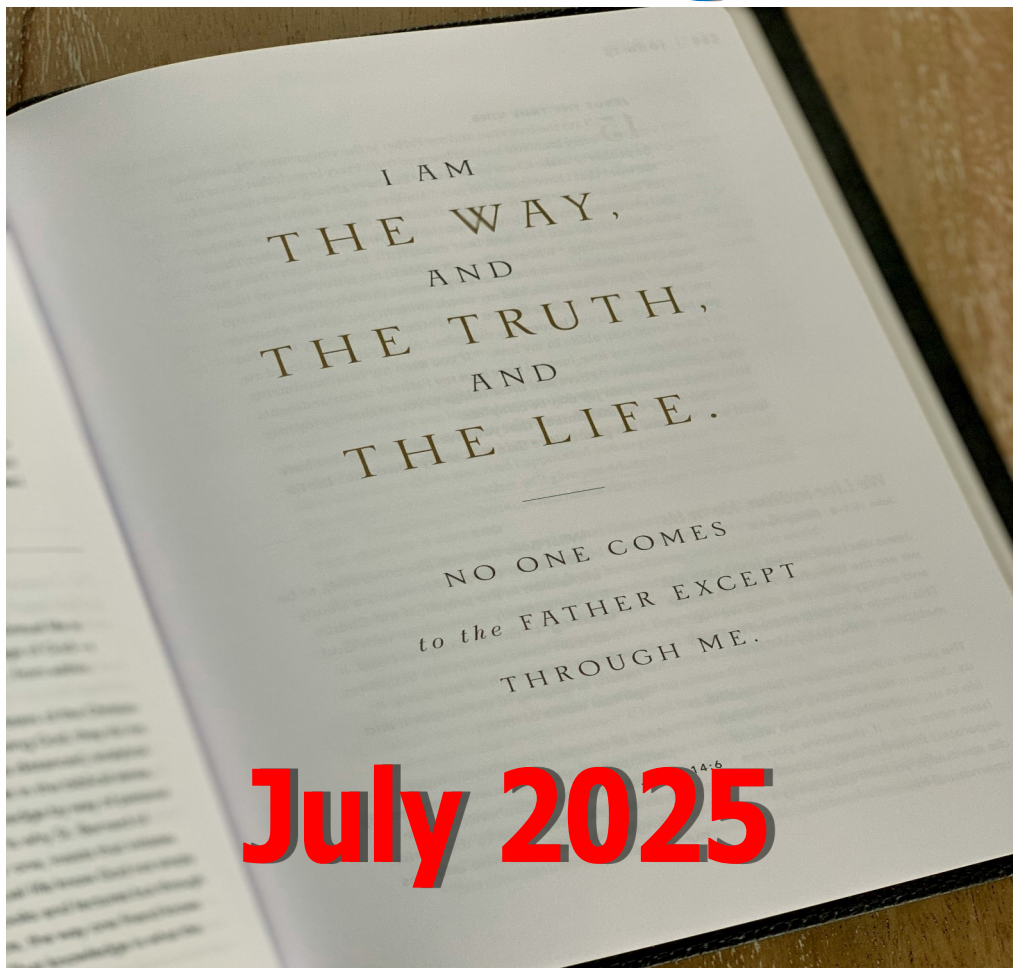




Emmanuel Life



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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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July 2025 Services

6 th	10.30am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas
13 th	10.30am	Gathered/broadcast worship including Holy Communion led by Revd Bryn Thomas
20 th	10.30am	Worship led by Marion Moore
27 th (see below)	10.30am	Worship led by Clive Timehin

(Start of) August 2025 Services

3 rd	11.00am	Worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas
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- **27th July** – Clive Timehin is a local Methodist Lay Preacher
- **3rd August** – There is no Messy Church this month

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Plastic Free July

This is a great opportunity to review where you might be able to reduce single-use plastics in your life.

Being part of Plastic Free July will help you find great alternatives that can become new habits forever. Paying attention to what we consume and its effect on God's earth, can lead us not into guilt, but into action and prayerful determination to see change where it's possible.

Read more about the effects of plastic at arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer.

*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,

Psalm 117: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. **For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.** Praise the Lord.

