



# Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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**Sunday 3 December**

**ADVENT SUNDAY**

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

*Followed by tea/coffee and Traidcraft stall  
Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free*

**6.30pm United Service of Holy Communion at  
St James  
Led by: Revd Damon Draisey  
Preacher: Revd David Muskett**

*This morning Janet Baker is at Trinity at 10.30am*

**Monday 4 December**

**10.00am Standing exercises (IH)**

**11.00am Chair-based exercises (IH)**

**Tuesday 5 December**

**10.30am Standing exercises (IH)**

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)**

***Knit for Charity***

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

## **Wednesday 6 December**

**10.00am**     **Police Surgery in the Pastoral Centre**  
*Discussing current issues and encouraging positive community engagement*

**10.30am**     **'Let's Do It'**  
*Decorating pebbles*

**6.15pm**     **Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship (URC Hall)**

## **Thursday 7 December**

**2.00pm**     **Sacred Space: Hope in Uncertain Times (IH)**

**7.30pm**     **Wesley Guild**

*An evening with the Poetry Group:  
Who we are, what we do, and a few of our favourite poems*

## **Sunday 10 December**

**10.00am**     **Second Sunday at the Centre**  
*Carol Fest!* led by Deacon Laura Evans

**10.00am**     **United Service of Holy Communion  
at St James**  
**Led by: Revd John Pilkington**  
**Preacher: Mrs Alison Rice**

**6.30pm**     **Carol Service at St James**

*This morning Bill Stillwell is at Bedhampton at 10.30am*

## **Monday 11 December**

**10.00**     **Standing exercises (IH)**

**11.00am**     **Chair-based exercises (IH)**

## **Tuesday 12 December**

**10.30am Standing exercises (IH)**

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)**

***Christmas Special Tea***

**Tickets needed – please ask Mandy**

**3.00pm Bible Study Group (Wesley Room)**

## **Wednesday 13 December**

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

**7.30pm Ladies Group**

***Christmas with Christine, + Supper***

## **Thursday 14 December**

**7.30pm Wesley Guild**

***Carols and Readings for Christmas***

***Followed by Bring and Share Supper***



### **Christian Aid Carols in the Square**

Christian Aid will be singing carols in the Square to raise funds for combating world

poverty on Friday 15 December from 10am to 12 noon. We need all the voices available to make our message loud and clear. If you are able to do so for part or all of the morning, please join us. Thanks.

*Gill Cooper*

### **Ladies Group**

We were promised a 'hands on' evening, and so it proved to be.

Our speaker, Helena Hines, gave us a short introduction to water colour painting, explaining how to mix paint colours and the different kind of brushes and paper to use, and then set us to work with a card to paint the stable scene, firstly demonstrating how to begin. This proved to be a fun evening and we had all learned more about water colour painting at the end. We then displayed our efforts so that a few pictures could be taken.

We now look forward to our next meeting which will take the form of our Christmas meal.

We have had a number of very interesting and varied meetings this autumn, and if you would like to join us in the New Year, please book the date for our first meeting on 10 January 2018, and keep a look out for our new programmes.

## **Cake stall**

Please note there is no cake stall in December.

## **Pastoral Centre – office closures in December**

The Pastoral Centre Office will be closed on **4, 5, 14** and **15 December**. Please see the note on the door which gives details of who to contact if needed.

The following **Coffee Bar** slots need filling:

Thursday 21 December 2–4pm

Thursday 28 December 12–2pm

Friday 29 December (double slot) 2–4pm

## **Tablecloths**

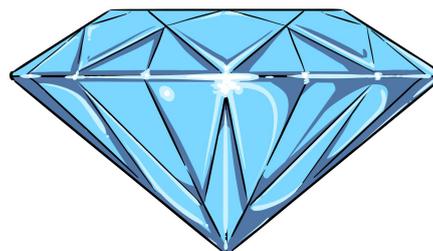
Our pretty tablecloths are lovingly washed and ironed by a small team of volunteers. Our visitors do appreciate the change each week, and often comment how cheerful they look. There are a number of gaps in the rota for 2018, and we are trying to look at ways to fill these. Perhaps you are able to help a couple of times a year? or perhaps you already do the cloths, but could take on one or more extra slots? If you have any ideas how you can help, please do speak to Mandy in the Pastoral Centre, or Veronica or Christine on a Sunday – we would be most grateful for your help!

Many thanks,

*Mandy*

## **Diamond Wedding**

Congratulations to Ann and Jimmy Maddern who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 7 December.



## **From the family of Eileen Cole**

Eileen Cole's family would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have offered us their concern, prayers and support. We have been overwhelmed by the cards and the kind words people have sent to us about Mum. We know how deeply she will be missed, but we are glad that she found a home here that gave her life meaning and purpose. Thank you all.

*Peter*

### **Sunday 17 December**

**10.00am All Age Worship**  
**Led by: Deacon Laura Evans**  
***A Nativity Service for All the Family***  
***Followed by tea/coffee and Traidcraft stall***

**6.30pm Carol Service**  
**Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell**

*This morning Janet Baker is at Copnor at 10.30am and Trevor Payne is at Drayton at 10.00 am*

If you have items to include in the next notices (for Sunday 17 December) please email them *by midday on Thursday 14 December* to [emcnotices19@gmail.com](mailto:emcnotices19@gmail.com)

