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June 2026

EMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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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 2026 Services

7th (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church
	10.30am	Worship led Janet Godden
14th	10.30am	Communion service led by Rev Bryn Thomas
21st (see below)	10.30am	Worship led by Nigel Macdonald
28th (see below)	10.30am	Worship led by Mrs Sonia Weston

(Start of) July 2026 Services

5th (see below)	10.00am	Messy Church gathers
	10.30am	Parade Service led by the Messy Team

JUNE:

- 7th - Janet Godden is a Lay Preacher from St John's URC Orpington.
- 21st - Nigel Macdonald is a Lay Preacher from Cheam United Reformed Church
- 28th - Sonia Weston is a Locally Recognised Lay Preacher from St Andrew's URC Brockley

JULY:

- 5th - The Parade Service will be followed by the Summer Fair

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Last month I was in two minds over writing about how Spring relates to Easter, or about how Spring, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost all fit together... so now I have the chance to follow the second train of thought. Marion celebrated Ascension on 17th May (the nearest Sunday) and Sue T and Emmanuel Fellowship showed the Pentecost Spirit on 24th May.

We love Spring because of newly green leaves, blossom and warmer days: it seems as if the earth is getting into a rhythm of greater activity. That helps us to be in tune with the process and to feel some rise in energy and hope in ourselves.

Similarly Easter is a great event of renewed life, with a transforming effect on those who experienced the appearances of the risen Christ. Ascension indicates that the human Jesus has a renewed life, no longer tied to Israel, but as Christ for the whole of nature's world, on a par with its Father-Creator. Pentecost celebrates renewed life after a seven-week pause (following Luke's account) while they recovered from their grief following the crucifixion.

Would I be understood in the southern hemisphere (our household with its NZ leanings is not unaware...)? Well, yes... if only because they, down under, know about the start-up 2000 years ago in the world's northern half, and easily adapt their ideas to suit. Worry not about worldwide seasonality: whether or not the seasons match the thinking, our faith IS for the whole world. By the way, that thought is not as obvious as we think it is – we have to continue to make the point. Judaism still does not see itself as a world religion in the same sense.

Do not let your doubts about factual detail (what Christ's resurrection body was like, how he did or didn't go upwards and how wind-driven 'tongues of fire' did not burn the house down) affect the overall message. It's really about the power of renewal in the lives of people – *God's* renewing power – and that includes forgiveness, casting burdens aside and, above all, divine love expressed in human life, which is exactly what Jesus did for us, isn't it?

Bryn



Secretary's Notes

MESSY CHURCH 10.00am to 12.00noon

Messy Church meets on June 7th starting with breakfast and leading into activities with the theme of 'PENTECOST'



WORSHIP LEADERS for JUNE at Emmanuel



7th – Janet Godden

14th – Revd Bryn Thomas with Holy Communion

21st – Nigel Macdonald

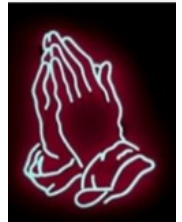
28th – Sonia Weston

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

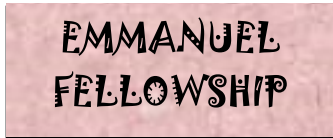
Join **Marion** on **Friday mornings** for quiet prayer time in the vestry at 9.30am.

Please use the Prayer Board in the sanctuary if you have any concerns or people you wish for prayers said at this time.

Details on page 13.



EMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP



Every Tuesday in term time, all welcome!

2.15pm in Richmond Hall

See programme on page 10 or on the board in the vestibule.

PARADE & SUMMER FAYRE

SUNDAY 5th JULY



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



Rosemary



Church Family News

On 10th May it was wonderful to receive five good folk into membership: Lada and Roland Sinden, Anna Seabrook, Emily Dubourg and Lauren Stone. Lauren was first baptised, as membership 'confirms' promises made at baptism. They received certificates, all of which were prepared by Ann-Marie Mott, who, with her expert calligraphy, has made our church certificates special over many years – we are grateful to her. Please see the beautiful photograph of the new members taken by professional photographer David Best and published here with his permission. Brodie Hunter has been through the pain and problems of a 'broken' shoulder as the result of a fall outside his house while taking in shopping. We offer him and Irene our sympathy and best wishes, especially as the mending process for that sort of injury may take some time.