That's the whole Psalm. It is said to be the central chapter of the King James Bible – excluding the Apocrypha. How do *you* read it? To me, it's a praise-sandwich and the filling is God's love and faithfulness. So not only do we have every reason to praise God, we *ought to* respond with gladness and joy. I give you three little words: *absorb*; *process*; *use*.

What if?

What if we ate, but our bodies didn't absorb the food. We would be wasting our time, and literally wasting away.

What if we ate and absorbed the food, but then it just sat there and none of the nutrition reached the parts it needed to?

Let's assume those two things happen as we would expect, but then, the process stops. It would all have been useless because, unless our bodies use the nutrition, it does us no good whatsoever.

What if our minds absorb all we encounter through our senses and store it, and that is all? We would end up being a shell, totally disconnected from our environment. Isn't it the same with our souls? We have so many messages of love from God: to guide us; lead us; warn us; teach and inspire us. We need to absorb those messages, process them, and use them in our daily living, otherwise our spirits will fade away.

What do you absorb in church? I know what it takes to prepare services: time, commitment, study, thought, self. It's a huge investment.

What if, you made a mental, or physical note of *one* special thing you heard or encountered in a service and thanked the worship leader for that specific insight or message? It would show how you value their effort to connect you closer to God. Don't just leave it at that thought: What good is nutrition if it just sits there? Think about that insight or message, process it more deeply and use it. You'll be amazed at how your soul will be nourished.

Sue Thomas



churches
together
in West Wickham

Sunday 8th June was Pentecost Sunday celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to believers gathered in Jerusalem and the birth of the Church.

As Churches Together in West Wickham we gathered on the green outside Emmanuel for tea prepared by Janet Pickering and Sue Beynon. It was good to chat together, catching up on news of people and the churches.

We then came indoors for a service led by Revd Ian Hamlin (Coney Hill), Fr Ashley Beck (St Mark's) and Revd Carol Coslett (St Francis' and St Mary's) celebrating the Holy Spirit and asking Him to 'Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me'.

The AGM followed during which churches shared news of ways each church is opening up to our community.

Good news. Revd Matt Drummond is to be welcomed to the United Benefice of St Francis of Assisi and St Mary of Nazareth on Monday 7th July. We can look forward to meeting him.

Pat Best



News of the Church Family, URC and wider Church Community

More great-grandchildren! Congratulations to Janet Kite on the arrival of two new great grandchildren, and grandchildren to her son Philip. Twin boys Tom and Freddie were born to her granddaughter Alice on 20th May; they arrived very early but are home now after a month in hospital: two new brothers for James and Abigail.

Janet and Kenneth Hotten will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 10th July. Our congratulations and very best wishes!

Heather Moore will receive her MPhys degree when she graduates in Durham on 3rd July. She starts work at the Met Office in Exeter in September. Kieran Moore has completed his PGCE successfully and starts work as a Physics teacher in September at Lady Margaret School in Parsons Green (a Church of England state secondary school). Our congratulations and best wishes to them both!

David Watson has moved to be near his son and family. He is very happy in his new flat and sends his best wishes to everyone at Emmanuel.

Jack Beeson's recovery is continuing: it was great to see him back in church for Pentecost. Moira Bing sends her love and best wishes, now that the side effects of her treatment are tapering off. John Mackintosh is still regaining strength; having had six weeks in hospital. He is expected to return home soon.

Remember our Vacancy Group and the Eldership as they continue to keep Emmanuel on track during the vacancy. On 1st June we had a great Parade and Messy service, with an excellent Fair to follow – and are grateful to all those concerned, especially Pat, Sara, Julie, Han and Jim (and band) – and all the uniformed organisation leaders, and others who made the Fair a great success, like Stephen Davies & ensemble, and stall-holders and organisers.

Prayer is not really taking a shopping list to a God who knows our needs before we ask – more a quiet way of keeping ourselves in touch with all that is good and true, just and loving – and seeking to think outwards, beyond ourselves, for the welfare of others and the good of the world. Our Pause for Prayer starts around 9.30am on Friday mornings. Refer back to page 10 of the June edition of *Emmanuel Life* and have a word with Marion Moore.

