

# IN TOUCH

---

March 2018

---



Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church  
Ormskirk, L39 2DE  
[www.emmanuelormskirk.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelormskirk.org.uk)

## Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of us have embarked on a great journey? Perhaps a journey to a place in the world you have had a life-long desire to visit, or maybe a journey to visit a loved one? Perhaps a journey towards a new career pathway or the start of a new relationship. Perhaps a journey that seeks to deal with the onset of ill health? Life is full of journeys. And of course we will have I'm sure, experienced times when the journeys we have planned have been interrupted. These can range from trivial but irritating road diversions or rail-replacement bus services, to those worrying and uncertain periods of darkness that life can take us through. Sometimes these changes of plan can be a source of annoyance and frustration, while at other times they can bring us unexpected blessings. Sometimes our plans will be changed, as we are taken in the totally new direction that God has planned for us.

Journeying is very much at the centre of my thoughts at this time, as I continue to journey towards the path of ordination; a journey that is testing me to the limits, but a journey through which I am growing in faith and receiving untold blessings along the way. I hope to tell you more about this journey in the next issue of 'In Touch', but suffice to say, I am unbelievably grateful for the love and support I am receiving from you all at Emmanuel as I continue to walk this pathway.

As I sit writing this letter, I have in my hands a beautiful little book entitled 'Words for the Journey'. The book contains short extracts of Scripture to encourage us as we continue with life's journey. It was given to me by Anne Baldwin. Anne knows only too well the frustration and uncertainty of interrupted journeys that have affected her journey to Sri Lanka to become an Overseas Mission Partner. Anne's resolve to put her trust in God during these

delays, has been an inspiration and we will continue to hold Anne in prayer as she embarks on this amazing new journey in her life, responding to God's call to serve overseas.

And we are of course journeying through the season of Lent, a time of honest, prayerful reflection. As we travel through Lent we have the opportunity to examine the thoughts of our hearts and minds, focusing upon the journey of our Saviour Jesus who walked to the cross - a journey of pain and suffering, a journey of self-sacrifice and self giving love.

Right in the centre of the book, 'Words for the Journey', are these words from Deuteronomy 31:8, 'The LORD himself will lead you and be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you, so do not lose courage or be afraid'. What a gift those words are.

And so my prayer as we continue to journey through Lent is that we will all have the assurance to journey with Christ through this time of reflection and self-examination of our relationship with God.

May God continue to bless us all,  
Sue

Ormskirk Methodist United Reformed Church exists to promote the worship of Almighty God, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and, in the power of the Spirit, to serve neighbours in Christ at home and abroad. It seeks to play a part in transforming the unjust structures of society and promoting strong communities based on Christian values. As part of the World Church, it will strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life on earth.

‘O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all those who need human love and heavenly Father’s care, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hatred. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children or straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power. Make it the gateway to Thy Eternal Kingdom, through Jesus



### **Taped Services**

**If you would like to receive a taped copy of the Sunday morning service, then please contact Ynyr Jones on 423474.**

## MARCH 2018 SERVICES

### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March

- 10.30 a.m. The Revd Sue Guénault - Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Michael Tindsley

### Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday

- 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Merle Farthing  
4.00 p.m. Informal Tea Service with Revd Michael Tindsley

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March

- 10.30 a.m. Own arrangement  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Stephen Foster

### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday

- 10.30 a.m. The Revd Sue Guénault  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Michael Tindsley

### Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday: Joint service at Ormskirk Parish Church at 7.15 p.m.

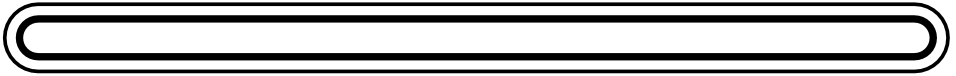
Good Friday: Service at 10.30 a.m. - We are then invited to join our ecumenical partners for a service at the Ormskirk Clock Tower at 12.00 p.m.

### April 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday

- 10.30 a.m. Easter Service and Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service at Holmeswood

## **SUPPORTING CHARITIES THROUGH RECYCLING**

STAMPS - for Methodist Homes. This is an ongoing collection. Stamps should be trimmed 1/4 inch (not from the postcards) and can be given to Elizabeth at anytime.



### **Rev Sue Guénault's Ordination**

As many of you will know, we are confidently expecting Rev Sue to be ordained at Methodist Conference this summer. It would be lovely if we could be there to support and celebrate with her. Her actual Ordination Service will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 4.00pm, in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Worksop College, Worksop. Please could you let the stewards know as soon as possible if you would like to be there, so that we can arrange tickets and transport to Worksop.

*Miriam Roxburgh*

# **Table Top Sale**

**Saturday 3rd March**

**10a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Coffee shop as usual.**

**Tables available to anyone at  
£5 each.**

(table holders get access at 9:30 a.m.)