Tracy Dawkins is still going through a tough series of helpful treatments. She remains determined, despite the difficulties. Her mother Janet has been transferred from Orpington Hospital to Coloma Court, where she feels well cared for by a very helpful staff. It is less than half-a-mile from their home, so that makes it easier for her daughter Carol to visit. We send our best wishes to Tracy, to Janet, and to Carol who is holding things together (including the dogs!)

Anna's Christian Aid Quiz Time on Saturday 16th May went really well – a big thank -you to her and to all who turned up to support Christian Aid.

We offer our sympathy to Carole, Fran and Richard Douglas following the recent passing of Richard's mother.

Next Sunday it will be good to welcome the Rev Helen Everard who is Marion Moore's sister – and don't forget July 5th with its Parade and all the fun of the Fair.

We wonder if some may feel left out because the grapevine is not as active as it might be; but there are also those who prefer to keep things private. We rely on kind people informing us of this and that! You will know of others whom you wish to keep in your thoughts, including those who prefer not to have their names printed here, but do remember:

- Tim Mott in Canada, and his wife Nancy
- Christine Jackson
- Monica Duncan

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- Lada, Roland, Anna, Emily and Lauren, who have come into membership
- Julie Lord's mother and father
- The family and friends of Marty Jones
- The Dawkins family
- The Douglas family
- Youngsters taking summer exams
- Anyone coping with loneliness or loss.

Please let us know your news, about yourself, family or others: 020 8462 5860 or 07957 858 878. Texts on mobiles or voicemails on the landline are fine. Or email brynthomas@uwclub.net.

Bryn & Sue

*Enter this door as if the floor within were gold;
And every wall of jewels all of wealth untold;
As if a choir in robes of fire were singing here.
Nor shout, nor rush, but hush...FOR GOD IS HERE.*

(Usually engraved on the doors of old churches)

Children & Families at Emmanuel

Update from Julie, our Children and Family Worker and Emily, our Youth Worker

Messy Church

This month for Messy Church we spent the morning outside at McAndrews Park. We were blessed with sunshine. The children played with the games, had a picnic and we came together to listen to the story of how the caterpillar grew into a beautiful butterfly which represented new life as we continued to celebrate Easter.

The morning had a wonderful, friendly, happy atmosphere.

All groups continue to run and there is always a lovely atmosphere in the James Todd room during the morning.

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 a 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 Hedgehog Awareness Day, World Bee day and soon to be Fathers day.

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.

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Youth Club

We have had a really exciting few weeks at youth club! The young people have taken part in some teambuilding games, played lots of games and even tried their hand at tie-dye with some beautiful results! On Sunday 24th May the young people went out into Bromley for a laser tag evening, which was lots of fun!

Youth club is open to all young people in year 7 and above and runs every Sunday during term time (with the exception of the 14th June) from 6-7:30pm. The next Youth Club will be on Sunday 7th June after half term.

Please get in touch with Emily (youth@emmanuelww.org.uk), the Youth Worker for more information or if you would like to come along!



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), Emily (youth@emmanuelww.org.uk) or speak with Sara Stocker or Pat Best on a Sunday.

Julie & Emily

Emmanuel Fellowship

Dear Friends,

June! Summertime! What awaits us in the great British summer this year, I wonder? Hopefully sunshine, but not too much. A bit of rain would be good for the gardens and wildlife, but not too much. Time with friends and family: can you have too much of that? Perhaps, sometimes! Everything in moderation? Whatever you do, I pray it will bring you happiness, joy and contentment.

