



Emmanuel Life



February 2026

**EMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
THE GROVE, WEST WICKHAM, KENT, BR4 9JS**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Gathered family worship (in-person) and also broadcast on Zoom on the second Sunday of the month where possible.

See next page for details.



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February 2026 Services

1 st (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Worship led by Janet Godden
8 th	10.30am	Worship including Holy Communion led by Rev Bryn Thomas
15 th	10.30am	Worship led by Marion Moore
22 nd	10.30am	Songs of Praise Service led by Sue Thomas

(Start of) March 2026 Services

1 st (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church
	*10.30am	Worship led by Martin Leonard

- 1st February—A welcome return by Janet Godden, a Lay Preacher from St John's URC Orpington
- 1st March—A welcome return by Martin Leonard, a Nationally Accredited Lay Preacher from Christ Church URC Petts Wood

**Permanent time change for the 1st Sunday of the month. Details on page 7*

*There is nothing love cannot face:
there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance.
Love will never come to an end.*

(1 Corinthians 13)

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Going into February we see the shops full of Valentine cards and toys, red hearts and pink balloons alongside a bewildering display of cards to send to the ones we love.

You might be familiar with the book 'The Five Love Languages' by Gary Chapman in which the writer, a former Christian pastor, outlines his theory on 5 ways people best feel loved and affirmed within a relationship. He has since written guides also applying this to friendships and family relationships, outlining relatable situations where one person might feel most loved through words of encouragement while another values time given to them and their needs.

Although his theories have been challenged I know I have found them helpful for being a better friend over the years and so when I heard this within a talk it stayed with me;

"God's love language is following his way. It says in John 14:15 *"If you love me, keep my commands."*

It resonated so deeply because it reminded me that every time we choose to honour God, make the harder choice because we want his will over ours and put in seemingly unseen efforts to serve it is an expression of love for him. Crucially in the verses following Jesus tells the disciples they are not alone in this, in verse 26 saying **"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."**

As we see the Valentines flowers wilt I encourage us all to thank God for his love by reciprocating through our continuing service and trust in him. Thank you for all you do in his name, know it is seen and trust that he will comfort and guide us when it is hardest to follow.

God bless you,

Anna Seabrook



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church meets on **1st February 10 – 12 noon**, with the theme of **'Believing & Seeing'**.

Remember, everyone is welcome to pop in for a 'cupper' and join in with Messy activities before the sanctuary service.

WORSHIP LEADERS for February



- Janet Godden on 1st (11am)
- Revd Bryn Thomas on 8th with communion
- Marion Moore on 15th
- Sue Thomas on 22nd with Songs of Praise. Please submit your choice of hymns by 15th February. Details on page 6.
- Martin Leonard on 1st March at 10.30am

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMMANUEL LIFE

If you would like to contribute thoughts, prayers, articles on wildlife etc., your faith journey or anything that inspires you, to include in Emmanuel Life, please get in touch with Flora Kumi, our amazing E.L. editor.



LENT STUDY GROUP



Starting in person on 24th February and continuing each following **TUESDAY** for 4 weeks;

10am – 12 noon in the Hewitt Room.

Also via Zoom on Thursdays 28 Feb – 26 March.

Further details on page 7.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE – 1st Sundays at 10.30am from March

The first Sundays in each month have reverted to 10.30am from March 1st as approved at Church Meeting AGM in January.

More information on page 6.



Rosemary

Worship in February

As you may know, I have the role of finding people to lead services week by week at Emmanuel. I am so grateful to Marion Moore and Revd Bryn Thomas for committing themselves to each leading a service a month, plus occasional extras. (Please take time to thank them yourself). To fill in some of the gaps, I will be organising Songs of Praise services again, and it's time for another one on February 22nd.

If you haven't chosen a song or hymn for us before, now is your chance: I would love to hear from you. Perhaps there's a song that has special significance for you, or a hymn that you just like to listen to, or sing along to. Don't be shy, or backward in coming forward. We're all too polite sometimes, and wait for others to make a move.

I don't know about you, but I get a wonderful feeling singing with other people. Really, it is good for your health.

Please, do take the time to find a hymn, piece of music, a Bible verse or two, or even a short reading or poem. All these things will enhance our worship.

It will be helpful if you contact me with your choices by 15th February, as it takes a bit of time to put a service together.