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I guess more prayer goes on privately at Emmanuel than people realise. Do continue to remember those mentioned above and:

- Janet Dawkins
- Marty Jones
- Christine Jackson
- Wes Seldon
- The Patterson family, following Will's passing on 28th May
- Helena, daughter of Pippa Dowsett, with her ongoing cancer treatment
- Julie Lord's mother and father

The Thanksgiving Service for Will Patterson occurs while the July *Emmanuel Life* is being prepared. There will be more about Will in the next edition. We have heard that Tony Dandridge died recently. Our thoughts are with his widow Barbara. Think of the carers as well as the cared-for, and at tough moments look out for an indication that God's Spirit of comfort, strength and love is there for you and for them, indeed, for us all.

Rev Bridget Banks, our Synod Moderator, takes early retirement on health grounds at the end of June. Remember her in prayer, as we give thanks to God for all that she has done for us in Southern Synod.

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



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH

No Messy Church in August



WORSHIP LEADERS for JULY at Emmanuel

6th – 10.30am Revd Bryn Thomas

13th – 10.30am Revd Bryn Thomas with Holy Communion

20th – Marion Moore

27th – Clive Timehin

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Join **Marion** on **Friday mornings @ 9:30 am** for quiet prayer time in the vestry or on Zoom.



Quiz Time

Join us on Saturday 12th July at 7pm. Details on page 19.

VACANCY

Join us on **Saturday 26th July, 10.00-11.30am** in the **Hewitt Room**. Details on page 12.

Rosemary

Emmanuel Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday throughout school term time at 2.15pm in the Richmond Hall. For just £3 you get a variety of entertainment, refreshments, and a warm, friendly welcome.

Thank you for coming along in great numbers to welcome Henry VIII on June 17th. You saved my neck, as I dread to think what would have happened if he were greeted by a mere handful of folk. Thanks also, to Tony Stephen for making space to tether the horse!

July meetings complete our Summer term, and here's what awaits us:

- **1st – Lesley Tipler** will give a nostalgic talk about her role in the London Olympics as a '**Gamesmaker – 2012**'. What an experience that must have been! Come and hear her amazing story.
- **8th** – Let's step back in time a little with a special session in our Fellowship tradition, with our own stories. Come and share **something meaningful to you, that begins with the letter K or L**. Ideas, you ask? How about knitting, or a letter from a loved one? Too personal? I'm sure you'll think of something. Come and listen to the stories: you don't have to contribute. I can say for certain that there will be plenty of interest to hear and see.
- **15th – Miss Chris Davis** will be back to bring us tales of '**Salt, Samaritans and Mary Harris Smith**', taking us for a virtual '**walk around Cannon Street**'. Chris always finds intriguing items with their own stories to tell, as she prepares her talks during reconnaissance walks.
- **22nd** – Well, this is it! We have reached the last day of term. I've slipped in our AGM as a mere prelude to the **Summer Tea Party** to follow. You have the opportunity to ask questions at the former, and to enjoy good company and some tasty treats at the latter. Please do join us!

Do have a lovely summertime, and don't miss us too much: the Committee team will have a good rest and **return on September 9th**, all refreshed and ready to bring you another delightful term of loving care and entertainment.

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee

Children & Families at Emmanuel

Update from Julie, our Children and Family Worker

Messy Church

The highlight of June for Han and I was Messy Church Parade service followed by the Annual Summer Fair.

After lots of planning between Han, Sara, Pat and myself, we decided on the Order of Service, activities for all ages and were ready to present to everyone. It was great to see so many people in the congregation on Sunday 1st June.

We retold the story of the Shepherd and his hundred sheep – thank you to our uniformed groups who helped us with the story, to Jim and Daniel for playing the music, Marion for work on the AV and finally to Gill Childs for holding our 100th Sheep! There was lots of laughter, singing and great participation during the service and the break-out activities.



Half term activity afternoon

Since the last addition of Emmanuel Life, Han and I ran a half term activity session with over 40 children attending with their families and taking part in table tennis, air hockey, craft activities and lots of toys to play with.

Summer Holiday activities

We will be running three activity afternoons during the summer holidays on:

Thursday 24th July 2pm-3.30pm

Monday 11th August 2pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 12th August 2pm-3.30pm

These sessions are for 4-11 year olds there will be games, craft, toys, lego and much more (details on page 20).

Giggles and Grow

For those with babies who are crawling and not confidently walking (or only walking a little) then join us on a Tuesday morning 10.30am -12noon in the James Todd room.