Let's see if we can find any of those qualities at the Fellowship in our June meetings:

- 2nd - We welcome **Joe Mendell** again, who will give us some helpful ideas to keep us safer: **'Scam – How to recognise a scam and what to do about it'**.
- 9th - **Ivan Sangster** is a **Chelsea Pensioner**. We are in for a treat, hearing about his life, with insights, perhaps, about the **'Royal Chelsea Hospital'**
- 16th - A return visit from **Lesley Tipler**, whose talk this time is **'The Founding of Dartford P.E. College'**. Whether you're sporty or not, this will probably remind you of your school days!
- 23rd - We've called this week, **'My Desert Island Disc'** because **it's all about you**, the listener. Bring along your favourite track on a CD and it will be added to the Fellowship playlist. **MC** for the afternoon will be **Sue Thomas**.
- 30th - Now, who loves dogs? **Lara Murphy** from **Dogs Trust Canterbury** will explain why **'A dog is for life'**. Will she bring a dog friend with her? We will find out nearer the day.

Every blessing,

Sue Thomas, on behalf of the Fellowship Committee

Community News Update

Hello from your Community Worker. May was a busy but fulfilling month so here are a few of the things Emmanuel have enabled me to do to serve our community...



(Village Day 2026)

The Blakes Park Village Day was on the May 4th Bank Holiday and we had a combined stall to promote Messy Church and sell cakes for the park! Around 3,000 people visited the event and many families enjoyed the games Pat and Colin Best and Emily Dubourg, our youth worker, put on for free. Some very enthusiastic and encouraging chats were had about Messy Church in our area and it was so lovely to meet new people.

Later that week the local elections had a polling station in the Richmond Hall so I spent some time talking to neighbours outside about what we offer at the church and West Wickham in general. It was a unique opportunity to meet so many local people in one place so despite the political difficulties I was grateful for the good things that could come from it.

I'm continuing to be part of the committees for the West Wickham Christmas lights and Residents Association and will be hosting the quarterly Safer Neighbourhood local police panels at the church. These groups all network with local businesses and residents to serve the community and appreciate the churches support.

Finally for now a big thank you to all who came along to the Christian Aid quiz on 16th May or donated raffle prizes; we raised £480 for the farming projects in Nairobi and had a fun evening of trivia and team work!

As ever please contact me if you'd like to chat about our community – 07900 744383 / community@emmanuelww.org.uk

Anna Seabrook

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Why are Unity, Lyn and Jackie looking so overjoyed?



We had a lovely evening at Thackray Williams in Bromley at an event put on by Bromley Dementia Friendly Community to present the Cora Phillips Award to an organisation or group working within Bromley supporting those living with dementia.

Having been judged by some eminent people in the field of dementia, Memory Box Dementia Café won the Cora Phillips Award alongside the professional Rainbow Group. So delighted as we had been up against so many professional, commercial organisations and so lovely the judges could not choose between us.

Cora Phillips was an early leader in the field of dementia and formation of the Alzheimer's Society. Her daughter Margaret Phillips presented the award. Our new Mayor Councillor Christine Harris, on her very first official engagement, presented certificates to the many who entered.



This award is for everyone involved in Memory Box, we are all in it together and a part of a wonderful community both at Emmanuel and West Wickham. Our aim, A Dementia Friendly West Wickham!

Unity

PRAYER BOARD



Did you know there is a PRAYER BOARD in the Sanctuary on the wall near the front entrance?

You are welcome to pin a note on the board if you would like a prayer said, especially at '**Pause for Prayer**', for a concern or celebration, whether a personal or wider issue.

We ask you to keep these brief and first names only or anonymous.

Cards and pens are on the offertory table nearby.

Rosemary

Prayer Reflection by Clive Timehin

Our church service on April 26th included the following thoughtful reflection on prayer. It is an excellent way of approaching prayer, and with Clive's permission, it is printed here for you to take time to absorb it.

Prayer is not the dressing of words,
not the polishing of phrases,
not the clever turning of sentences to sound holy.

Prayer is not performance,
not ritual alone,
not illusion dressed as devotion.

Prayer is breath—
drawn from the depths,
where God meets the soul.

It is what Jesus did
when heaven leaned into earth,
when the Kingdom broke through silence
and became flesh among us.

