



Emsworth Methodist Church
& Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 19th February

**10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Led by Rev Geoffrey Senior**

**6.30pm United Evensong
at St Thomas Warblington
Led by Rev John Pilkington**

Today Janet Baker is at Bridgemary at 10.00am and Bill Stillwell is at Bedhampton at 10.30am

Monday 20th February

10.30am Chair based exercise class

Tuesday 21st February

10.30am Standing exercises

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon – Spring Colouring &
Conversation**

Wednesday 22nd February

**7.30pm Ladies Group – Rachel Carruthers
West Sussex Waste Recycling**

*A serving and worshipping Christian church in the heart of Emsworth
working closely with other churches and with the local community*

Thursday 23rd February

10.00am **Cake Stall** (in aid of Methodist work at home and abroad)

7.30pm **Wesley Guild** – Rachel Aslett-Clarke
The work of the Apuldram Centre
Wesley Guild then takes a break during Lent

Friday 24th February

11.30am **Bacon Butties**

7.30pm **Compass Course** (Wesley Room) – see below for more information.

Sunday 26th February

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Led by Mrs Milly Aquilina-Gray

6.30pm **United Evening Worship**

Led by Rev John Mills

Today Bill Stillwell at Havant at 10.45am and Janet Baker is at Wymering at 11.00am

As many people will know, **John Buchanan** died on 9th February. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and the family. The funeral will be on Friday 24th March at 2.00pm. Full details later.

Bill and Laura will be running a '**Compass Course**', open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Christian faith or who would value the opportunity to 'refresh'. The course begins **this Friday, 24th February**, at 7.30pm in the Wesley Room, and will run for six sessions. You would find it a big help to have your own copy of the book to accompany the sessions. If you would like a copy please let Bill know. They are £2.50 each.

The next **Cake Stall** is this Thursday (23rd February). The stall in January made £83.25, this is another excellent result and we are grateful to all our customers and to those who bake.

The **Pastoral Centre** is in need of: a **coffee bar** volunteer on Wednesday 22nd February 12-2pm; and a **Bacon Butty order** taker on Friday 24th February 11.15am – 1.30pm

If you have items to include in the next notices please email them by midday on 23rd February to emcnotices19@gmail.com.

A Little Further Ahead

'Let's Do It' (message from Laura)

As you may know we have been running a Games Hour on a Friday afternoon. Unfortunately this hasn't taken off as was hoped (and they have now stopped). It seems I picked the wrong day and time! So on 1st March (10.30-11.30am) we will be starting a new session called 'Let's Do It!' Activities will include games, simple crafts and colouring. Our friends from Lane End have indicated that they would particularly appreciate such a session and others have said the same.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

On Wednesdays in Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday (1st March), there will be lunches of soup and rolls served in the Pastoral Centre from 12 noon. These simple lunches are held to raise money for Christian Aid. Last year we raised over £600 and we look forward to your support this year. The Lent Lunches continue up to and including Wednesday 5th April.

Lent Communion

Also on the same six Wednesdays of Lent (1st March to 5th April) there will be a service of Holy Communion, in International Hall, at 1.00pm

Count Your Blessings

During Lent, Christian Aid will again be running Count Your Blessing. Although the money raised transforms lives, it also helps to concentrate our thoughts on the disadvantaged. If you feel you would like to Count Your Blessings through Lent, pick up a leaflet, and return the tear off slip and donation to Gill Cooper.

'Knit for Lent'

Calling all knitters! In partnership with our Anglican friends we are challenging ourselves to knit as many angels as we can during Lent! The patterns are simple and suitable for beginners. The hope is that we will be able to distribute these angels to people in Emsworth village with labels attached to them giving details of our Easter Services and brief explanation of the real meaning of Easter. It would be lovely if these labels could be hand-written, so if you'd like to be part of this exciting event but are not a knitter then there is a job for you, too! *(continued overleaf)*

This is a really exciting and unusual initiative and it would be brilliant if as many people as possible could take part. Perhaps you know someone who would like to come along and knit in good company?

The knitting sessions will be as follows:

Every Wednesday: from 1st March to 12th April in the Parish Office 3-4pm

Every Friday from 10th March – 7th April in The Pastoral Centre 2-3pm

There will be wool provided so just bring yourself and a pair of knitting needles (if you have them – I'm sure we will have spares!)! If you, or someone you know, would like to take part but can't make it to any of the sessions let me know and I'll get you a copy of the pattern!

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Traidcraft's theme for **Fairtrade Fortnight** this year, is

'The Big Brew'.

The Parish Fair Trade Group at St James' Church are holding a Tea Party, with cake stall and Traidcraft goods for sale,

on Saturday 4th March from 2.30 – 4.30, in the Parish Hall.

Dot will be helping with this as part of our shared commitment to promoting Fair Trade. It will be lovely to see some of you there to enjoy this event with tea and cakes, and support the vital work of Traidcraft with small producer groups around the world.