Babies can explore new toys and play with little ones of similar ages.

One of our mornings in June was slightly different as Jen one of our lovely mummy's is getting married in July so we organised a 'mini' hen party with games, drinks and food – it

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was great fun!

This group will run throughout the summer holidays (except Tuesday 26th August).

Blissful Beginnings

This group gives Parents / Carers the chance 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. One of our mornings in June was slightly different as Maddie one of our lovely mummy's is getting married in July so we organised a 'mini' hen party with games, drinks and food – it was great fun!

This group will run throughout the summer holidays (except Wednesday 27th August).

Time Together Thursdays

This has been a really buzzing group, 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 10am-11.30am – we have had different themes each week – A day at the beach, Father's Day– so lots of messy play, craft , toys to play with and a themed snack, story and singing at the end!

This group will only run on Thursday 3rd and 10th July and then will finish for the summer holidays and resume on Thursday 4th September.

Youth Club

At youth club this week we made healthy wraps. We then did some garden clearance and painting by the quiet garden to make a nice area for a fire pit. After a few fun games outside we finished off with toasting some marshmallows on the fire pit. Thankyou to Ian and Emily for your help and support.



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

Vacancy update & an invitation to all

Over the past couple of months, the vacancy group has been discussing what we see as the most important issues in thinking about the future. We have been greatly helped by all that David did in turning our thinking outwards, and we have been trying to look at not just where Emmanuel stands at the moment, but also where God's plans may be taking us in the future.

One line of discussion has been to consider what our new ventures (such as the 5th Friday services in conjunction with Memory Box) tell us about being church. We've also been thinking about how we witness to faith in other spaces, such as the groups Julie & Han are running.

Another line of thinking has been to look at the synod mission criteria. There are 9 of these criteria, all shaped as statements that start: "This church is...". For example, "This church is committed to caring for people of all ages both inside and outside its community". On a scale of 0-10, how would you score Emmanuel on this?

But if the question were written in the future tense, "This church wants to be....", would that change your answer? Or would it tell you about a skills gap or people shortage that we need to think about? And then if you had to start choosing between the 9 statements, which would be your priorities?

While the vacancy group has had a good go at getting to some answers on this, we want to widen out the conversation to as many as possible at Emmanuel. So here's the invitation – an open meeting where you're invited to come and join with others in discussing these 9 statements.

Saturday 26th July, 10.00am-11.30am, Hewitt Room

Whether you've already got strong opinions on this, or simply want to come and listen to others, you're most welcome. Ian M will be leading the session, and we'll be taking the outputs from this into our discussions with wider councils of the church.

Let's all have a say in setting out Emmanuel's future priorities.

Jim & Ian

Personal Thanks & Announcements



Lada and I very much enjoyed our wedding day at Emmanuel. We are so grateful to everyone from the church that helped us have a special day. The service was very emotional and helped us remember the closeness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Roland

p.s. We were delighted that Roland & Lada chose Emmanuel for their wedding. With the help of Rev Dr Elaine Colechin, organist Bryn Thomas, Ian Moore on AV and photographer Jonathan Vowles, it was a delightful day with lovely flowers and a beautiful bride. We wish Roland and Lada all the very best of happiness in the continuation of their life together.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the annual Summer Charity Fair on 1st June in whatever way, it was a huge success and we are delighted to let you know that we raised over £1,200 for Oberig.



Thank you from the Community Outreach Group



UPDATED TOTAL

Once again, a massive thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week this year, either online or in the church. The total Emmanuel has raised so far this year stands at £1,301 (including Gift Aid) which is far above the target we set of £500! Also we still have the fundraising General Knowledge Quiz on the 12th July, which will support Christian Aid. This is advertised on page 19.

Jim Lord

Just a thought...

PENTECOST... Our church calendar has moved on: Christmas/Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension are now behind us. The events in the life of Jesus in Luke's gospel are over and we think forwards into the beginnings of the Church that is described in Acts. We are fortunate that Luke provides this continuation of the activity of the exalted Christ. Matthew, Mark and John have no more to say, but Luke's story, triumphant despite suffering, continues.

