



Emmanuel
NORTHWOOD

**FOCUSED ON GOD
COMMITTED TO
ONE ANOTHER
INVOLVED IN
HIS WORLD**

15 October 2017



A big welcome if you are new to Emmanuel.

Please say hello to one of our clergy, wardens or stewards as they would love to meet you and give you a welcome booklet which tells you a bit about us.

Revealing Jesus

There are people you meet sometimes in life who seem somehow different. There's something about them that makes you want to be around them, something good and beautiful seems to pour out of them, something you can't quite put your finger on. They seem to glow from the inside out and something in you longs to experience that beauty, that goodness, that *life*.

I recently met one such person. Everything about her was kind and good, she made me want to be around her and she made me want to be *like* her, to have what she has. And I knew, straight away, what it was that I saw in her - it was Jesus. As a Christian, when I am in the presence of someone who so clearly shines Jesus it really challenges me. It makes me question whether I reveal Jesus like that, or whether people just see me. I long to be the kind of person that radiates Jesus, that when people see me they see Jesus, someone who is so deeply rooted in Jesus that His life flows out of me. But I am all too aware of how far this is from my reality. Being a *nice, friendly* person is fine, but it's not enough. In Matthew 5 Jesus tells us that we are here to be light, to "bring out the God-colours in the world", to shine and be generous with our lives, because by doing that people will see Jesus and they will

want to know Him.

I always thought that this was simple - that I'm supposed to love God, love others and show them Jesus. And it is simple, but it is also my greatest challenge as a Christian. Because to reflect Jesus I need to be like Him and that is no easy task because I am selfish, insecure, I want to please people, I want to be liked and too often I spend more time in the 'world' than with Jesus. I try to be more like Jesus, I pray every day and I read the Bible regularly, but people like my friend who emanate Him remind me what it's really about, they remind me of what I'm so often missing. It's that deeply personal, life-changing, fully alive and tangibly real relationship with Jesus where He is my priority, my purpose, my everything. Unless He becomes the sole focus of my life I will only ever flicker, but God's call for me - for us - is to shine brightly, because when we do we bring the hope, life and love of Jesus to this broken and hurting world. It is still a challenge I face daily but one I do not face alone. We as a family, as a church, do this together. We speak truth, we challenge, encourage, inspire and spur one another on to look more like Jesus and to be the light in the darkness of this world.

- EMMA CRIBBEN



The church is fitted with an induction loop for hearing aid users and there are large print copies of all our publications available at the back of church.

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Welcome to John & Miriam

It's great to have John Fowler preaching this morning in our 9.15am and 11.00am services as part of our 'Jesus and culture' series from Luke's gospel. Please warmly welcome him and Miriam.

Harvest collection

Thank you very much to all who gave so generously last Sunday towards our harvest appeal. We raised just over £3,000 (including Gift Aid) which will go to the Tearfund campaign helping those affected by the recent floods in South Asia.

Mayors' Service

Please pray for Carol Melvin as our borough mayor and Johnny as her chaplain sharing in the London Mayors' Association Civic Service this afternoon at Westminster Abbey.

NLACC

Please pray for Tim, Johnny and Rachael as they attend the National Larger Anglican Churches Conference this coming Monday-Wednesday at High Leigh.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Peter Aston, Jon Whitmarsh, Liz Chorley, Rachael Hutchins and their band of helpers for putting on such a fabulous hog roast last Saturday evening. Over 100 people came and had a great time enjoying food and fellowship together. It was especially great to welcome friends and neighbours from outside the church family.

Alan Prior

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Alan, please give donations to the church office by **tomorrow, Monday 16 October**. Alan will be at the 9.15am service next Sunday so we can thank him for his time at Emmanuel.

Holy Communion this Wednesday

Please note that there will be no service of Holy Communion at 11.00am **this Wednesday, 18 October**, due to unavailability of clergy. We apologise for any disappointment caused.

Children's & Families Minister



Would you enjoy the challenge of working with children and their families in a large and diverse church environment? Do you have a heart to see them become more like Jesus, with compassion for the lost and a desire to grow the Kingdom? We are looking for a full-time experienced Children's and Families Minister to join our team. The deadline for applications is 9.00am on **Monday 30 October**. Interviews on Thursday 9 November.

Visit www.ecn.org.uk/vacancies for the job description and application form.

Emmanuel family news

Please continue to pray for: Theresa Deng and family after her father's diagnosis of terminal cancer; the family and friends of Eileen Basden after her death; Valerie Hall; Sue Oldfield.

In addition, please pray for: Paul and Lois Carter; the Sinclair family; those no longer able to come to church including Dora Clinch, Peggy Edmunds, Ron and Eunice Edwards; Elaine Boxhall's sister, Denyse Southon, Linda Warren.

