



Emsworth Methodist Church
& Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 7 May

Vocations Sunday

10.00am Morning Worship

Led by: Mrs Shirley Haynes

Followed by coffee and Traidcraft stall

6.30pm

Methodist Women in Britain

Circuit Easter Offering Service (see p2)

6.30pm

**United Service of Holy Communion
at St James**

Led by: Revd Bill McCoubrey

*Shirley Haynes is a local preacher from Trinity, Southsea
She was recently fully accredited on Sunday 2 April*

This morning Janet Baker is at Midhurst at 10.00am

Before and after the service the Music Group will sing:

684 Here on the threshold

513 Take this moment, sign and space

481 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

519 Father, I place into your hands

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



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

Methodist Women in Britain

Our Circuit Easter Offering Service 2017 will be held **at 6.30pm today at Drayton**. The theme is 'Shine like Stars.' This service has been prepared

by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund. This act of worship enables the Methodist Church in Britain and Ireland to give to the work of the 65 Partner Churches Overseas.

Monday 8 May

10.30am Chair-based exercises (IH)

Tuesday 9 May

10.30am Standing exercises (IH)

2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)

Knitting for Charities

Wednesday 10 May

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

7.30pm Ladies Group (IH)

An entertainment by the Music Group

Thursday 11 May

7.30pm Wesley Guild (IH)

AGM

Sunday 14 May – Friday 20 May

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 14 May

1pm–3pm Circuit Roadshow – Defusing the e-word

This special event focusing on evangelism will take place at our church. Please see the May News-sheet for more information.

Monday 15 May

10.30am Chair-based exercises (IH)

Tuesday 16 May

10.30am Standing exercises (IH)

2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)

Table Games

Please note: this replaces the Outing which will now take place on 23 May

Wednesday 17 May

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

Thursday 18 May

7.30pm Wesley Guild (IH)

Walk followed by fish-and-chip supper

Request for craft items

The Wednesday morning 'Let's Do It' craft group are going to make some new musical instruments during our session on **10 May!** Do you have any Pringles tubes, margarine tubs or things of that nature that you're anxious to part with?! If so, please could you put them in the blue box under the table in the Atrium (the one by the stairs that lead to the Circuit Office). Thank you very much! *Laura*

Laura's Ordination Service

We have much pleasure in reporting that Laura is to be ordained on Conference Sunday, 25 June, at Darlington Street Methodist Church in Wolverhampton. We hope that members of our church will be able to be there to support Laura. Depending on numbers, it may be possible to arrange a coach or minibus; please let Diana know if you would like to go **by today** (7 May). Tickets will be available later from Laura. More details can be found in the May News-sheet.

New Welcome Pack

We're delighted to announce that the new Welcome Pack is now available, with lots of useful information about our Church and Pastoral Centre.

It's different from the old one! There are details about several new initiatives and our new service pattern. Do please take a copy to keep, and one (or more!) to pass on. *Diana Harris*

Pastoral Centre

Thanks to everyone who has kindly come forward and offered to help in the Pastoral Centre.

At the time of printing we are still looking for help on **Thursday 18 May from 2–4pm**. However, slots often become available after the Notice Sheet has been printed; so if you are in Church and you see a yellow unfilled slot on the rota in the coffee bar, please do put your name in there, or leave a note for Mandy.

Please note that on the next Bank Holiday, **Monday 29 May**, the Pastoral Centre will be open from **10am–12 noon**.

Many thanks, *Mandy*

A word of explanation

After yet another kind person asked me whether we were having a Barn Dance this summer, I thought I should explain briefly why we're not.

We have had three very enjoyable dances, with the last in my view being the best of all, but unfortunately the numbers just don't add up; there are simply not enough people coming to cover the costs. We've made a significant loss each year (though we have always sent a modest donation to the chosen charity.)

So I've had to take the decision regretfully not to organise another dance, for now at least. Thanks to all who supported us in the past.

Jane Gregory

Havant Passion Play fundraising events

There will be a Games Afternoon on **Saturday 27 May** at Havant Methodist Church, Petersfield Road, from 3–6pm. This will be a fun afternoon for all the family – an opportunity to learn new board games and to hone your skills at others. Adults £3 each, children £1, family ticket £7. Refreshments will be available.

The organisers hope to hold a Festival Weekend in our church during the weekend of **9–11 June**. However, plans for the weekend are currently under review, so please watch this space for further information!

Sunday 14 May

Christian Aid Week begins

**10.00am United Service of Holy Communion
at St James**

Celebrant: Revd John Pilkington

Preacher: Revd Peter Cole

**10.00am Second Sunday at The Centre
Led by: Deacon Laura Evans**

**6.30pm United Evening Worship
Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell
Preacher: Revd Bill McCoubrey**

This morning Bill Stillwell is at Havant at 10.45am and Geoffrey Senior is at Wymering at 11.00am

Sunday 21 May

**10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell**

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

*Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free.
This morning Geoffrey Senior is at Bedhampton at 10.30am,
Janet Baker is at Liphook at 10.00am and Laura Evans is at
Trinity at 10.30am*

If you have items to include in the next notices (for Sunday 21 May) please email them *by midday on Thursday 18 May* to emcnotices19@gmail.com