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas

01784 326 415; susanthomas767@gmail.com

Lent study group

This Lent, we are running an in-person study group on Tuesday mornings, working through the course called "Carbon Literacy for Christian Congregations". Developed by the Carbon Literacy Project with specific input from the Church of England, it explores the subject of climate warming from a faith point of view. So, if you're interested in why as Christians we should care about the climate crisis, and what we can do about it, then this is for you!

I'm delighted that we will be joined by Revd Charisa Hunter-Crump, Synod Training & Development Officer, to co-lead the course with me.

This particular study course is very suitable for Lent, consisting of just 5 sessions. We're hoping everyone that signs up makes all 5 sessions, it will work much better like that as we explore the topic together.

To sign up, please sign the sheet in the vestibule or speak to me.

If you're interested but can't make the Tuesday morning slot, do speak to me. Charisa & I are also running the same course online on Thursday evenings during Lent, aiming to cater for a wider group of URCs in the Synod, and you'd be most welcome to join that grouping.

Ian Moore

CHANGE of SERVICE TIME



The timing of the sanctuary service for the first Sundays in the month was changed a few years ago from the usual 10.30am to 11am to allow Revd David Pickering more time in Messy Church. The Elders reviewed this and as it is no longer the case, they proposed to revert the first Sundays in the month sanctuary service to 10.30am to be in line with the other Sundays. The Elders brought this proposal to church meeting on January 25th. This proposal was unanimously agreed. Hence, **as from 1st March** sanctuary services on first Sundays will start at **10.30am**.

Messy Church will continue to welcome you to join them for a 'cuppa' from 10 am!

Rosemary



Church Family News

We send our very best wishes to Marty Jones (in advance due to the publication date), whose 105th birthday is on 31st January. Marty, you have had many experiences and enriched the lives of so many people. Bless you for all your kindness, caring and devotion to others. You are truly a treasure.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Wes Seldon and offer our sympathy to his wife, Jude. Wes's funeral will be at Bluebell Crematorium on 16th February at 11.15am, led by Deacon Laura MacBean, with a reception at The Warren afterwards.

We are also sad to record the passing of Peter Grafham on Friday 23rd January. We send our condolences to Peter's son Andy and family.

Please hold Lada in your thoughts and prayers: the Thanksgiving Service for her mother Nina was held at Beckenham Crematorium on 23rd January. Include her husband Roland, too, who gave a moving tribute to his mother-in-law.

Among others, we remember in prayer:

- Ann Marie's son Tim Mott in Canada, and his wife Nancy
- Monica Duncan
- Christine Jackson, now back home after a stay in hospital
- Julie Lord's mother and father

We give thanks for hospitals and for all those involved in the processes of healing. Where would we be without the NHS and all the wonderful, dedicated, patient members of staff who do their very best for us, day in, day out?

Please contact us with your family news, which you may, or may not, want included in our magazine.

Phone (with answer-phone) 020 8462 5860 or 07957 858 878

Or email brynthomas@uwclub.net or susanthomas767@gmail.com

Bryn & Sue

Emmanuel Fellowship

Dear Friends,

It's great to be back at the Fellowship and lovely to see so many familiar faces and some new ones at our January meetings. We had some fun entertainment: sorry if you missed out on any of it. Remember the Fellowship is open to everyone, so do come along and bring a friend if any of the meetings catch your fancy.

Here is the February line up:

- **3rd** – **'Exercise the Easy way, then Sing'** with **Gwen Godwin**. Find some inner peace with gentle exercises from your chair, and refresh your spirit with a bit of singing.
- **10th** – How about imagining you're travelling to **'Mexico – a Land of Fire and Fusion'**? **Jane Scotchmer** will give us a taste of this fascinating destination.
- **17th** – **Half term break**: there will be **no meeting** this week.
- **24th** – **John Hickman** returns with more local history. This time, it's **'Notable Women of Norwood'**. Come along men and women, to hear the legacy left by our forebears.

Well, that's it for February. I hope we see you in at least one of our meetings, where we can sit and chat over refreshments.

Best wishes,

Sue Thomas and the Fellowship Committee

Children & Families at Emmanuel

Update from Julie, our Children and Family Worker

Messy Church

We spent the morning thinking about Jesus growing into a boy and how we are 'growing' and our hopes for 2026.

