



Emmanuel
NORTHWOOD

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

1 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.



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.

Walking in humility

Micah 6:8 provides us with a key insight into our walk with God. Micah asks, 'what does the Lord require of you?', speaking originally to the people of Judah but now to us too. God's answer to us is 'To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'.

What does it mean to walk humbly with your God? How do we cultivate an intentional pursuit of humility in our lives so that we are walking humbly with God? Here are a few of my suggestions.

1. Cultivate an attitude of thankfulness – choose to acknowledge that every good thing you have comes from God and is a blessing from him. Develop the spiritual discipline of being thankful every day.

2. Choose to forgive – choose to humble yourself in the face of insults and offenses. Regardless of how you've been wronged, make the choice to forgive knowing that unforgiveness is a prison and only you can choose to set yourself free.

3. Be teachable – none of us knows everything. None of us has all the answers.

We all still have so much to learn from God and each other. Choose to keep your heart and mind open to new things that God wants to teach you.

4. Serve others – embrace Jesus' lifestyle of pouring out your life in service of others. Embrace sacrifice and loving service as a lifestyle, choosing to serve rather than to consume.

5. Value everyone – take the time to encourage others. Go out of your way to share the good that you see in them. Tell people often that you love them, care for them and value who they are and the gifts they have.

May God bless us richly as a community as we seek to walk humbly with God and with one another.

With love,
- **TIM & KATE MEATHREL**



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Harvest hog roast

On **Saturday 7 October** we are holding a hog roast in the Africa Lounge and hall at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 per adult, £2.50 for under 11s, and are available today at coffee time or during the week from the church office. There will be a games corner for children over five and a family quiz on the tables. This is the perfect event to invite your friends and neighbours to, so please bring someone not already a part of the church family!

Harvest collection

Each year we collect either financial or food donations at our harvest service to give to good causes. This year on **Sunday 8 October** we are going to collect money to give to the Tearfund appeal for the south Asia flood victims. Please be thinking and praying about what you could give to support this cause. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church today, so please do take one if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

Next Bible study series

Study notes to accompany the mini sermon series Tim has recently preached on growing deeper, younger and wider are available at the pigeon holes at the back of church for personal and home group use. Study notes are also available for the 'Jesus and culture' sermon series starting this morning.

Eileen Basden

Eileen sadly passed away two weeks ago. The family held a small private cremation service but 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.

Mission Sunday

Sunday 29 October is Mission Sunday and we have George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation, coming to speak at our three main services that day. More details will follow but please put the date in your diaries.

New Wine 2018

New Wine United is a Christian conference which takes place at the Bath and West showground in Somerset every summer. Thousands of people gather to worship, learn and grown in faith and fellowship. Most people camp, but there is the option to stay in B&Bs off site or to hire caravans if you prefer. Tim and Emma are both involved with New Wine ministries, and 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 2017, 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.

Emmanuel family news

John and Julie Lloyd are delighted to announce that Matthew and Ruth have a daughter, Grace Eleanor, born on 23 September.

***Please pray for:** Theresa Deng and family as they come to terms with her father's diagnosis of terminal cancer.*

***Please continue to pray for:** the family and friends of Eileen Basden as they come to terms with her death; Valerie Hall in hospital; Sue Oldfield who is unwell; Colin Sheppard with labyrinthitis (an ear condition causing acute dizziness); Sylvia Holroyd in hospital; Catherine Brewer as she comes to terms with the death of her mother, and Steve Davies and family following the death of his mother, Nathan's grandmother; Dot, wife of Bernard, friend of Gareth and Sian Jones, as she comes to terms with Bernard's death from a brain tumour.*

***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.*

Our fourth encounter with Jesus is... the paralysed man.

We are continuing our journey of travel with Jesus.

This week we are looking at Jesus' encounter with the paralysed man and his four friends. Come and have a look in the hall each week to see where we have got to and who we have met on our winding journey!



Harvest service: 8 October

This year's All Age Harvest service is on Sunday 8 October. It will be a slightly shorter service and the children be staying with us throughout. It is a family

friendly service and parents and children will be encouraged to participate.

JIGS Light Party: 31 October

On Tuesday 31 October we are having a JIGS Light Party from 4.30pm-6pm. 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.

'The prophets' stories' training

On Saturday 14 October we are hosting a training day which enables "everyday" Christians and Muslims to talk about what we understand about God through looking at the same prophets' stories from the Bible and the Qur'an. It is ideal for anyone wanting to share the Gospel in a respectful and culturally sensitive way. Pick up a flyer from the back of church for more info or speak to Sian Jones.

The cost of the day is £15. Please book in via Sian: sian.kerslake@gmail.com.

Caretaker

We are looking for a friendly, committed and self-motivated caretaker to join our staff team. They will be responsible for ensuring the church building and surrounding grounds are well maintained, safe and prepared for church and community use. This is a full time fixed term role. Visit www.ecn.org.uk/vacancies for the job description and how to apply. Deadline for applications is 9.00am on **Thursday 12 October**. Interviews on Thursday 19 October.

