



# Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.00am Holy Communion Service  
Conducted by Revd Geoffrey Senior**

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

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

*This morning Bill Stillwell is at Bedhampton at 10.30am, and  
Janet Baker is at Midhurst at 10.00am*

## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**11.00am Chair based exercise class (IH)**

## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am Standing exercises (IH)**

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon: This is where I lived (IH)**

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

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

**3.00pm** **Funeral Service for Joan Mitchell** (see also below)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**7.30pm** **Wesley Guild (IH)** – David Coleman: 'Why is there a Cathedral in Chichester?'

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**10.00am** **Morning Worship**  
**Led by Andrew Wilcock**

**6.30pm** **United Evening Worship**  
**Led by Revd Bill Stillwell**

*This morning Bill Stillwell is at Trinity at 10.30am.*

**Joan Mitchell's funeral service** will be held at 3pm on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** here at Emsworth Methodist Church. All are welcome.

It will be followed by a private Committal service at The Oaks, for the family only.

Afterwards, we are all invited to **refreshments at the Langstone Hotel**, when we can share our memories of Joan.

**From Bill Stillwell** - Jan and I are planning to go to the **Wintershall Nativity Play** for the **4.30pm** performance on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Anybody like to join us? Tickets are £18 each for adults, £9 for a child. Wintershall is near Guildford, and there is more information on the Wintershall website at **<https://www.wintershall-estate.com/nativity-play>**

If a number of us are going we can either share transport, hire a minibus or even book a coach. We'll need to **book early**, so please let us know **as soon as possible** if you'd like to go.

A very big thank you to all who supported the **Macmillan Coffee morning**. In total **£302** was raised from the sale of cakes and jewels! A special mention to Sandra, who was our champion baker and seller.

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving** on 1<sup>st</sup> October was a lovely occasion – a real family celebration and thanksgiving as well as a reminder of how blessed we are, and how we need to be mindful of the needs of so many people around the world who are struggling with the basics of life. Our thanks to Laura who led the service, and Geoffrey Senior who preached. And a really big Thank You to the Hall family who provided us all with a wonderful meal, all done with such grace, efficiency and smiles all round! Thanks also of course to many other people who had a smaller, but important, hand in all the practicalities of the day – it was a great occasion – thank you one and all. So far a total of **£305.00** (including Gift Aid) has been raised for 'All We Can' *Dot*

Also a thank you to all who contributed at the recent MHA Sunday, reaching a total of **£239.38** (including Gift Aid). If anybody else still wishes to contribute to the MHA, it is not too late. Please use one of the MHA envelopes or place your gift in a clearly marked envelope and place it in the collection plate next Sunday

The **Ladies Group** meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September saw a welcome return of Pam Stone who gave us a fascinating insight into her experiences in "Hatches, Matches and Dispatches". Pam shared with us her forays into baptisms, weddings and funerals (hence the title of the talk) with many anecdotes of those events, some very amusing, some very amazing, some very poignant and some quite unbelievable if we had not heard them from the very person who witnessed and took part in these occasions. However, Pam's compassion, commitment and integrity were obvious to us in the way in which she related some of the events in her pastoral life and we were privileged to be able to share in these.

At our **next meeting** on 25<sup>th</sup> October we welcome **Revd. Bill Stillwell** whose intriguing title "**Silence**" has set us all thinking. Visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7.30.

Please look at the notice board for details of "**Pause and Pray for Havant Borough**", an initiative by Portsdown Community Church.

2018 **Church Diaries** are now in the Pastoral Centre, suggested donation 50p

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** the worship will take the form of Café Church as on the Second Sunday. This will follow the pattern of the usual Second Sunday worship; gathering from 9.30am with an opportunity to have a welcome drink and refreshments. Refreshments are available during and after the service if required. The entrance to church on this occasion is **through the doors to the church** (as for the Pastoral Centre during the week) the doors to the atrium will remain locked on the outside. We sit around tables; the worship is informal and inclusive and includes Bible teaching. The congregation are encouraged to follow the readings from the Bibles that are placed on the tables. We usually remain seated for the hymns. The worship begins by singing, 'Come now is the time to worship'. In addition to the usual arrangements on a second Sunday the Traidcraft Stall will be available as for the first! Please support the stall. We do hope that you will come along to the worship; we look forward to seeing a full church!

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** will be a **Remembrance Service**.

If you have items to include in the next notices, for 22<sup>nd</sup> October, please email them by midday Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October to [emcnotices19@gmail.com](mailto:emcnotices19@gmail.com).