



Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 19 November

10.00am Service of Holy Communion

Led by: Revd Bill Stilwell

Followed by tea/coffee and Traidcraft stall

6.30pm United Evensong

at St Thomas, Warblington

Led by: Revd Damon Draisey

Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free

This morning Geoffrey Senior is at Horndean at 10.30am, and

Trevor Payne is at Bedhampton at 10.30am. This evening Bill

Stillwell is at Drayton at 6.30pm

Monday 20 November

10.00am Standing exercises (IH) – see page 2

11.00am Chair-based exercises (IH)

Tuesday 21 November

10.30am Standing exercises (IH)

2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)

Knit for Charity

3.00pm Bible Study Group (Wesley Room)

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

Wednesday 22 November

10.30am 'Let's Do It'

7.30pm Ladies Group (IH)

Helena Hines: A Christmas Watercolour Card

Thursday 23 November

10.00am Cake Stall

7.30pm Wesley Guild (IH)

Revd Jonathan Jeffery: Havant Passion Play

Sunday 26 November **Sunday before Advent**
Women Against Violence
Sunday

10.00am Morning Worship

Led by: Revd Dr Malcom Rothwell

6.30pm United Evening Worship

Led by: Revd David Muskett

This morning Janet Baker is at Eastney at 10.30am. Bill Stillwell is at Havant at 10.45am and at Portchester at 6.30pm

Churches Homeless Action Voucher Scheme

On Sundays 26 November and 3 and 10 December there will be an opportunity to make donations to the Churches Homeless Action Voucher Scheme. Please can £5 gift cards such as Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury and Argos be donated; the organisers suggest that these should be £5 gift cards so that they can be shared out fairly. You can write a card to go with the voucher to personalise the gift. However, please do *not* give your name and/or address and do not seal the envelope. These vouchers will be delivered before 13 December, therefore the last opportunity to donate is on Sunday 10 December.

Please note that the **Monday Standing Exercises** class at 10.00 is still an experiment; it will be followed by the usual chair-based

exercises at 11.00. Trudy is trying out this extra class because there are now too many people to fit into IH for the Tuesday class.

An advance notice about the **Activity Afternoon on Tuesday 12 December**: this will be a **Special Tea**, and *tickets are needed* – please see Mandy.

A message from Beryl Rees

Thank you for all the cards and good wishes, which have been so encouraging.

Eileen Cole

Eileen's Thanksgiving Service will take place on Thursday 30 November, at 1pm in church. The service will be led by Deacon Laura Evans. The Pastoral Centre will be closed all day.

Pastoral Centre

Thank you to all who are on the Tablecloth Rota – your work is much appreciated.

There is a need for three people to join the team. This involves taking tablecloths on a Sunday (or later in the week) and returning them when they are washed and ironed; it does not have to be done quickly, as we have a number of tablecloths.

Currently this would need to be done about four or five times a year. I am open to job shares, i.e. a couple of folk sharing one slot. I am told this role is not limited to ladies...!

Please do let me know if you would like to help with this vital role.

Mandy

Circuit Information

Copies of the Circuit Newsletter, the Plan of Services for December to February, together with the new Circuit Prayer Diary, are available on the table in the atrium – please help yourself to a copy.

Traidcraft

There will be an extra Traidcraft Stall today after the communion service – as I have a number of Christmas-related items to offer – a range of cards and food goodies.

Dot



Let's Do It!

I'm delighted to be able to say that 'Let's Do It' this week will provide another opportunity to decorate some of the pebbles that will be placed around the village this Advent (see the News Sheet for further details). Pens and pebbles provided! Please do come along!

Laura

Ladies Group

A large number attended our last meeting; no doubt they were looking forward to hearing Peter Gregory talk about 'The Best of Chelsea', and they were not disappointed. Dividing his talk into four sections, he told us how his interest in gardening began at the age of eight or nine, encouraged by his friend's grandfather. He went on to tell us of his role and involvement with the RHS, and we were shown a picture of Jane and him meeting the Queen. There were pictures of some of the winning stands at the Chelsea Flower Show over the years, and Peter explained how countries from as far afield as Thailand, Japan, South Africa wish to come to exhibit at this prestigious event. Finally, he explained the process of putting an exhibit together. This was a fascinating and interesting talk, made all the more enjoyable by having a speaker with personal experience and knowledge.

Our next meeting is 'A Christmas Watercolour Card' led by Helena Hines on 22 November at 7.30 pm.

Jean Dyke

Train named after John Wesley

A new train on the Great Western Railway is to be named after John Wesley. The announcement comes following a competition to find 'the 100 greatest Westerners of all time' run by the Bristol Post and the Great Western Railway.

To find out more, go to methodist-news.org.uk

If you have items to include in the next notices (for Sunday 26 November) please email them *by midday on Thursday 23 November* to emcnotices19@gmail.com