Prayer is movement—
the quiet work of the Holy Spirit,
creating, stirring, shaping
what cannot yet be seen.

Prayer is God at work within us,
before us, through us—
forming hearts that can carry His presence.

It is love reaching upward,
and love pouring outward,
binding us to God
and to one another.

Prayer is a weapon—
not of noise, but of surrender,
not of force, but of truth—

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tearing down strongholds
stone by unseen stone.

Prayer is strength
when strength has run dry.

It is the hidden current
beneath the life of the believer.

Prayer is love—
and love is the greatest force,
the unseen fire
that holds all things together.

And so we pray—
not to be heard,
but to be transformed.

Thought for the Month

Moaning!

We all like a good moan sometimes, don't we, and Habakkuk was no exception. Habakkuk is not a book in the Bible I look at very often, but is quite short and has some lovely gems in it.

Look at chapter 1 verses 2-4:

'How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?'

Violence is everywhere - I cry but you do not come to save me.

Must I forever see these evil deeds?

Why must I watch all this misery?

Wherever I look I see destruction and violence.

I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight.

The law has become paralysed and there is no justice in the courts.

The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted!'

(That could be today, maybe?)

How does God reply? Just a small part of His response:

'Look around at the nations, look and be amazed. For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it.'

Habakkuk didn't finish his moans there but God answered him each time and finally in chapter 3 verse 18, Habakkuk says,

'I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.

The Sovereign Lord is my strength.'

As I said earlier, the first moan could apply to us today, and God may be doing wondrous things in a way we do not know or understand.

So, are we prepared to trust Him and follow Him knowing that His ways are best?

Chris Cutler

Just a thought

It's good fun – or a bit of a challenge (depending on how you look at it) – to find in the Bible two differing approaches to the same topic. In Matthew and Luke, for example, we have found differences in the Passion story, that really make us think.

When we come to establishing what we mean by 'Holy Spirit' we are given truly enriching accounts that may seem superficially contradictory, but which actually complement each other beautifully.

In John ch20, the remaining disciples meet (10 of them, as Thomas is elsewhere). Jesus appears to them with 'shalom', surely the most precious uttering of 'peace' ever, given their distraught state of mind. Then Jesus breathes on them, saying, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. The Hebrew/Aramaic (ruach) and Greek (pneuma) provide the connection between wind, breath and spirit. So the breath of Jesus means the Spirit of Jesus: all that Jesus was and did being available for ever.

So that's it: Jesus has departed but his Spirit is with his followers *continuously* and eternally. There is no possibility that they were *not* supported by the ongoing version of the Jesus they had been privileged to know in person.

The Church chose to emphasise the competing version provided by Luke in his gospel and in Acts: before the Spirit arrives there is a 7-week gap between two Jewish festivals (Passover and Pentecost). Then what joyful celebration – suddenly amazing things happen – and meteorology (wind and flame) and a prophet (Joel) are called in to describe psychological truth: the re-energising of the followers of Jesus, among those who had come as pilgrims to Jerusalem for the festival. And the Tower of Bable disaster is reversed, as now they all understand each other.

Thoughtful commentators have seen in the 50-day delay a time for mourning and recovery. Luke would be appalled at the thought of Jesus' followers being unsupported by the Spirit. Of course the Spirit was with them in their grief – but it wasn't yet time for the big loud demonstration of triumph.

We feel differently from one day to the next: sometimes it is best to be quiet and thoughtful, sometimes it feels like time for a party... Whatever: the Spirit, wind, breath of God has been with us continuously from the beginning of time. If you want to be exact, try Genesis 1 v2: that's as near the start as you can get!

Bryn

RE-EQUIPPING THE SITE

THANK YOU.... to everyone who came to the ideas sessions last month, held with Alex Wood, architect from MEB Design. We had very good conversations on the day, and Alex found it extremely useful hearing all the first-hand perspectives. Since then, we've continued the conversation, and as we continue to collate comments to feed into Alex, let's keep the conversation going.