JIGS Light Party

On Tuesday 31 October we are having a JIGS Light Party from 4.30pm -6.00pm. This will include a light supper. It is open to all children in Years 3-6 and it's free, but you do need to register as there are a limited number of places. To register your child or for more information, please speak to or email Christine.



Volunteer Agreement information morning:

Sunday 15 October OR Sunday 19 November

If you volunteer in any capacity with our children's work please remember to attend **ONE** of the information mornings we are hosting. They will run for approximately 20 minutes after the morning service in the Youth Lounge. Please let Ruth know which one you can make.

London City Mission Prayer Group

This group are meeting on **Monday 18 October** at **2.30pm** at 13 New Farm Lane to receive news and pray for forthcoming events such as the 'light parties' and preparations for Christmas. All are welcome.

Games night

It's back! The next games night is on **Saturday 28 October** from 7.00pm in the Africa Lounge. Bring games, a drink and some friends and neighbours. A great opportunity to enjoy each other's company, play a new game or just to beat your friend at Scrabble! All ages welcome.

Worldwide Sunday

Sunday 29 October is Mission Sunday and George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation, is speaking at our three main services. Please join us if you can.

Coffee Shop Saturday opening

We're delighted that the trial period of opening on Saturday mornings has been a success and the shop will now continue to open on Saturdays from 9.00am to midday until Christmas, serving drinks and breakfasts. Please come in and say hello!

LIFT

The next LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) event is on **Saturday 21 October** 9.00-11.00am at LST. The morning includes breakfast, worship and fellowship, and Angela Perigo is the guest speaker. A contribution of £7 per ticket is invited. Please contact Rachel Robinson if you would like to go: 07947 049189.

Mission Partners of the month: Steve and Sandie

- Give thanks that 10 British men and women who have just joined OM longer term have arrived safely in their countries of service and on board Logos Hope. Please pray for their adjustment to the new cultures and environments that they are living in. Also for those who are applying for visas and residency permits where they are serving.
- Please pray that the Lord will be at work through the OM Getting Into Gear (GIG) orientation weekend (we're expecting 20 participants) at the OM UK office in Shropshire 6-9 October. We will both be taking part in taking sessions and interacting with the participants in our personnel roles.
- Pray for Sandie as she studies for the MA in Member Care at Redcliffe College.
- Pray for our daughter Rachel starting her final year studying Arabic and Russian at Manchester University, and our son Alex applying for a marine engineering course whilst working at the Quinta Christian Conference centre.

Hearing the voice of God

Hearing God is an essential part of our Christian walk. Soul Survivor church in Watford are running a day conference of practical teaching on how to hear God better, for yourself and others, on **Saturday 21 October** 10.00am-4.00pm. There is no charge but tickets need to be booked at <https://soulsurvivorwatford.churchapp.co.uk/events/oti1phiq>. Lifts can be arranged if needed. Contact Rachael if so (see back page).

New Wine 2018

New Wine United is a Christian conference at the Bath and West showground in Somerset every summer. Thousands of people gather to worship, learn and grown in faith and fellowship. Tim would love us to go to the summer conference as a church family in 2018. The dates are **28 July to 3 August**. Adult tickets are £149 if booked before 3 December, with under 18s costing less depending on age. There is the option to pay in instalments if desired. See <https://united.new-wine.org/week-1> for more details and to book your place.

Eileen Basden

Eileen's family would like to welcome anyone who knew Eileen to a service of remembrance at Emmanuel on **Tuesday 7 November** at 11.00am. Richard Bewes will take the service.

Fairfield Ramblers

You are invited to join the walk on **Saturday 28 October** as we enjoy farmland and woodland around Albury and Ivinghoe. This is a moderate 7.5 mile walk which takes us along the Ridgeway to Ivinghoe Beacon, then back through beech woods; allow 4 hours. The route includes five stiles and two steep climbs. We will have a pub lunch together en route.

We meet in Fairfield car park at 9.15am in time for a 9.30am departure in shared cars. Don't forget appropriate clothing and footwear and something to drink. For more information contact Kerry and Janet Horgan - details in the Emmanuel address list.

Northwood Live at Home

On **Saturday 28 October** at 7.00pm at St John's URC on Hallowell Road, Northwood Live at Home are holding a fundraising evening which includes a Salsa demonstration from Mambomotion plus a range of talented vocalists and musicians. Bookings should be made by calling NLaH on 01923 842494. All donations on the night will go towards the scheme's work.

Adoramus concert

In celebration of Richard and Valerie Hall's 60th wedding anniversary, on **Saturday 18 November** at 7.30pm Adoramus choir and orchestra are performing a concert in church entitled 'the light that shines in the darkness', and David Buckley will be back to host the evening. The programme is varied, from Mozart to Gloria Estefan, so there is something for everyone!