I nearly wrote 'the beginnings of the Church *that Jesus founded*'. That would imply that Jesus wanted to found a *different* religious set-up from the Judaism of which he was part. Not really. What we read in the gospels is Jesus' putting God's will into practice – he was forever a Jew – and that is part of the reason why we Christians hold on to *his* Scriptures, what we call the Old Testament. He simply wanted everyone, whatever their national identity, to live a life that honours God.

His early followers did not want a new religious community either. However, they *did* want to see him recognised as the Messiah – the 'Christ' in Greek. It was this specific point of difference that led to Christianity becoming, not the New Judaism, but a different faith in its own right – because the early Christians failed to get their point across to the people of Israel.

So, seeing what came about historically, we *can* call Pentecost the Birthday of the Church – this new way of looking at life called Christianity. The event is characterised by an amazing sense of energy and power in the minds, the total personalities, of the followers of Jesus. All the wind, flames and fire symbolised the can-do spirit that filled them seven weeks after the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection appearances.

It is all this energy that impressed Luke, and, doubtless, was his personal experience. It is as if Luke allowed seven weeks' bereavement time while they mourned that cruel death, realised that they had to cope without him and took in the fact that they were not going to benefit from his appearing to them any longer. *Now* was time for the Jesus energy to be released *in them*.

So, looking back, we can see that Luke's view of Jesus in his Gospel is infused with this sense not just of survival, but of triumphant moving forward in the faith. Luke's experience relating to Acts 2 determined the way he thought about the life of Jesus as recounted in his Gospel. Jesus was wonderful during his time in

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Galilee and Jerusalem, and now just as strong, just as available, just as encouraging as he had been then.

No wonder that Luke emphasises Jesus' Good News for the poor and his valuing of humanity as a whole (not just Jews). No wonder, too, that he can't believe that Jesus said to his Father on the cross, 'Why have you abandoned me?' – it is clear to Luke that he must have confidently said, 'Into your hands I commit my spirit'. The Spirit that was now energising his followers seven weeks later at Pentecost was what enabled Jesus to cope with the Cross and energise people by appearing to them a couple of days later.

So much for the great story of Pentecost, so far as the Christian community is concerned. There is also a broader perspective, a Grand Plan, on which we can reflect.

Genesis 11 says that the whole world spoke the same language. Whether that was literally true or not is beside the point: the theological principle is that sinful humanity was disastrously self-centred and over-reached itself: that is the symbolism of the Tower of Babel story. This is expressed in Genesis by the ending of the single (God's) language and the spilling out of multiple languages i.e. the lack of a unified understanding according to God's original intention for humanity, the destruction of worldwide unity under God.

Now at Pentecost... what happened? The position was reversed. Everyone understood each other! A unified understanding was re-established – under Christ. It was not the original ideal imagined by one of the authors of Genesis, but, in a way, it is better: people of differing nations and languages are united *because they are one in Christ*.

Moreover, Luke has elevated the carpenter's son to *the* position of exalted power, that will soon enable the Church born at Pentecost to establish Christ as One with the Spirit and the Father in what was called the Holy Trinity. More of that later...

Bryn

BETRAYAL AND THE REPLY

In 1988 my wife Rita and I met up in Seattle on the West Coast of the U.S.A. with George and Betty two of the American teachers that I had been teaching with in East Africa in the early 1960's. From Seattle we did a 5 week camping trip across America all the way to Boston on the East Coast.

One evening by the camp fire George told us a story about their son Paul who had won a scholarship to Harvard. In his last long vacation he got a job with a Travel Book Publisher to update their book Lets's Go', a travel advice book to backpackers who were travelling cheaply in Turkey.

Soon after arriving in Turkey, Paul met up with a Turkish student who was eager to improve his English. They got on well and the young man was able to help Paul with travel advice for updating his book and teaching him some basic Turkish. By way of "Thank-You" Paul being financially better off was able to help him with the cost of accommodation and food. However after travelling around for nearly a month together Paul was shocked to wake up one morning and find that his companion was gone and that he had stolen his money.

Fortunately being an experienced traveller Paul had secreted some money away in his rucksack for emergencies. Also in his rucksack he had the Turkish student's home address – he had spoken of village life and his parents and family with affection. Having a few days to go before his flight back to the U.S.A. Paul decided to make the difficult journey by train and bus to the parents village.