News from my groups

All groups have started again and we have welcomed many new families.

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 10.30-12noon in the James Todd room. Babies can explore new toys and play with little ones of similar ages.

Blissful Beginnings

This group gives Parents / Carers 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 10.30-12noon in the James Todd Room.

Time Together Thursdays

This group is for 2,3 and 4 year olds to enjoy fun, games, craft activities and lots of toys. Each week I have a different theme, some examples are Penguin awareness day, Fireworks, Nursery Rhymes, Gingerbread Man.
We end the morning with a snack made by the children, story and singing (if time allows!)
This group is on a Thursday morning 10-11.30am in the James Todd Room.

Youth Club

Twelve members of Youth Club joined us at the beginning of January, we enjoyed fun and games and craft activities. We ended the evening with Domino Pizza!
Please get in touch if you would like to come along!

The next Youth Club will be on Sunday 8th February 2026.

Please email Julie – child.family@emmanuelww.org.uk for more information.

February Half term Activity Afternoon

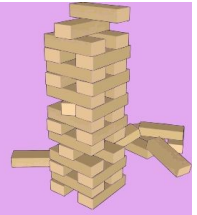
Children aged between 4-11 year olds can join us for an afternoon on Thursday 19th February 2-3.30pm. Please see the attached flyer and contact me for more information.

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 speak with Sara.

Julie



Fun-Tastic February Fun

Thursday 19th February 2026
2pm-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).**



Donations welcome
Contact: Julie Cook,
Children & Family Worker.

Email: child.family@emmanuelww.org.uk
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Personal Thanks & Announcements

Portable ramp



The church was recently gifted a small portable ramp from Nicky MacIntyre. This will help a lot for people arriving at the Grove Entrance with wheelchairs and/or buggies, so we have decided to position it in the Grove Entrance so it can be accessed without problem.



Please feel free to use it whenever helpful, but please store it back afterwards, securely tied with the tapes against the wall.

If anyone wants a quick demo on how to open it out and position it, do please get in touch.

Ian Moore

Gita Nandra

A few words from Warm Welcome about our friend Gita who died in December.

Gita regularly attended with her mother Kay. Her smile and cheerful greeting were beautiful to see. Gita was a very open lady who shared with us in a very positive manner. Gita received amazing love and understanding from Kay and expressed her deep joy when speaking about her family.

Our friend truly believed she had received a spiritual experience with the Christ which gave her an uplifting message of hope.

Awesome God, wholeness and love, enfold her in joyful peace.

A friend of Warm Welcome



You probably know we run a 'Warm Welcome' cafe on Fridays at the church from 10am -4pm but did you know that it's part of a Warm Welcome national organisation? Our Emmanuel 'Warm Welcome' team were asked by them if we'd like to host a colour celebration at our cafe to banish the January blues so we took up the challenge!

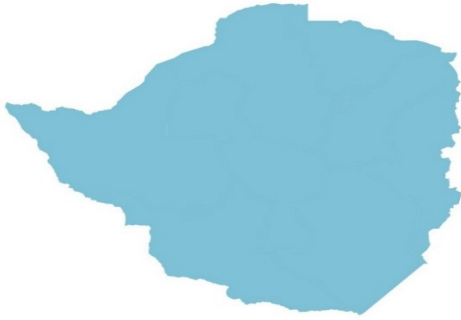
The Co-Op sponsor the national organisation sent a lovely lady called Mimi to join us with extra cakes and refreshments and we gave the Hewitt room a make-over with colourful decorations and activities. Our regulars had been prepped to wear colourful clothes if possible so even on a grey rainy Friday we had pink, orange, yellow and purple on display, sometimes on the same person!



We couldn't run the Warm Welcome cafe any week without the amazing volunteers who give their time and energy so a big thank you to all of you! If you are interested in getting involved please speak to Anna Seabrook or Pat Best (or e-mail Anna at community@emmanuelww.org.uk).

Anna

Commitment for Life



Supporting
Zimbabwe

A family business – Tendani Masendu

A loan of just US\$200 dollars from her village bank gave Tendani Masendu the chance of security and confidence for her family's future. Like many, Tendani is the head of the household, as her husband lives and works permanently in South Africa. With many children to look after, the irregular monies from her husband mean she needs extra income.