The architects are now progressing their work on design ideas and possible solutions and expect to finish the feasibility study work by end of June. It will be exciting to see what they come up with - and maybe start getting our heads round some brand new thoughts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

So that the widest number of people get a chance to see the outputs from this stage, we will be arranging for a display of drawings/sketches from the feasibility study at the beginning of July in the Church / James Todd room:

- Friday 3rd – 10.00am-4.00pm
- Saturday 4th – 10.30am – 2.00pm
- Sunday 5th – after worship, to c.2.00pm

Members of our steering group (Janet P, Unity, Nick, Ian M) will be on hand to help explain and to take questions and comments.

After this, we will continue to discuss and take questions, up to the Church Meeting on **Sunday 19th July** when we hope to be able to bring substantive decisions for approval.

Any questions, do please ask any of the steering group.

Ian Moore



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:

Tins of beans & soups	Tinned sweetcorn/ potatoes	Meat meals	Tuna
Rice (not microwave rice)	Cooking oil	Pasta sauce	Pasta
Tinned pudding & fruit	Jam/spreads	Cereal	Squash
Instant hot chocolate	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

WALKING WITH LIONS

Eighteen years ago a lady at the Methodist Church we went to recommended us to travel with a Christian Organisation near Otford called Oak Hall. We got a brochure from them and chose a camping safari trip to South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe for 18 days in August.

My wife Rita then got apprehensive about the ages of the group. I phoned Oak Hall and the young lady who answered said, "You've no need to worry, we even have a couple in their 70's". Not a very reassuring answer although she obviously thought I had a young sounding voice. Rita was then concerned about the camping facilities, and a well travelled couple at our church said "Camping can be very luxurious nowadays. I had to reply , "Not at the price we are paying".

On arriving at Heathrow we met the leader who asked us if we were confident about putting up tents. I felt a bit guilty as I had told Rita that the tents would already be up. However the tents were the igloo type and simple to put up. The camp site facilities were good except for the Okavango Delta which was very basic but a great adventure.

The young people in the group could not have been friendlier. The weather was perfect and the young Zimbabwean cook was an expert in cooking up simple tasty meals for the eighteen of us who travelled in our truck called Edna. All our gear was stowed low in the truck and we sat up high with good views. We felt sorry for our leader whose guitar arrived safely in Johannesburg but not his luggage which didn't catch up with him until six months later!

On the third day the truck broke down but the manager of the camp in Maun, Botswana sent out his truck to tow us in and luckily we didn't need it for a few days as we were taken in four dug out canoes to a sandy shore in the Okavango Delta which was a great place to view game close up.

Our first job was to dig a toilet, then make a fire and thirdly put up our tents. After that we went on a foot safari to watch the wild animals and in the afternoon we went bathing and keeping an eye out for any crocodiles. An elephant hung around our camp site for the three days we were there and at night we could hear the zebra, wildebeest, antelopes etc. go past our tents to get a drink where we had been bathing. Luckily they avoided the tent ropes.

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One evening we went by canoes to a hippo pool where we watched the hippos relaxing while the sun went down. It was a beautiful and memorable event. Another memorable event was a 42 minute flight over the Okavango Delta in a Cessna aircraft from where we got a good view of a variety of wild animals and physical features of the landscape.

After the Okavango Delta we travelled to Chobe and had an exciting river trip viewing many elephants, crocodiles and birds. The following day we experienced the spectacular sight of the Victoria Falls (The Smoke that Thunders) which certainly came up to expectations. The next day Rita and one or two others went on a helicopter flight over the falls and the young people did bungy jumping, zip wiring, abseiling, white water rafting and horse riding. One of the young men, Robert, spent more of his time in the white water than in the raft! In the evening we went on a river trip and then on to a unique meal where you could try eating a variety of game. Crocodile was my favourite.

Our next stop was Gweru in central Zimbabwe. An unusual event there was walking with lions. We were each given a lion to walk with and a stick. If the lion got too friendly one would point the stick and say "No" very firmly. Five months later I read in the Daily Telegraph of a young teacher called Katie Drew who had to have 30 stitches because she didn't say "No" firmly enough.

