



Emsworth Methodist Church
& Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 24 December *Christmas Eve*

10.00am **Morning Worship**
Led by: Janet Baker

9.00pm **A Reflective Service of**
Holy Communion
Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell
and Deacon Laura Evans

This morning Laura Evans is at Eastney at 10.30am and Bill Stillwell is at Havant at 10.45am

Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free

Monday 25 December **Christmas Day**

10.00am **Christmas Morning Worship**
A celebration for all ages
Led by: Deacon Laura Evans

Tuesday 26 December **Boxing Day**
Pastoral Centre closed

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

2.30pm Boxing Day Special: Tea and Cake (IH)
– 4.00pm

Wednesday 27 December

10.30am 'Let's Do It'
No Ladies Group

Thursday 28 December

No Cake Stall
No Wesley Guild

Friday 29 December

Pastoral Centre closes at 2pm

Christmas Day Service

Please do bring favourite Christmas presents for the service on Christmas Morning. The sillier the better! Also, Christmas jumpers, headwear etc are strongly encouraged! *Laura*

Boxing Day

Although the Pastoral Centre is closed on Monday 26 December, as has become customary, there will be a 'Christmas Party' tea, coffee, goodies and friendly faces in International Hall 2.30pm–4pm (or thereabouts!) free of charge.

In addition, this year there is a plan to hand out tea and coffee to people braving the cold weather and taking a walk in the Square (take-away cups provided!). It would be lovely if you could join us. Every blessing, *Laura*

Action for Children

As is the custom in Methodist churches, we will be making a collection over the Christmas period to support **Action for Children**. Envelopes will be available at both the Carol Service and the Christmas Morning service. We will be grateful for all donations. *Note:* If you are able to gift aid, could you please fill in your name and address rather than your 'Emsworth number', as these envelopes go to Action for Children for them to claim the tax relief. Many thanks, *Richard*



**Methodist
relief and
development**

Sunday 31 December *New Year's Eve*

10.00am **Morning Worship**
Led by: Mrs Wendy Corney

6.30pm **No Service**

This morning Bill Stillwell is at Havant at 10.45am

Wendy Corney is a Local Preacher from near Chichester. She is Joint Local Preachers' Secretary and Circuit Steward for the West Sussex (Coast and Downs) Circuit, and many years ago she was a member at Emsworth Methodist Church

Monday 1 January

Pastoral Centre closed

Tuesday 2 January

10.30am **Chair-based exercises (IH)**

2.00pm **Activity Afternoon (IH)**
Knit for Charity

Wednesday 3 January

10.30am **Let's Do It!**

Thursday 4 January 2018

7.30pm **Wesley Guild (IH)**
MHA and Other Stories
Deacon Laura Evans

Christian Aid

The Working Party would like to thank all those who supported us on Friday 15 December when we sang carols in the Square to raise money for Christian Aid. It was a bitterly cold morning and there were not many people about, but we raised £207.28, which was

fantastic. We really appreciated the coffee break and the chance to sing a few carols in the Pastoral Centre, which were well received.
Gill, Margaret and Marian

Pastoral Centre Coffee Bar

Mandy is looking for helpers to fill the following slots in January:
Friday 12 January 2–4pm (double slot)

Thursday 18 January 2–4pm

Monday 29 January 12–2pm

We are also looking for someone to join the Thursday morning team!

Sunday 7 January

10.00am All Age Worship
Led by: Ms Jean Hooper

6.30pm United Service of Holy Communion
at St James
Led by Revd John Mills

This morning Janet Baker is at Haslemere at 10.00am and Laura Evans is at Liphook at 10.00am. This evening Bill Stillwell is at Portchester at 6.30pm

Jean Hooper is a local preacher from Portchester



Merry Christmas

If you have items to include in the next notices (for Sundays 7 and 14 January 2108) please email them *by midday on Thursday 4 January* to emcnotices19@gmail.com