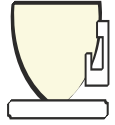
**All profits will go to**

**Clic Sargent**

**(Child Cancer Charity)**

*Being run by the older BB lads*

# TEA SERVICE



4.00 p.m 11<sup>th</sup>. March  
Informal Tea Service led by  
Revd Michael Tindsley

## AT EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Luncheon Club

On the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12.45 p.m .  
**Soup lunch with bread and cakes and tea or coffee**  
**£2.00 each**

**This provides an opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and share food. We welcome any Church friends to join us.**

For further information or if you would like to help in any way please contact Elizabeth (573372).



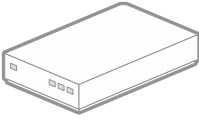




Our monthly Messy Church sessions continue to bring great joy and fellowship as we celebrate the Gospel message through celebration and being messy. Our Sessions have included a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving stories, prayers, songs and film clips, and a sit-down meal together. So far we have explored 'Messy Creation' , 'Who Is Jesus?' , 'A new start-the Story of Noah' and 'God is Love'.

Our next session will be on April 28th from 4.30-6.30pm.

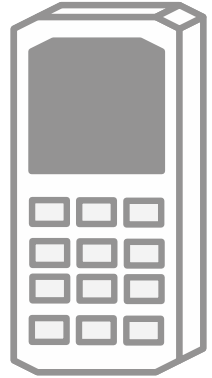
Please come and join us in fun and fellowship. Sue



## Boys Brigade recycling

Used printer cartridges and old mobile phones. **Original manufactured cartridges only** but not copies or remanufactured.

Please pass your cartridges/phones to Ian Price or place them in the church porch recycle box.



## For the weekly notices

**Please e-mail me your notices at home, by 9 p.m. Wednesday evening to [jackie.a.cann@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.a.cann@gmail.com) so that I can print on Thursdays. I am usually at home on Wednesday evenings (580270) if you would like to phone**



©visekart - illustrations01.com/213227

## **Soup Lunch - Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 12.45**

We look forward to our meeting following our previous successful lunches. The first initial lunch was well attended, with a choice of piping hot soups, followed by a choice of sweet with tea or coffee.

This is open to anyone, so please come and make it known to your friends. A warm welcome awaits you, good company and good food!

## **Emmanuel Fellowship**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30** - “Yellowstone National Park” A presentation by Trevor Davenport .

Last year Trevor gave us an amazing evening on the Sefton Coast. His expert photography combined with his knowledge of flora and fauna entertained and informed us.

This evening comes highly recommended.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30** We combine with the Women's Evening Group for our joint Holy Week Service.

## **Guild**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> 2.00p.m.**

Pam Ruscoe - ‘Quilts and cushions’

**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2.00 p.m.**

Holy Week Service - Revd Sue Guénault

## **KNIT AND NATTER**

Every last Thursday of the month at 2.30p.m.



**Naturally Tea and Cakes will be part of it.**

The theme will be knitting **Crosses and hearts for Easter**

Jean Whalley tel **576284** contact Number.

## **The Hope Journey - Cross Factor**

**12th – 20th March 2018**

Our next journey will be to deliver the Easter Story to Y5 children. Mon 12th - Trinity, Skelmersdale, Tues 13th - Upholland, Weds 14th - Croston, Thurs 15th - Emmanuel, Ormskirk, Tues 20th - Burscough, Please put these dates in your diary now. You may want to be involved in just your church venue or across the circuit. Please consider volunteering to help with this important and very enjoyable act of mission. Thank you, Sue.

**COLOUR ME IN**

**A  
Happy**



**Easter!**

**IS**

**ALL BECAUSE OF  
GOD**

**BRINGING US JESUS**

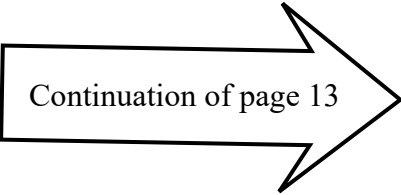
## Finance News

Firstly just to bring you up to date on a couple of things: at the end of last year over the Christmas Period we had a couple of retiring collections. These raised £55.50 for Action for Children, Bible Society £94 and back in November at our remembrance service £107.20 for Help for Heroes – thanks to all who have given so generously to these causes.

Recently at the Church Council meeting we were discussing our giving and I pointed out that many people do not realise the many calls upon our funds each year. On top of the expected payments such as wages, assessment, gas, electric and water. There were many other items such as insurance – over £400 per MONTH, stationery, envelopes both weekly giving ones and for post etc, paper and copier cost for newsletters, notices etc, light bulbs, toilet rolls, soap, repairs to locks, windows, boilers, servicing all items, annual checks on all electrical items, boilers, gas equipment, lightning conductors, clearing of gutters, copyright licence, youth expenses, repairs and maintenance to the cottage and many more too numerous to mention. This means therefore that our monthly costs are in excess £7,500 or £1,750 per week. Therefore if you look at the weekly giving along with the monthly standing orders this can mean quite a juggling act needs to be done using our investment income, lettings income, donations and special events.