One very hot afternoon in Gweru I went to a Bar and asked for a very cold beer. Imagine my surprise when I was told that they had no beer but plenty of chocolate.

A visit which made us think about our own lives, was when we went to the Baptist Church Orphanage in Gweru. The orphans entertained us with singing and then one of our group gave them footballs, a pump, and some shirts, after which we had a game of football.

Having had a wonderful holiday, we were moved to do something useful and as a group we all made donations so that when we returned to Johannesburg we bought clothes, cooking oil, flour, canned food, sugar, sweets, towels etc. which our driver Edna kindly took back to them at the orphanage when he returned to Zimbabwe.

John Manuel

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it's easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with:

- Search your local beach with a shore survey: wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch
- Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: ukpoms.org.uk
- Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6-14 June): arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/
- Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk
- Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June): greatbiggreenweek.com

Quiz—No. 15

Supplied by Lawrence White

1. Who said in 1963 in various speeches 'I have a dream'?
2. Which of the 12 apostles didn't believe in the resurrection when he was first told?
3. What is the Welsh word for Welcome?
4. What are the three basic cloud forms?
5. What is the most commonly used word in the English language?
6. Anosmia means a loss of which sense? It can be partial or complete.
7. What is the common name for the Central Criminal Court in London? It was established in 1834.
8. What letter represents 500 in Roman numerals?
9. In snooker, what is the value of the pink ball?
10. What is the hormone that regulates the amount of glucose in the blood?
11. Which London Underground station has a Z in its name?
12. What is the chemical name for bleaching powder?
13. In which play by William Shakespeare are the following words spoken 'Brevity is the soul of wit'?
14. Which story in the Book of Genesis explains the origins of different languages?
15. In a British General Election what percentage of the vote does a candidate have to achieve for their deposit to be returned?
16. Who was the famous maternal grandfather of Charles Darwin (1809-1882)?
17. Who was the third man to walk on the Moon?

Answers can be found on page 35

BEST of BRITISH

with

West Wickham Singers

Saturday 13th June 2.30pm

Celebrating the music of composers

Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elgar,

Gilbert and Sullivan and more.

Emmanuel URC Church,

The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS

Admission, £7





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20TH JUNE
10.00AM TO 4.00PM**

**TICKETS
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CREATION STATIONS

TICKET INCLUDES A BURGER & SOFT DRINK, WITH
ADDITIONAL FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE BAR



Emmanuel's Annual Summer Fair

Sunday 5th July 2026

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 5th July 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.

As you may already be aware, this year the fair will be raising funds for our church's nominated charity - **Tools With A Mission – www.twam.org.uk**

Help Needed

We are particularly looking for someone that could organise and run a 'plants' stall. If this is you, or if you would like to help in any way then please get in touch with either Jim Lord or any member of 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



We run a 'Warm Welcome' cafe on Fridays at the church from 10am - 4pm

Come and join us
on the 1st Sunday of the Month (excl. August)



**Emmanuel Church,
The Grove, West Wickham**

Messy Church starts with breakfast at 10am
(enjoy croissants, cereals, yoghurts and fruit).

Then join us for an interactive retelling of a
Bible story and lots of activities for all ages
to take part in!

Messy Church is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on
creativity, hospitality and celebration and each
month there are plenty of ways everyone is involved!

We finish the morning at 11.30am with
a group activity and the Messy Grace.



For more information, email:
child.family@emmanuelwv.org.uk
07444998312

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



Giggles &

grow



Is your child crawling,
but not confidently
walking?



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@emmanuelwv.org.uk
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Donations welcome
No need to book!



Blissful Beginnings



Every Wednesday
10.30am - 12.00noon

For ages 0 to
confidently crawling

Emmanuel Church The Grove, West
Wickham

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



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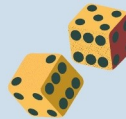
TIME TOGETHER THURSDAYS

FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Every Thursday (term time only)
10.00-11.30am

Emmanuel Church, The Grove,
West Wickham

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



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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.

Free
Join us – no need to book!