On arrival at their modest house he knocked nervously and when they came to the door he explained that he was a friend of their son. They made him feel welcome and introduced him to their family and friends as a friend of their son. Even with his small knowledge of Turkish and their small knowledge of English they got on well. After staying two days he left, having made no mention of their son's betrayal of friendship and trust. Paul wondered what the young man thought when he heard of the visit and the fact that he had not said a word about his bad behaviour.

John Manuel



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:

- Biscuits (savoury and sweet)
- Tinned fruit/puddings
- Jam/honey
- Cereal
- UHT milk
- Instant coffee
- Squash
- Pasta sauces
- Rice
- Cooking oil
- Tinned Sweetcorn/veg
- Shampoo (not soap or shower gel)
- Loo rolls
- 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!

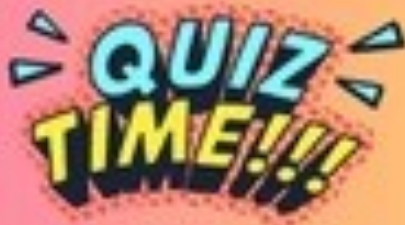
Flora

Quiz—No. 4

Supplied by Lawrence White

1. What is the Cockney rhyming slang for tea?
2. What is the highest mountain in England?
3. What was the name of the first feature-length sound film (1927)?
4. Which is the only one of the New Testament Gospels that is not synoptic? A synoptic Gospel is one that describes events from a similar point of view.
5. Which is the smallest bird of prey in Great Britain?
6. What year did the 999 emergency telephone service come into operation?
7. What is the meaning of 'Veni, vidi, vici' a Latin phrase attributed to Julius Caesar?
8. What colour does litmus paper turn in acid solutions?
9. Where was Bob Hope (1903-2003) born?
10. Who composed Cliff Richard's hit record 'Livin' Doll' (1959)?
11. Who wrote the 1934 best-selling book about a remarkable nanny, Mary Poppins?
12. Which planet orbits the sun at an average distance of about 150 million kilometres?
13. Desiree is a type of which vegetable?
14. Who was the second wife of Lord Laurence Olivier (1907-1989) of Brighton? Who was his third wife?
15. Who played the comic schoolgirl Monica in the radio show 'Educating Archie'?
16. What are the 3 main types of rock?
17. Where is the only bandstand in the London borough of Bromley?
18. Who painted the 8 pictures of a Rake's Progress (1733-1735)?
19. Near which village did the Ascension of Jesus take place?
20. Who were the Lake Poets?
21. When was the Gregorian calendar first introduced? When did Britain adopt it?
22. Which is the largest New York borough?

Answers can be found on page 29



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
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For more information and to
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Jim Lord - jim.h.lord@gmail.com

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Summer Time fun for everyone!



Thursday 24th July 2-3.30pm
Monday 11th August 2-3.30pm
Tuesday 12th August 2-3.30pm

**If you are aged between 4-11 years,
come and join us for Games, Craft Activities,
Lego, Table Tennis and Air Hockey**

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



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

The 1st Sunday of the month (excluding August)

Join us at 10am for breakfast, followed by Bible stories and fun activities until 12 noon.

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Giggles & grow

Has your child starting crawling, but not walking yet? Then join us on



Tuesdays 10.30-12.00

at Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham
For playing, chatting and stories!

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



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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.

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- Sandwich bar

Kelsey Park round the corner from our Park Langley branch is perfect for walks with the family, why not come for a coffee and a cake or some light lunch in the newly refurbished store. All our branches would love for you to come in for breakfast, lunch or even a quick snack.

Our staff will always try to make you welcome and answer any questions you may have.

Check out the website for more details on bespoke cakes and all of our other ranges.

Beckenham	Downham	Hayes	http://spongekitchens.co.uk
106 Wickham Road	473 Bromley Road	38 Station Approach	
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EMMANUEL ART GROUP

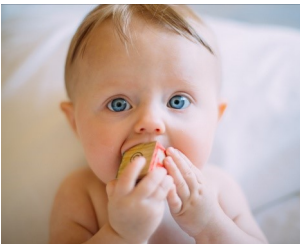
The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

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.