Through Christian Aid partner, Institute of Rural Technologies (IRT), Tendani trained in retailing and was given a loan to start a shop, selling clothes and other goods she bought in Botswana. She was determined to make this work, so was delighted to expand into the shop next door and increase her stock. At one point, she even sold car tyres.

“I used the loan to start selling second hand clothes. With 6 children, 1 orphan and 12 grandchildren, I needed the money. I bought small things at first and resold. My brother gave me a small space where I could sell children's books, salt and other things. I make enough money to pay for school fees and food.”

Tendani is part of a village bank. Village banks started helping small businesses in 2008 with contributions from women. At that time, there was no money. The village bank started as a means of pooling money together for people to go to workshops. This changed when IRT, with funding from CA, started lending to the women's groups. The system is credit union style money lending with the village group having responsibility for the fund. They were taught how to identify good projects and monitor progress, so when people come to the committee with a proposal, they can decide if this is a worthwhile project. If approved by the group, then IRT will match fund the local offer and give appropriate training.

Today, Tendani employs two people and her standard of living has increased. Her daughter has received training in marketing and booking, so it can now be called a family business.

“I feel I am free in life because I can feed myself. I am self-sufficient. I am not going to lose sleep thinking.” What a wonderful testament to the work of IRT.

Pat Best

Thought for the Month

Do not be afraid

There seems to be all sorts of things going on in the world that can make us fearful, whatever our age:
Finance; family concerns; health matters; social media; internet fraud - that's just for starters!

I heard on the radio that the words, 'Do not be afraid' occur over 80 times in the Bible. (I haven't checked it – I'll leave that to you!)

Here's one: Matthew 14 v17:

'Jesus came to his disciples walking on the water in the Sea of Galilee. The disciples were terrified but Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Don't be afraid. Take courage, I am here.'

Here's a slightly different look at the words in Psalm 112 v7:

'They (the righteous) do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them.'

And finally, in Revelation 1 v17-18

'Don't be afraid! I am the first and the last. I am the living one. I died but ... I am alive for evermore.'

How great is our God!

Chris Cutler



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:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned ham
- Tinned tuna
- Squash
- Jam/honey
- Cereal
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Cooking oil
- Washing up liquid
- 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

Health and Safety

Elders have recently agreed an updated health and safety policy following a thorough review by the Finance and Property group. The church has responsibilities under law to try and ensure that it is a safe place for everyone, including its staff, volunteers and visitors.

But it's not just about the Elders. Health and safety is everyone's responsibility!

Most of the time this is plain common sense, and you already do it without even thinking about it – keeping the place tidy, not blocking exits with chairs, tables or anything else, mopping up spills as soon as they happen, asking for help rather than trying to lift heavy tables on your own - that sort of thing. Thank you!

The policy relies on everyone co-operating to help ensure everyone's health and safety.

A Health and Safety folder has been placed in the main kitchen (the best place to be accessible to everyone all of the time including halls users). This includes the policy, some more detailed appendices, and an overall risk assessment. Elders encourage everyone to take a look at the policy and the risk assessment. We have tried very hard to make them readable, accessible, and short.



In the kitchen you will also find the accident book by the first aid box. If anyone has an accident of any kind on the church premises, it should be recorded in the accident book, even if it seems trivial. This is not just for paid staff, it relates to everyone. Once a report is made, tear the slip out, put it in one of the envelopes which are in the green folder, and pass as soon as possible to myself or any Elder.

Why do we ask this? For two reasons:

- It helps us to see if there are any problems that need looking at. If we get reports of several slips in the same place, we need to do something about it.
- Some more serious accidents have to be reported to the Health & Safety executive, for example if anyone had to go to hospital, we might need to notify them

So please

- Take a read of the policy and risk assessment
- Use the accident book
- Tell our caretakers or any member of F&P group (Marion & Ian Moore, Doug Carr, Nick Stocker) about any problems you notice – equipment not working, breakages, blocked exits
- Keep using your common sense!

Thank you

Marion Moore (Elder with responsibility for Health & Safety)

AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Early in the 1960's I had a teaching job in a Government Boys' Secondary School in the East African Country then called Tanganyika.

One school holiday I was travelling on my own around neighbouring Kenya by local buses and one day was on my way from the coastal town of Mombasa to the coastal town of Malindi. At that time it was the custom of the women of the Giriama Tribe to go topless.

