



Emsworth Methodist Church
& Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 16 April

Easter Day

10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Led by Revd Geoffrey Senior and
Deacon Laura Evans

No Evening Service

*Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free.
This morning Bill Stillwell is at Havant at 10.45am and Janet
Baker is at Trinity at 11.00am. This evening Bill Stillwell is at*

Monday 17 April Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Pastoral Centre open 10.00am–12 noon
No exercise classes

Tuesday 18 April

10.30am Standing exercises (IH)

2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)
Easter Celebration

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

Wednesday 19 April

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

Thursday 20 April

7.30pm **Wesley Guild (IH)**
Portsmouth Street Pastors
Jan Stillwell

Friday 21 April

10.30am **Bacon Butties**
- 1pm

Police visit to the Pastoral Centre

The Police will be attending the Pastoral Centre on **Wednesday 26 April** from 10am. This is a chance to chat about any Police matters in an informal setting.

Future dates for the regular monthly surgery are:

24 May

21 June

12 July

Methodist Women in Britain

Our Circuit Easter Offering Service 2017 will be held on Sunday 7 May at 6.30pm at Drayton. The theme will be 'Shine like Stars.' This service has been prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund, and enables the Methodist Church in Britain and Ireland to give to the work of the 65 Partner Churches Overseas. The Easter Offering envelopes are available again today.

With thanks, *Judy Emerson.*



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

Church Anniversary

As you may know, on **Sunday 30 April** we will be celebrating the **140th anniversary of Emsworth Methodist Church**. I've spent some time recently looking back through some of the old photos – who could have imagined how much change has taken place in that time?!

Do you have a story to tell? Even if it's as simple as 'I remember when...' It might be about something that happened decades ago, or it might be a memory from last month. Whatever it is and whenever it was, it would be wonderful to hear from you and to include your story in the act of worship. You might want to speak yourself, or you might want me to arrange for someone else to tell it for you.

Either way, if you have a memory you would like to share please get in touch with me by **Tuesday 25 April**.

Laura

Pastoral Centre

For various reasons, we have some slots in April to fill: Wednesday 19 April from 2–4pm, Monday 24 April from 12–2pm, Thursday 27 April from 2–4pm, and Friday 28 April from 12–2pm.

The late May Bank Holiday, Monday 28 May, also has two slots to fill from 10 am–12 noon.

Please speak to Mandy if you are able to cover any of these slots.

Wesley Guild

The Guild has had a break during Lent and recommences on **Thursday 20 April** with a talk about **Portsmouth Street Pastors**. The work of the Street Pastors takes place when many of us are in bed and have no idea what is happening in our towns and cities. Come along and meet Jan Stilwell, Bill's wife, and hear how this group of people is supporting those who find themselves in difficult situations.

Sponsorship

David Williamson completed the Brighton Marathon in his wheelchair last Sunday, 9 April, to help raise funds for Felicity Gooderham (see the April News Sheet).

Pamela and Geoffrey are collecting donations/sponsorship today and next Sunday for anyone who would like to contribute.

Alternatively, there is a JustGiving page if anyone would prefer to donate in this way. Ask Pamela for details.

All We Can – East Africa Famine Appeal total

Thank you to all who donated towards our retiring collection for the All We Can East Africa Famine Appeal. We raised a total of £1484.38. With thanks,

Richard

Next Rota

I shall be making a start on the next Church Rota to cover June, July and August shortly. Thank you to those who have made new offers of help, but if there is anyone else who would like to help out, particularly with books and/or welcome, then please let me know. Thank you.

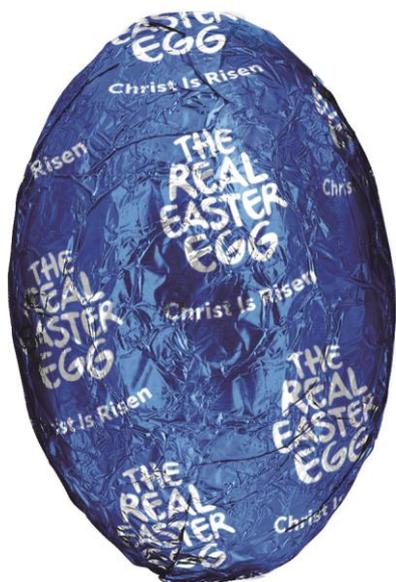
Geoffrey

Sunday 23 April

10.00am Morning Worship
Led by: Mrs Janet Baker

6.30pm United Evening Worship
Led by: Deacon Laura Evans

This morning Bill Stillwell is at Bedhampton at 10.30am



If you have items to include in the next notices (for Sunday 23 April) please email them *by midday on Thursday 20 April* to emcnotices19@gmail.com.

Defusing the e-word – evangelism

A Circuit Roadshow will be coming to Emsworth on Saturday 14 May from 1–3pm in the Church.

'Methodists are good at outreach. We make lots of contacts with those outside the Christian faith, but we are poor at evangelism. We are not good at developing our missional outreach opportunities into evangelistic encounters.'

(Stephen Skuce, Director of Scholarship, Research and Innovation and presently Acting Principal of Cliff College, 2015)

To help us become better at this, the Circuit has set up an Outreach and an Evangelism Team and the latter has organised three Roadshows around the Circuit where we will be able to explore the e-word through presentations and conversation. These Roadshows will inform further ways in which the Circuit can support the local churches in this crucial aspect of God's mission.

All are welcome. Bring your own sandwiches for lunch. Drinks will be provided.

If you are unable to come to the Emsworth venue, there will be one at Liphook Methodist Church (GU30 7AN) on Tuesday 20 June at 2pm and another at Fareham Methodist Church (PO16 0NU) on Thursday 13 July at 7.30pm.

There will be a Circuit service on Sunday 3 September at Fareham at 4pm to commission our Circuit Outreach and Evangelism teams.

For further information, see Janet Baker.



The Methodist Church