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday

11am – 1pm
Medhurst Hall, West Wickham
BR4 0JX



GROWING TOGETHER

COMMUNITY GARDEN



COME AND JOIN US

THURSDAYS 10AM | 1 PM
ST FRANCIS CHURCH
86 RAVENSWOOD AVENUE
BR4 0PW

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

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EMMANUEL ART GROUP

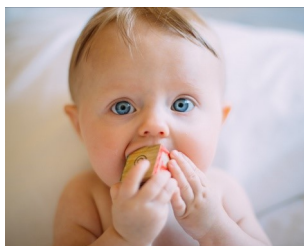
The Emmanuel Art Group usually meets on Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm at Emmanuel URC Church, The Grove, West Wickham, BR4 9JS.

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.

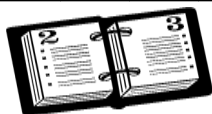




Church Diary for June

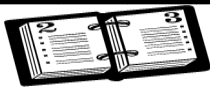
Tuesday	2nd	10.30am - 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 10)
Wednesday	3rd	10.30am - 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	4th	10.00am - 11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	5th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 27)
Sunday	7th	10.00am	Messy Church
		10.30am	Worship led by Janet Godden
		6.00pm - 7.30pm	Youth Club Contact Emily (details on page 9)
Tuesday	9th	10.30am - 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 10)
Wednesday	10th	10.30am - 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	11th	10.00am - 11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	12th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 27)
Saturday	13th	2.30pm	Best of British - with West Wickham Singers (details on page 24)

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Church Diary for June continued...

Sunday	14th	10.30am	Communion service led by Rev Bryn Thomas
Tuesday	16th	10.30am - 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 10)
Wednesday	17th	10.30am - 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	18th	10.00am - 11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	19th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 27)
Sunday	21st	10.30am	Worship led by Nigel Macdonald
		6.00pm - 7.30pm	Youth Club Contact Emily (details on page 9)
Tuesday	23rd	10.30am - 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 10)
Wednesday	24th	10.30am - 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	25th	<i>Last day for Emmanuel Life articles</i>	
Friday	26th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 27)
Sunday	28th	10.30am	Worship led by Mrs Sonia Weston
		6.00pm - 7.30pm	Youth Club Contact Emily (details on page 9)



Church Diary for July 2026

Wednesday	1st	10.30am - 12.00noon	Blissful Beginnings babies up to crawling (details on page 28)
Thursday	2nd	10.00am - 11.30am	Time Together Thursdays For age 2-4 years (details on page 28)
Friday	3rd	10.00am - 4.00pm	Warm Welcome (details on page 27)
Sunday	5th	10.00am	Messy Church gathers
		10.30am	Parade Service led by the Messy Team
		6.00pm - 7.30pm	Youth Club Contact Emily (details on page 9)
Tuesday	7th	10.30am - 12.00noon	Giggles and Grow for those crawling, but not walking (details on page 28)
		2.15pm	Emmanuel Fellowship (details on page 10)

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Quiz Answers

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1. Revd Dr Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)
2. Thomas (Doubting Thomas)
3. Croeso
4. Cirrus, highest form with curling fibres
 - Cumulus, rounded heaps with darker horizontal base
 - and Stratus, wide extended horizontal sheets of low cloud
5. The
6. Smell
7. The Old Bailey. It is situated in a street of that name, off Ludgate Hill. The present building is on the site of Newgate Prison
8. D
9. 6
10. Insulin produced in the pancreas by the Islets of Langerhans and discovered in 1922 by Canadian physician Frederick Banting with his assistant Charles H Best.
11. Belsize Park
12. Calcium Hypochlorite (CaOCl_2)
13. Hamlet
14. Tower of Babel
15. 5%
16. Josiah Wedgwood (1730-1795)
17. Pete Conrad (1930-1999)

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
Commitment for Life		Pat Best
Communion Secretaries		Keith & Rosemary Daniels
Cradle Roll secretary		Karen Florence
Fabric Adviser		Ian Moore
Halls Manager		Katy Macmillan halls@emmanuelww.org.uk
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