The bus was crowded and I was the only white person on it. A bare breasted young maiden sat down beside me. I sat up very straight and prim and proper with my hands in my lap. I was very, very tired from all the travelling I had done. Suddenly I woke up and found myself lying across the lap of the bare breasted young maiden sitting next to me.

All the passengers on the bus were laughing their heads off including the young maiden.

John Manuell

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

This Lent, take part in **Climate Steward's Carbon Fast**.

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation.

Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation.

Find out more and sign up at climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

Quiz—No. 11

Supplied by Lawrence White

1. Who became the first woman trainer in 1983 to win a Grand National winner with Corbiere?
2. Who were the 4 stars of 'The Good Life' (1975 BBC TV series)?
3. When was the voting age for women in the UK dropped from 30 to 21?
4. What are the names of the Welsh National Parks?
5. Which was the first British newspaper to publish a crossword puzzle?
6. Who was the best female exponent of Impressionism?
7. Who was the discoverer of the circulation of the blood? Where did he study medicine?
8. Who was the English evangelist who found Methodism?
9. Which is the second largest French city?
10. Who said in the film 'All about Eve' 'It's going to be a bumpy night'?
11. Where did ABBA win the Eurovision Song Contest?
12. What was the relationship between Rita Hayworth, originally Margarita Carmen Cansino (1918-1987) and Ginger Rogers, originally Virginia Katherine McMath (1911-1995)?
13. What colour legs does the kittiwake have?
14. Who wrote the classic novels Tom Sawyer (1876) and Huckleberry Finn (1884)?
15. Who anointed Solomon with oil?
16. What is the largest Scottish island?
17. Who wrote the Fingal's Cave Overture (1832) and The Scotch Symphony (1842)?
18. Which Scottish Naval Commander was in command of Chile's Navy (1818-1822) in the war for freedom by Chile and Peru?
19. Where was King Charles III invested Prince of Wales in 1969?
20. Where and when was Joseph Grimaldi the famous pantomime clown born?
21. What are the termini of the Bluebell Line?

Answers can be found on page 31



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Lent Study Group

Carbon Literacy for Christian Congregations

This Lent period, we will be running a study group on “Carbon Literacy for Christian Congregations”.

Carbon literacy offers a chance to consider how and why as Christians we should tackle climate change. And how best to do that as individuals and as a community.

The course will cover the following:

- Why should Christians care about climate change?
- The science of climate change
- Carbon footprints
- What can we do about climate change as individuals and as a congregation
- Having hope for the future

Carbon Literacy is an accredited course. At the end of the course, we will create two actions each which will be submitted to the Carbon Literacy Project. If they are happy with them, you will receive a certificate for your accreditation.



Tuesdays 10am-12noon
Feb 24th , March 3rd , 10th , 17th & 24th
Hewitt Room @ Emmanuel

To sign up, please see Ian Moore
or sign the sheet in the vestibule
Only 5 sessions, & it works best if
everyone attends all five

Course leaders

Revd Charisa
Hunter-Crump
Synod Training &
Development
Officer



Ian Moore
Synod Green
Apostle



World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at St Mary's Church, The Avenue,
BR4 0DX



Gift was motivated to design this artwork for the 2026 World Day of Prayer programme because of the burdens that Nigerian women are facing. She hopes that her art will help to amplify their voices.

Our burdens become bearable when we respond to Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11:28, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest'. When we bring our weariness to Christ and support one another in community, we find rest and strength to continue our journey.

You will all be welcome at St Mary's who are leading the service. Time to be decided.

Pat Best

Save The Date – Emmanuel's Annual Summer Fair

Sunday 5th July 2026

Now that we are in 2026 just to let you all know that Emmanuel's Annual Summer Fair will be held after the church parade service on Sunday 5th July.

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

Please put the date in your diaries.

As you may already be aware, this year the fair will be raising funds for **Tools With A Mission – www.twam.org.uk**

If anyone would like to host a stall or help in any other way then please get in touch with Jim Lord or anyone on the Community Outreach Group. They would be delighted to hear from you.



Coffee and Get-together

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



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
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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!