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.

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 will include a Salsa demonstration from Mambomotion plus a range of talented vocalists and musicians. Bookings, to assist with refreshments and set up, can be made by calling Northwood Live at Home 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 coming to Emmanuel to perform a concert 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 during the week and will be on Sundays nearer the time. We have 200 tickets to give out on a first come first served basis.

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).

SPACE Grannies

SPACE, our Tuesday morning women's Bible study group, is in need of volunteers to help with the creche. You'll be fondly known as a 'SPACE Granny' (whatever your age!). Are you available 9.45-11.15am on Tuesdays, term time only? Contact Sharon Whitmarsh (07958 318515 / sharonwhitmarsh1114@gmail.com) for more info. Thank you.

Alan Prior

Sadly Alan is leaving the staff team at the end of October, following over 15 years as our church caretaker. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Alan, please give donations to the church office by **Monday 16 October**.

'Songs for Sunday' launch

LST is delighted to host the album launch of RESOUNDworship's 'Songs for Sundays' featuring our friends and some of our alumni! Come to a fantastic night of worship during this special album launch at the LST Chapel on **Thursday 5 October** at 7.30pm (Doors 7.00pm). Free admission, no tickets required.

Coffee Shop Saturday opening

The Coffee Shop has now been open on Saturday morning for 4 weeks and will continue to open on Saturdays from 9.00-12.00 for the next 2 weeks serving drinks and breakfasts. If the trial is a success we plan to open on Saturdays longer term, but this will depend on how many customers we get!

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.

Ignite award

Ignite, a trust working with young people in Harrow and Wealdstone, recently won the Love Britain and Ireland award for youth work. This is a huge achievement and we celebrate with Lynne Burke, their director.

Away ministry

Johnny and Julie are speaking at a church in Essex next **Sunday 8 October** in the morning. They'd value your prayers for this.

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER (Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tim Meathrel <i>Martyn Eden</i>
9.15am	Informal Worship <i>Jesus and culture</i>	Ben Evans & Laura Gainey <i>Malcolm Britton</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion <i>Jesus and culture</i>	Tim Meathrel <i>Malcolm Britton</i>
6.30pm	Informal Worship <i>Thanksgiving and the gospel (Philippians 1:1-11)</i>	Jamie Bennett <i>Peter Ladd</i>

10.00am	Eastbury Morning Service <i>God's commandments: Ezra 9-10</i>	Helen Wilkinson <i>Helen Wilkinson</i>

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 8 OCTOBER (Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Johnny Douglas <i>Chris Hutchins</i>
9.15am	All Age Informal Worship - Harvest <i>Jesus and identity</i>	Christine Britton <i>Kate Meathrel</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship <i>Jesus and identity</i>	Tim Meathrel <i>Kate Meathrel</i>
6.30pm	Informal Worship <i>The importance of the gospel (Philippians 1:12-18)</i>	Rachael Hutchins <i>Christine Britton</i>

10.00am	Eastbury Morning Service with Holy Communion <i>The call of the Kingdom: Nehemiah 1</i>	Helen Wilkinson <i>David Morgan</i>

This week:

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

2.15pm	Oyster Bible Study for seniors	Betty's Room
7.00pm	Frantic Cell	Arch Room

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

10.00am	Language Café	Arch Room
11.00am	Holy Communion	Chapel (Johnny Douglas)
2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship <i>Harvest Bring and Buy</i>	Africa Lounge
6.15pm	Brownies	Hall

THURSDAY 5 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 6 OCTOBER

11.00am	Foodbank	Westgate
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SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

6.30pm	Harvest hog roast	Hall
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A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 7 Oct
Harvest
social: hog
roast

Sun 29 Oct
Mission
Sunday

Mon 13 Nov
Resource
night

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
2 OCTOBER

Psalm 44
2 Chronicles 2:
1-16
Mark 12:28-34

TUESDAY
3 OCTOBER

Psalm 48
2 Chronicles 3
Mark 12:35-end

WEDNESDAY
4 OCTOBER

Psalm 119:57-80
2 Chronicles 5
Mark 13:1-13

THURSDAY
5 OCTOBER

Psalms 57
2 Chronicles 6:
1-21
Mark 13:14-23

FRIDAY
6 OCTOBER

Psalm 51
2 Chronicles 6:
22-end
Mark 13:24-31

SATURDAY
7 OCTOBER

Psalm 68
2 Chronicles 7
Mark 13:32-end

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The Coffee Shop

at Emmanuel

Our specials this week are:

- Chicken casserole
- Butternut squash and sweet potato soup
- Rice pudding

We are currently trialling opening on Saturday mornings from 9am-midday, serving drinks and breakfasts. We would love to welcome all those of you who are unable to come in during the week because of work!

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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