This concert is free for those with a ticket which are available from the church office. We have 200 tickets to give out on a first come first served basis.

Reformation talk

The Revd John Proctor, General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, is presenting a talk entitled *The Reformed Roof-rack: travelling with treasure, and daring to unpack it*. On the 500th anniversary of the key turning point in the Reformation, he will look at what the heritage of the 16th century can offer in the 21st. **Tuesday 31 October** 7.30 -9.30pm at St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road in The Upper Room. All are welcome. For further information contact Anne: thesamsonsed@gmail.com / 01923 829166.

Here I Stand

Professor Tony Lane is delivering a special Reformation illustrated lecture entitled 'Here I Stand: Luther discovers the Gospel' on **Tuesday 31 October** at 7.30pm in the Chapel at LST. All are welcome.

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER (Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Helen Wilkinson
9.15am	Informal Worship <i>Jesus and temptation</i>	Julie Douglas John Fowler
11.00am	Morning Worship <i>Jesus and temptation</i>	Johnny Douglas John Fowler
4.15pm	Africa Prayer Meeting at Flat 2, South Hill	
6.30pm	Informal Worship with Holy Communion <i>Living the gospel (Philippians 1:18-30)</i>	Nick Mayne Tim Meathrel

10.00am	Eastbury Morning Service <i>The scale of the task: Nehemiah 2</i>	Helen Wilkinson Tim Meathrel

PRAYER MINISTRY

Would you like someone to pray with you in confidence for a particular need for you or for someone you love? Members of our prayer ministry team are always available after the 9.15am and 6.30pm services. There is also a notice board in the chapel for prayer requests.

HOLY COMMUNION

Non-alcoholic wine is served at the front chapel point during all 9.15am Communion services. It is also available at other Communion services, as are gluten-free wafers.

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER (Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Johnny Douglas
9.15am	Informal Worship with Holy Communion <i>Jesus and expectation</i>	Rachael Hutchins Johnny Douglas
11.00am	Morning Worship <i>Jesus and expectation</i>	Johnny Douglas Johnny Douglas
6.30pm	Informal Worship <i>Attitude and others (Philippians 2:1-4)</i>	Andrew Johnson Helen Wilkinson

10.00am	Eastbury Morning Service <i>The commitment of the community: Nehemiah 3-4</i>	Helen Wilkinson David Hadley

This week:

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

2.15pm	Oyster Bible Study for seniors	Betty's Room
2.30pm	London City Mission prayer group	13 New Farm Lane
7.00pm	Frantic Cell	Arch Room

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

9.30am	SPACE	Africa Lounge and Hall
4.30pm	JIGS	Arch Room
7.30pm	Alpha	Arch Room

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

10.00am	Language Café	Arch Room
11.00am	No Holy Communion this week	
2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship <i>Christian Police Association – Paul Wilson</i>	Africa Lounge
6.15pm	Brownies	Hall

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

10.00am	Babies and Toddlers	Hall & Africa Lounge
10.00am	Toy Library	Westgate
1.30pm	Music Makers	Africa Lounge
7.30pm	Deeper Cell	Arch Room

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

11.00am	Foodbank	Westgate
11.30am	Community Lunch	Africa Lounge

A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 29 Oct
Worldwide
Sunday

Mon 13 Nov
Resource night

Sat 18 Nov
Toy Sale

Daily Bible Readings

To grow in our Christian life we need food. Reading the Bible gives us the food that our spirit needs to flourish. Just as our body can't live without food, our spirit cannot live without the word of God.

If you read the Bible and take time to be with God each day your relationship with God will stay fresh and alive. We hope the readings below will help in this.

MONDAY
16 OCTOBER

Psalm 80
2 Chronicles 17:1-12
Mark 15:1-15

TUESDAY
17 OCTOBER

Psalm 89:1-18
2 Chronicles 18:1-27
Mark 15:16-32

WEDNESDAY
18 OCTOBER

Psalms 145, 146
Isaiah 55
Luke 1:1-4

THURSDAY
19 OCTOBER

Psalm 92
2 Chronicles 20:1-23
Mark 15:42-end

FRIDAY
20 OCTOBER

Psalm 88
2 Chronicles 22:10-end of 23
Mark 16:1-8

SATURDAY
21 OCTOBER

Psalm 97
2 Chronicles 24:1-22
Mark 16:9-end

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The Coffee Shop

at Emmanuel

Open
Tuesday - Friday
9am - 2.30pm

Saturdays
9am-12noon

Our specials this week are:

- Fish cakes
- Tomato soup
- Apple crumble

Delicious cakes, sandwiches and gluten free options also available

Sermon Notes

Our regular Sunday services:

- 8am** - said Holy Communion service (BCP)
9.15am - informal service with groups for children
11am - traditional morning service (CW)
6.30pm - informal evening service

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