



**Emsworth Methodist Church**  
**& Pastoral Centre**



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**Sunday 17 June**

**10.00am Holy Communion led by Rev Bill Stillwell**

Followed by a short Church Council meeting in IH

*Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free*

**2.00pm Refugee Solidarity Prayer Walk** (see page 2)

**6.30pm United Evensong at St Thomas Warblington**  
**Led by Rev John Pilkington**

*This morning Trevor Payne is at Drayton at 10.00am and Laura Evans is at Trinity at 10.30am.*

**Monday 18 June**

**10.00am Standing Exercises (IH)**

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

**Tuesday 19 June**

**10.30am Standing Exercises (IH)**

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon: Summer Colouring with Strawberries and Cream (IH)**

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

**Wednesday 20 June**

**2.00pm** 'Let's Do It' (activities in the Pastoral Centre)

**Sunday 24 June**

**Ladies Group Anniversary**

**10.00am** **Morning Worship**  
**Led by Alison Rice**

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

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

### **Refugee Week June 17-24**

Christians Together in Emsworth is marking 20 years of Refugee Week by organising a prayer walk this afternoon, in order to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and migrants across the world. The walk starts at 2pm from St Thomas' Catholic Church, calls at the Baptist Church at 2.25pm, the Methodist Church at about 2.45pm, and then proceeds to St Thomas à Becket at Warblington before returning to Waterside URC at about 4.30pm for refreshments, just over 4 miles in total. There will be opportunities for prayer and reflection during the walk and at the churches, and stories of refugees will be shared. If you are not able to join the walk but would like to support this initiative, you would be welcome to join the walkers for devotions when they call at our church at 2.45pm, or indeed at any of the churches.

In addition, each church has been invited to help refugees in a practical way, and Emsworth Methodist Church is collecting toiletries which will be taken to the Refugee Drop-In at All Saints Church in Portsmouth. Your generous support so far is greatly appreciated. The donation box is available today and will be next Sunday, 24th, for any further donations.

*Veronica Hickox*

### **Gill and Don's meal together on 30 June**

We invite you all to sign the list that is in the Atrium if you can join us for the celebration meal on Saturday 30 June. To help with catering, please sign as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

*Don and Gill*

### **MWiB Collection Boxes**

Is there anyone who has a collection box ready to be emptied? If so now is the time to hand it to me. I have already received some monies which I will pass on to our treasurer in due course.

With thanks.

*Judy Emerson*

### **Pastoral Centre**

The Coffee bar has the need of the volunteers for the following times and dates in July:

12 – 2pm on 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (double slot), 13<sup>th</sup>

2-4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

If you have never volunteered and would like to, or if you are a regular who is able to do an extra session please do contact me.

Please note that the Church Office will be closed for the week Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.

*Mandy*

### **Christian Aid**

This year the Emsworth Churches have raised £5013.91 during Christian Aid week, a magnificent amount considering we had 16 fewer collectors. Thanks must go to all those who delivered and collected envelopes, and to all those who donated at the door and at the Church Anniversary lunch. As the publicity states 'Together, we're stronger than the storms'.

Our next event is the summer sale on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10am. If anyone feels able to bake a cake we would be most grateful. Donations can be left in International Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Many thanks

*Gill Cooper, Marian Hughes and Margaret Sawyer*

## **Cake Stall**

The final cake stall held at the end of May raised £79.40, this includes money held over each month. Thank you to all who have supported the cake stall over the years, we are most grateful to you all.

*Jean Dyke*

## **Tabards/ Aprons Amnesty!**

If you have an apron or tabard from the Pastoral Centre, please can it be returned. We seem to have a few missing and hope if we have an amnesty they will be returned !!

*Mandy*

## **Visit of Havant Wesley Guild**

On Monday 9th July at 7.30 pm Havant Wesley Guild will be gathering in International Hall for a Walk and Light Supper. We would love to see anyone from Emsworth Methodist Church who can join us.

*Margaret and David Sawyer (For Havant Wesley Guild)*

I would like to express grateful thanks to everyone at the church who kindly helped with my mother's funeral and with the refreshments afterwards. You made our relatives and other friends feel warmly welcomed. Also your recent kind support to me has been appreciated.

*Jonathan Hughes*

## **Future Dates**

Tuesday 26 June, 12 noon      Funeral for Beryl Rodd  
(Pastoral Centre closed all day)

Thursday 28 June, 9.30am      at the University of Portsmouth  
Chaplaincy, an all day free symposium with lunch, exploring the  
place of theology and faith in Education, entitled "Seeing Beyond".

Tuesday 3 July, 7.30pm      at Christ Church, Chichester, a  
workshop being offered by Methodist Connexion on Discipling  
Presence, a new resource supporting small churches.

If you have items to include in next week's notices please email them by midday on Thursday 21 June to [emcnotices19@gmail.com](mailto:emcnotices19@gmail.com)