CONTINUED . PAGE 14



Continuation of page 13

**One of the ways that makes life a bit easier for me as treasurer is giving by Standing Order as I know a set amount comes into our account each month, this along with weekly giving envelopes to encourage regular giving to support all that we do here at Emmanuel. The use of standing orders also makes it less of a risk keeping cash in the building or carrying it to the bank during the week. I would ask that you consider both standing orders or weekly envelopes for your giving, also that if you give by either of these methods could you review the amount you give in view of constantly increasing costs? Don't forget that if you can Gift Aid this costs you nothing but gives us an extra 25% on your giving but has to be accountable and so standing orders and weekly envelopes can fulfil this purpose.**

**If you need more details contact myself on 01695 722854, 07932 406696 (mob) or e mail - [mamma.taylor@hotmail.com](mailto:mamma.taylor@hotmail.com)**

Letter from Toby the Terrier.



**Dear friends,** My mum and dad went to a meeting of Churches Together in Hereford last month

When they came home I listened to their excited voices talking about what wonderful things are happening in the area; and it made me think that when I see a stray dog, I will tell him to go to any church, because Jesus taught his friends to care for lost dogs ... and lost people!

**Hereford Open Door at St Peter's** church supplies a cooked breakfast to needy people; and provides showers, clothes, footwear and sleeping bags. It does swaps with the Food Larder and receives goods from Tesco's Fair Shares scheme.

**Mothers Union Crisis Intervention Fund** supplies household goods – bedding, crockery etc. to anyone in need. In addition AFIA provides days out for people who can't afford a holiday

**Helping Syrian Refugee Families.** Hereford Quakers help those who come to live in the area. They have a Sanctuary Meeting.

**Christians Against Poverty** help people to work out a budget so they can pay off their debts and remain debt-free.

We would not dare to boast about what we do as individuals; but more people need to know about what I have written ... then they can pray too.

I'm off to chase a rabbit. Can't stop!

*Toby*



## **Saturday Coffee Shop**

**10.30 to noon Except  
August**



**Volunteers wanted for a Few Saturdays per year -  
Please contact Lilian Graham**

## **AT EMMANUEL CHURCH**

**Please - entries for the IN Touch in as:-**

**Standard text entries to arrive on my email for 5 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the due publication(as usual) and 48 hours prior to that for material with photographs (jpg format) and any material containing artwork/graphics (pdf format).**

**Nigel Cann, 24 Dyers Lane,**

## Emmanuel Lent Fellowship evenings

The season of Lent is a time of preparation and reflection, as we journey with Christ through the events leading up to his Crucifixion and to his glorious Resurrection. In order to help us to journey spiritually as a Church family, there will be four Lent Fellowship evenings of prayer, scripture, music and reflection. The sessions will take place from 7.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 8th, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> . All are welcome to join us.

## **Advanced Notice - Schools Outreach**

In May we will be taking 'Life Journey' workshops into our Methodist Primary schools. This is a project that runs in conjunction with Scripture Union and offers the children the opportunity to look at the life journey of John Wesley. Through art and craft, drama and prayer the children will be given the opportunity to reflect upon God and how they can develop their own personal relationship walking alongside Jesus as their friend.

Provisional dates (to be confirmed) are May 8th and 22nd. We will need many volunteers to help us engage in meaningful and fruitful conversation with the children. So, if you are able to assist with one or both days, please contact Sue ([sueguenault@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sueguenault@methodist.org.uk) 07468 518260) and save the date in your diary. Thank you, Sue

## Women's fellowship

March 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. We combine with Emmanuel Fellowship for our joint Holy Week Service.

### Old Teddies wanted!

The granddaughter of the Rev Janet Taylor, assistant priest in Croston, Mawdesley and Bretherton, is collecting teddies.

They will be sent to children who have suffered trauma in wars in Africa and the Middle East. It is hoped by cuddling the old toys it will give them some comfort. Please bring teddies to the Church office. For further information, contact Rev Janet Taylor 01772 615421.

Our own Rev Bear is now in Bolton raising funds for children affected by Street Trafficking. Thank you for looking after him whilst he was at Emmanuel, and for all the money raised for "All we can". Thank you, Sue



Thank you for contributions to the In Touch

Thank you for the generous contributions with reference to the In Touch as appealed for in February 2018. This helps us to resist charging for the In Touches and that is thought to be the best way of achieving the goal of the In Touch.



# HALL / ROOM HIRE

AT

## EMMANUEL

### **Langham Hall**

Is multipurpose and available for hire plus has tables and chairs which can comfortably accommodate approximately 95 people **or** the tables and chairs can be packed away at one end of the hall giving a large clear area for other activities. In addition we have a wall projector screen ready for your talks and such like in the hall. There is also a kitchen which can be used by arrangement, next to the hall, that is well equipped and for many years has received the 5 star award for hygiene.

### **Lecture room**

Has seats for some 40 people, is set up with a wall projector screen and is carpeted.

### **Lounge**

24 seats are kept in the carpeted lounge which is ideal for a small meeting.

### **Enquiries to:-**

Lyn Jenkins                      01695 422573

Or

Bill Jones                         01695 574268