



# Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February** **Sunday before Lent**

**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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am Chair based exercise class**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am Standing exercises**

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon** – Table Games & Pancakes

**3.00pm Bible Discussion Group** (Wesley Room)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** **Ash Wednesday**

**10.30 am 'Let's Do It'** (activities in the Pastoral Centre)

**11.00am Community Police Surgery**

**12noon Christian Aid Lent Lunch**

**1.00pm Lent Communion (IH)** led by Revd Peter Cole

**6.15pm Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship** (URC Hall)

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

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**11.30am Bacon Butties**

**2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer** (café style in the Pastoral Centre)

**7.30pm Compass Course** (Wesley Room)

## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**2.30pm Traidcraft 'The Big Brew'** in St James' Parish Hall, until 4.30.

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am All Age Worship**

**Led by Deacon Laura Evans**

Followed by Traidcraft Stall & refreshments

**6.30pm United Holy Communion at St James'**  
**Celebrant Revd John Pilkington**  
**Preacher Revd David Muskett**

Today Geoffrey Senior is at Horndean at 10.30am and Trevor Payne is at Havant at 10.45am

## **John Buchanan**

A very sincere thank you to the church family for the love, support and prayers John and I received over the past eighteen months, particularly the last few weeks of his life. We valued your friendship and caring concern.

John's Thanksgiving Service will be held on Friday 24th March at 2.00 pm followed by refreshments in International Hall and the family hope you will join us. John disliked black and much preferred bright colours, so it seems fitting that his service will be held on Red Nose Day! *Brenda*

Further details about **'Let's Do It', Lent lunches, Lent Communion, Women's World Day of Prayer, the Compass Course** and **'The Big Brew'** are all in the new (March) News Sheet, along with other interesting items.

All members of our church family are invited to our annual **General Church Meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm.**

As well as appointing our Church Stewards and electing representatives to the Church Council we shall be having a conversation on the life of our church and, in particular, considering proposals for our church leadership as we come to a period when it seems likely that we shall be without anyone in a position to serve as our Senior Church Steward.

Please do make every effort to join us for this very important meeting concerning the future of our church life in Emsworth.

The **Pastoral Centre** has Coffee bar slots looking for volunteers on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 12 -2pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 12- 2pm and two people for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We are also looking to fill a couple of tablecloth washing slots in April and October.

A reminder to those who use the **South Street Car Park** that it is **chargeable** from next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> March).

The last **Thursday Market** was held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Market in this form has run for some 14 years, since it was begun by Margaret & Derek Hughes. In that time it has raised over £34,000 for Methodist work at home and abroad. On the last day a number of our regular customers called in to say goodbye, and one brought us all cake. We were fortunate to be able to give away practically all of our remaining stock (four carloads in all) to a group from Chichester who will be having a big sale in aid of Canine Partners (Westbourne Village Hall, this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, if you want to buy any of it back!). Our thanks go to all the regular and occasional helpers (current and past), to all the buyers, and to the church for their support.

Please see the poster on the notice board about a **Christian Aid** talk at **Havant URC on 4<sup>th</sup> April - 'Occupied Palestinian Territories'**.

If you have items to include in the next notices (for 2 weeks) please email them by midday on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to [emcnotices19@gmail.com](mailto:emcnotices19@gmail.com).



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.