



Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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

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Monthly news sheet

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Message from the Manse

If you've been into the Pastoral Centre recently you may have noticed that there is something different on the prayer station.

Sunday 4th August 1918 marked the fourth anniversary of the declaration of what became known as the First World War. On that day King George V and Queen Mary joined members of Parliament for a special service in Westminster. Prior to this the King had asked for that day to be observed as a national day of prayer. 100 days later, on 11th November 1918, the war came to an end.

This year, churches across the country are counting down to the 100th anniversary of the end of the war by joining together in 100 days of prayer for peace, hope and reconciliation. During this time ecumenical prayer resources, which include contributions from the President of the Methodist Conference, Michaela Youngson, will be available in the Pastoral Centre.

World War I is now almost entirely out of living memory. However, whether it's full-blown war on the world stage, or a minor spat about whose turn it is to take out the bins, conflict is something that is endemic to the human race. It can be tempting to see all conflict as negative. However, discussion, debates, loving disagreements can simply be a sign

that we care about something enough to want to put our opinion across. However, as Jo Cox MP stated only a few weeks before she was killed, 'we have more in common than divides us.' As Christians we know that we are all joined together in the Body of Christ.

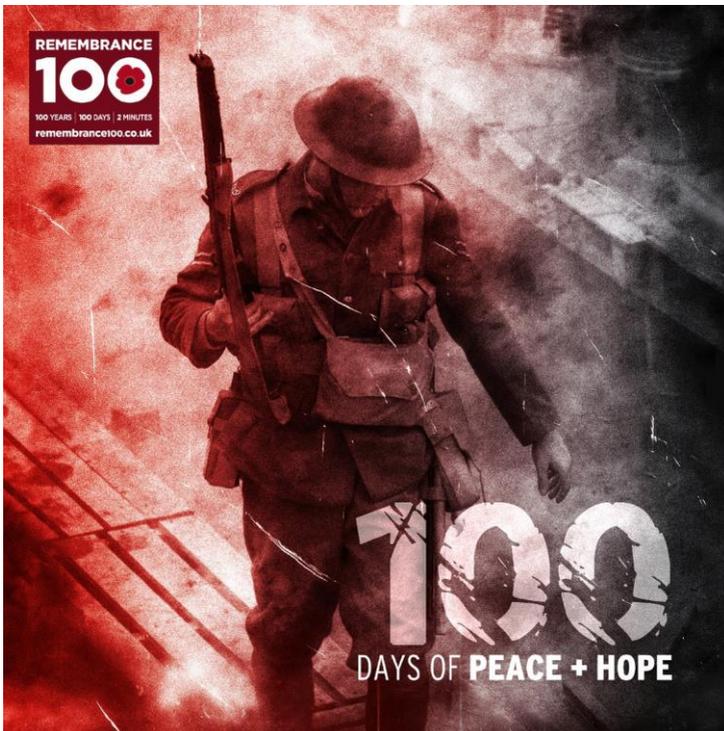
Perhaps the key to reaching peace, hope and reconciliation can be found in the words of one of the last surviving veterans of World War I. Harry Patch suggested that the reason the war finally came to an end was that all sides came together to sit around a table and have a conversation. Mr Patch was of the opinion that if this had happened in 1914 the war would never have happened. Whether you or I agree is really beside the point – it surely would have been worth a try.

As we begin a new Connexional year we must remember that Jesus was all about peace, hope and reconciliation. He encouraged debate, conversation and open sharing, often amongst those who didn't agree with him.

Perhaps we can spend the next 100 days getting into the habit of doing the same.

Happy New Year!

Laura



A New Bible Study

Beginning in September, Laura and Bill are starting up a fresh series of Bible Study sessions. They'll be on the third Tuesday of each month, in the Wesley Room. The first one will be on:

**Tuesday 18th September
10am – 11.30am**

For this first session we'll be looking at the book of Jonah. Jonah was a complete grump when it came to doing what God wanted him to do, but God's way won out in the end in any case. Maybe there are things here for people in every age to learn and reflect on!

The theme of Jonah will also be taken up at Café Church on 9th September. Other themes will be taken up in following months, so we'd be delighted to see you at any or all of our sessions and you won't have lost the thread if you need to miss any of them.



Pastoral Centre's World's Greatest Coffee Morning

**Our Coffee Morning will be from 10- 12noon on
Thursday 27th September.**

Dot will have her Jewellery and bags on sale too.

If you would like to help on the day do speak to Mandy.

Please get your cooking hats on; we are very much in need of cake makers to bake for us, either individual cakes or larger ones that can be sliced. If you need any ideas what to bake there are some recipe cards in the office! We also invite you to come along and enjoy coffee and cake to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

Mandy

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

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Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Celebration Service will take place on Sunday 30th September, followed by a lunch as usual. However, we have decided this year to have a very simple *Bring and Share* lunch, not just to make the practicalities easier, but to acknowledge that there are so many people in this country and around the world, who only have the very basics, and not always that. As usual, there will be an opportunity to contribute to the work of All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

On the Sundays in September there will be two lists on the table in the atrium, one to indicate that you would like to come, and the other for offers of food. This will be very simple, eg. quiche, ham, salad, fruit.

Dot

Christian Aid Quiz

Do you know the names of the shops in Emsworth? If so, you should have a go at the Christian Aid Quiz which will be available during September at £1 per sheet. The winner will be drawn at the Autumn Sale on 20th October when a prize will be awarded for the first correct entry. Quiz Sheets will be available from Gill Cooper, Marian Hughes and Margaret Sawyer and should be returned to them before the end of the month. This is your chance to get to know your local shops whilst helping the work of Christian Aid.