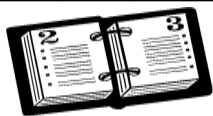
Janet Pickering and Pat Best



Church Diary for July

Tuesday	1st	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 21)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	2nd	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 21)
Thursday	3rd	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 21)
Friday	4th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 25)
Sunday	6th	10.00am—12.00noon	Messy Church
		11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas
		6.00pm—7.30pm	Youth club
Tuesday	8th	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 21)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	9th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 21)
Thursday	10th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 21)
Friday	11th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 25)
Saturday	12th	7.00pm	Quiz Time (details on page 19)
Sunday	13th	10.30am	Gathered and broadcast worship including Holy Communion led by Revd Bryn Thomas
		6.00pm—7.30pm	Youth club

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Church Diary for July continued...

Tuesday	15th	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 21)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 11)
Wednesday	16th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 21)
Friday	18th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 25)
Sunday	20th	10.30am	Gathered worship led by Marion Moore
		5.00pm—6.30pm	Youth club
Tuesday	22nd	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 20)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	23rd	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 21)
Thursday	24th	2.00pm—3.30pm	Summer Time fun for Everyone (details on page 20)
Friday	25th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 25)
		<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life items</i>	
Saturday	26th	10.00am—11.30am	Vacancy update Hewitt Room (details on page 12)
Sunday	27th	10.30am	Worship led by Clive Timehin
		5.00pm—6.30pm	Youth club
Tuesday	28th	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 21)
Friday	31st	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 25)



Church Diary for August 2025

Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Gathered worship led by Revd Bryn Thomas
Tuesday	5th	10.30am—12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 21)
Wednesday	6th	10.30am—12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 21)
Friday	8th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 25)

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Quiz Answers

Quiz on page 18 supplied by Lawrence White

1. Rosy Lee
2. Scafell Pike (3029 feet)
3. The jazz Singer
4. Gospel of St John
5. Merlin, a small species of falcon
6. 1937
7. I came, I saw, I conquered
8. Red
9. Born in Eltham as Leslie Townes Hope
10. Lionel Bart (1930-1999). Cliff recorded it with The Shadows then known as The Drifters
11. Helen Goff, better known by her pen name P L Travers OBE (1899-1996)
12. Earth
13. Potato
14. His second wife was Vivien Leigh (1913-1967), originally Vivian Hartley. They were divorced in 1960.
 - His third wife was Dame Joan Plowright (1929-2025).
 - His first wife was Jill Esmond (1908-1990), born Jill Esmond Moore. They were divorced in 1940.
15. Beryl Reid (1919-1996)
16. Igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary
17. Croydon Road Recreation Ground, Beckenham
18. William Hogarth (1697-1764)
19. Near the village of Bethany, on the Mount of Olives
20. Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)
 - Robert Southey (1774-1843)
 - William Wordsworth (1770-1850)
 - They all lived in and were inspired by the Lake District.
21. It was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory xiii. It was a modification of the Julian calendar. Britain adopted it on 14th September 1752. The changeover meant we lost 11 days from September 3-13. For the first time in 1752 January 1st became New Year's Day. Previously the year began on March 25th
22. Queens

Notices

BREAKFAST & CELEBRATION
STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES

6th July
10 am—12 noon
at Church

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

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

Quiz Time

Saturday 12th July

at Emmanuel Church
@ 7pm

Details on page 19

VACANCY MEETING & UPDATE

Saturday 26th July
at 10.00-11.30am in the Hewitt Room.

Details on page 12

Summer Time fun for Everyone

Thursday 24th July at
2pm—3:30pm

Details on page 20

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Notices continued...

Giggles and Grow

Those crawling but not walking

Tuesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 21

Emmanuel Fellowship

(Some) Tuesdays @ 2:15pm

Details on page 9

Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Details on page 21

Blissful Beginnings

For babies up to crawling

Wednesdays at 10:30am till 12 noon

Details on page 20

Time Together Thursdays

For 2-4 year olds

Thursdays @ 10:00am to 11:30am

Details on page 21

Pause for Prayer

Fridays @ 9:30 am

In the vestry or on Zoom

Warm Welcome

Fridays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Details on page 25

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 5:30pm—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
Caretaker (shared)	Monday-Wednesday Thursday-Friday	Tony Stephen Zhanna Tkach
Commitment for Life		Pat Best
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