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



CONTACT
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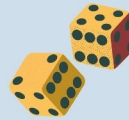
TIME TOGETHER THURSDAYS

FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Every Thursday (term time only)
10.00-11.30am

Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham

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



Contact
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Donations welcome



**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

11am – 1pm
Medhurst Hall, West Wickham
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GROWING TOGETHER

COMMUNITY GARDEN



COME AND JOIN US

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EMMANUEL ART GROUP

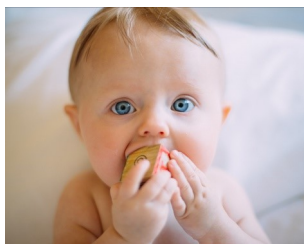
The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

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.

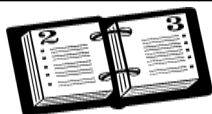




Church Diary for February

Sunday	1st	10.00am	Messy Church
		11.00am	Worship led by Janet Godden
Tuesday	3rd	10.30am— 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 24)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	4th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 24)
Thursday	5th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 24)
Friday	6th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 13)
Sunday	8th	10.30am	Worship including Holy Communion led by Rev Bryn Thomas
			Youth club (please contact Julie Cook for more details)
Tuesday	10th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 24)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	11th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 24)
Thursday	12th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 24)
Friday	13th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 13)

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Church Diary for February continued...

Sunday	15th	10.30am	Worship led by Marion Moore
Tuesday	17th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 24)
Wednesday	18th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 24)
Thursday	19th	2.00pm—3.30pm	Fun-tastic February fun For age 4-11 years
Friday	20th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 13)
		<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life articles</i>	
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Songs of Praise Service led by Sue Thomas
Tuesday	24th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 24)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	25th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 24)
Thursday	26th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 24)
Friday	27th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 13)



Church Diary for March 2026

Sunday	1st	10.00am	Messy Church
		10.30am	Worship led by Martin Leonard
Tuesday	3rd	10.30am— 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 32)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 9)
Wednesday	4th	10.30am— 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 24)
Thursday	5th	10.00am—11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 24)
Friday	6th	10.00am—4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 13)

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Quiz Answers

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1. Jennifer (Jenny) Susan Pitman CBE (born 1946)
2. Richard David Briers (1934-2013) played Tom Good, Felicity Ann Kendall (born 1946) played Barbara Good, Paul Clark Eddington (1927-1995) played Jerry Leadbetter and Dame Penelope Anne Constance Keith née Hatfield (born 1940) played Margo Leadbetter
3. 7th May 1928. The Suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst died on 14/06/1928
4. Brecon Beacons (in 2013 the park was granted International Dark Sky Reserve status), Snowdonia (1951, Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Wales' first and largest national park) and Pembrokeshire Coast (1952, the only one of Britain's national parks that's largely coastal)
5. Sunday Express
6. Berthe (Marie Pauline)Morisot (1841-1895) who specialised in pictures of women and children
7. William Harvey (1578-1657) He studied medicine at Caius College, Cambridge and at Padua, under Hieronymus Fabricius and is still remembered in Padua.
8. John Wesley (1703-1791) He was originally a lecturer in Greek at Oxford
9. Marseille (English Marseilles)
10. Bette Davis (1908-1989) pseudonym of Ruth Elizabeth Davis
11. Brighton in 1974
12. They were cousins
13. Black
14. Mark Twain, pseudonym of Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910)
15. Zadok
16. Lewis and Harris, Outer Hebrides, main town is Stornoway, separated from NW Scotland by The Minch
17. Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)
18. Thomas Cochrane GCB, 10th earl of Dundonald (1775-1860)
19. Caernarvon Castle (work started on it in 1283)
20. Born in London in 1779, son of an Italian actor. Died 1837
21. East Grinstead and Sheffield Park

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 jojmcgee@hotmail.co.uk
Squirrels <i>(4-6 years old)</i>	Thurs 5:30pm—6:15pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Beavers <i>(6-8 years old)</i>	Thurs 6.00pm—7.00pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Cubs <i>(8-10½ years old)</i>	Mon 7.00pm—8.15pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Scouts <i>(10½-14 years old)</i>	Tues 7.45pm—9.00pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Explorers <i>(14-18 years old)</i>	Tues 7.45pm—9.30pm	Niels Rump glv@8thwestwickham.org.uk
Caretaker (shared)	Monday-Wednesday Thursday-Friday	Tony Stephen Zhanna Tkach
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Cradle Roll secretary		Karen Florence
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