



Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 3rd September

10.00am All Age Worship

Led by Mrs Shirley Haines

Followed by coffee and Traidcraft Stall

4.00pm Circuit Service at Fareham (see page 4)

6.30pm United Holy Communion at St James's
Celebrant: Revd Bill McCoubrey
Preacher: Deacon Laura Evans

This morning Laura is at Copnor at 10.30am, and Bill Stillwell is at Havant at 10.45am.

Before and after the service and during the offertory the Music Group will sing:

Before Worship

504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

257 Would you walk by on the other side

18 Be still and know that I am God

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

Offering

615 Let love be real, in giving and receiving (verse 1)

After

674 Would I have answered when you called, 'Come follow, follow me!'

Monday 4th September

10.30am Chair based exercise class (IH)

Tuesday 5th September

Church Office moves into Quiet Room during redecoration of Office and Wesley Room

10.30am Standing exercises (IH)

2.00pm Activity Afternoon: Music! Music! (IH)

Wednesday 6th September

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

6.15pm Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship (URC Hall)

Sunday 10th September

**10.00am United Holy Communion at St James
Celebrant: Revd Bill Stillwell
Preacher: Revd John Pilkington**

**10.00am Second Sunday at the Centre
Led by Mrs Margaret Sawyer**

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

This morning Laura is at Portchester at 10.30am and Geoffrey Senior is at Havant at 10.45am. This evening Bill Stillwell is at Lindford at 6.30pm.

Monday 11th September

10.30am Chair based exercise class (IH)

2.00pm Sacred Space (IH) (see page 4)

Tuesday 12th September

10.30am Standing exercises (IH)

2.00pm Activity Afternoon: Knit for Charity (IH)

Wednesday 13th September

10.00am Police Surgery in the Pastoral Centre

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

7.30pm Ladies Group (see page 4)

Thursday 14th September

10.30am Standing Exercises (IH)

Sunday 17th September

MHA Sunday

**10.00am Holy Communion Service
Conducted by Rev Peter Cole and
Deacon Laura Evans**

The Communion bread that we use is gluten free and dairy free

**12.30pm United Anglican/Methodist walk
(see page 5)**

**6.30pm United Evensong at St Thomas'
Warblington**

Led by Revd Damon Draisey

This morning Bill Stillwell is at Bedhampton at 10.30am.

Monday 18th September

10.30am Chair based exercise class

Tuesday 19th September

10.30am Standing exercises

2.00pm Activity Afternoon: Table Games (IH)

Wednesday 20th September

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

Thursday 21st September

10.30am Standing Exercises (IH)

Circuit Service

The 2017 Circuit Service will be at Fareham Methodist Church, at 4pm on Sunday 3rd September. Worship will be led by Rev Dr Malcolm Rothwell, on the subject of 'What Future for Your Church?' and will include the commissioning of the Circuit's Sharing Our Faith Together (S.O.F.T.) group. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Ride and Stride for the heritage of churches

The annual sponsored Ride and Stride, takes place on Saturday 9th September, raising funds to repair and restore churches and chapels of all denominations. A wonderful opportunity to discover some of your local heritage. Find out more on www.hihct.org.uk

Make your own journey with family or friends by car, horse, mobility scooter, foot or whatever else you can find! Or sponsor Geoffrey Eardley on his cycle ride. All donations gratefully received.

Sacred Space

Following the prayer event held in May in the church, there will be another 'Sacred Space' from 2-4pm on Monday 11th September in International Hall, with drinks and nibbles provided. Please come for however long you wish – there is no requirement to stay for the whole period. More details in the September newsletter. *Laura*

Ladies Group

The Summer meetings for the Ladies Group have been a resounding success. The first was a cream tea in the Pavilion Tea Rooms at Stansted in June. Thirteen ladies and one man (Hazel's chauffeur son, Ian) enjoyed a delicious scone with jam and cream. It had been decided by the committee that the legacy left by Grace Blackman should be used for this afternoon's treat.

Another tea, also with scones jam and cream, was held in the Wesley Room in July when the rain was bucketing down. This did not deter us and a good number came to enjoy the fun and food and doing what we do best, chatting with others. In August Judy invited us to share light refreshments in her lovely garden. How fortunate that we were able to sit in the sun at leisure and enjoy each other's company.

We are now looking forward to our regular meetings which start on September 13th when Brenda Harwood will delight us with a Nigerian Natter. We look forward to your company and if you haven't been before do come and join us. *Jean*

United Anglican/Methodist Walk

We shall be meeting at 12.30pm on Sunday 17th September, with a packed lunch, in the car park next to the Red Lion in Chalton (PO8 0BG; 731160 on OS Explorer Map 120). To get to Chalton from Rowlands Castle, at the Castle Inn take Finchdean Road north to Finchdean, and continue on to Chalton.

The walk is just over 5½ miles, heading east along Huckswood Lane before turning south to Robin Wood, and stopping at St. Hubert's Chapel, Idsworth, before the final stretch along the top of Idsworth and Chalton Downs. Much of the walk is easy and level going, with a couple of steepish ascents, but with many splendid views. There are lots of kissing gates, and one or two (wide!) squeeze stiles. If you have not joined us before, you would be most welcome. For more information, have a word with Veronica or Alan Hickox.

Pastoral Centre

Thank you to all who responded to my request last week. We still have the following slots to fill – Monday 18th 12-2pm and Friday 22nd 2-4pm require one person, and Friday 29th 2-4pm requires two.

Food will restart this week with Ploughman's Lunches on Tuesday, sandwiches on Thursday and Bacon Butties on Friday. *Mandy*

Harvest Festival Lunch

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 1st October 2017. After the morning service there will be a simple lunch of baked, filled jacket potatoes. All are welcome. If you would like to stay for lunch, please add your name to the list in the atrium before 17th September.

Big Church Live

The Baptist Church are holding a Big Church Live Kingdom Come Worship Night at 7.30pm on Friday 6th October, led by a team of some of the UK's most gifted worship leaders. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bigchurchlive.com/events/kingdom-come-worship-night/emsworth-october-6-2017> for £5.00 each.

Long Service Certificate

During last Sunday evening's service Rev Andrew de Ville presented John Vickers with a certificate to mark the 70th anniversary of his being accredited as a Local Preacher at the tender age of 20.

If you have items to include in the next notices please email them by midday Thursday 14th September to emcnotices19@gmail.com.