Traidcraft

I am hoping that by the time you read this the new autumn catalogues will be available. Please have a look and think creatively about what you might buy. I am very conscious that the activity on the stall each month has been rather quiet, as over the last couple of years we have lost some very loyal supporters. We were one of the first churches in the country to register as a Fairtrade Church and it is important to continue this commitment. I am aware that people buy fairly traded products from supermarkets but it is also important to continue to support the development work of Traidcraft with their producer partners around the world.

Please have a browse of the new catalogues and let me know what you might be interested in. I will be quite happy to increase the range again if there are people interested in other products, and this may encourage others to buy from the stall! Thank you.

Dot

Church Flowers

You are all very aware, I'm sure, of the beauty and creativity of our church flowers week by week and how they enhance and draw attention to the Sanctuary. Judging by the comments I hear on a regular basis when I am in church on Sundays and during the week, they are really appreciated by a wide range of people. And our thanks are due primarily to Vivien Watson.

However, the flower fund is getting rather low. If you would like to make a one-off donation, perhaps in memory of someone, or to celebrate an event, or if you would like to make a contribution on a regular basis, then please have a word with Vivien. Many thanks.

South Street Car Park – increased charges

Please note the new charges in South Street Car Park, Emsworth, on Sundays and Bank Holidays, between 8.00am – 6.00pm:

Up to 4 Hours - £1.50

Over 4 Hours - £2.00

Unfortunately there will be no more free parking in this car park during the winter months. Palmers Road Car Park is still free on Sundays.

United Anglican/Methodist Walk

Sun 16th September at 12.30pm. Meet for our Anglican/Methodist walk and picnic lunch. Further details to be announced.

A message from Beryl Rodd's family

Dear Laura and all at Emsworth Methodist Church

We wanted to say thank you for all your help, support and prayers as we have coped following the death of my mother, Beryl Rodd. We really appreciate your friendship.

with love,

Sue and Mike Birchmore

New Email Addresses

You will be familiar with the following 4 email addresses associated with our church: minister@emsworthmethodistchurch.org
office@emsworthmethodistchurch.org
stewards@emsworthmethodistchurch.org
bookings@emsworthmethodistchurch.org

GDPR has concentrated our minds on the use of people's personal data, and we have taken the opportunity to create some new emails to complete our suite.

treasurer@emsworthmethodistchurch.org for contacting our new Treasurer Peter Gregory
safeguarding@emsworthmethodistchurch.org for contacting our Safeguarding Officer Diana Harris about any safeguarding issues
traidcraft@emsworthmethodistchurch.org for Traidcraft orders
notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org for contacting our Weekly Notices team
newssheet@emsworthmethodistchurch.org for submitting articles for our Monthly Newssheet

Please amend your address books accordingly. They are long addresses but will make it easy to identify the right recipient. And you only have to enter them once!!

Pamela

Ride and Stride Event - Saturday 8th September

The annual fund raising event for the Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 8th September. Last year the Hampshire and the Islands branch raised just over £60,000. Again, we are one of over 400 churches in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight participating – so we welcome any visitors (whether cycling, horse riding, bus riding, running or walking) into the Pastoral Centre in the morning, or just to sign the register outside in the afternoon.

I will be taking part again this year by cycling somewhere to some churches on or near that date!! If you would like to sponsor me that would make it even more worthwhile! And if you would like to participate in some way too, then please let me know and I will give you further details.

We were very grateful for the grant received from this trust when we were redeveloping our own premises.
Geoffrey Eardley





Prayer Prompts - September

You are invited to use the suggestions listed below in your prayer times. The monthly diary is also an aid for our prayers.

Pastoral Care: Pray for all Pastoral Visitors in our Church; all who are ill or frail in hospital or at home; those thankful for the long life they have lived, who long to 'slip away to Jesus'.

Young people coping with change: students soon heading to University or to Vocational Training; the thousands of young people who are part of our church, for '3Generate' and the Youth President of the Methodist Church.

Emsworth: for the future of the Hospital, all shops and businesses, plans for new housing.

Harvest: Our celebration on 30th Sept; all who are hungry, especially children; the work of Food Banks. People caught up in disasters: monsoon flooding, extreme heat, earthquakes.

We have a small **Prayer Chain** working within the church. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of prayer please do contact Chris Walters on 01243 379254 or email c.walters5@homecall.co.uk

Church Calendar continued:

Tuesday	25	10.30am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		2.00pm	Activity Afternoon: Harvest Home (IH)
Wednesday	26	7.30pm	Ladies Group. Rev Andrew Sheard: 'Seeing Lives Transformed' (IH)
Thursday	27	10.00	Macmillan Coffee Morning (see page 3)
Sunday	30	10.00am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Stephen Wright Followed by Bring and Share lunch (see page 4)
		6.00pm	United CTE service (please note start time) at Ss Thomas Roman Catholic Church, New Brighton Road



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

All events in Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre unless stated otherwise
 IH = International Hall, URC = United Reformed Church, Bath Road

Sunday	2	10.00am	Morning Worship led by Deacon Laura Evans and Rev Bill Stillwell Followed by Traidcraft Stall
		3.00pm	Circuit Service at Hart Plain
		6.30pm	United Holy Communion at St James' Celebrant Rev Andrew Sheard, Preacher Cdr Mark Barton
Monday	3	10.00am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		11.00am	Chair-based Exercises (IH)
Tuesday	4	10.30am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		2.00pm	Activity Afternoon: 'From Russia with Love'
Wednesday	5	6.15pm	Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship (URC)
Saturday	8		Ride and Stride (see page 6)
			
Sunday	9	10.00am	Café Church led by Rev Bill Stillwell and Deacon Laura Evans
		10.00am	United Holy Communion at St James' Celebrant Rev Bill McCoubrey, Preacher Deacon Janet Heys
		6.30pm	United Evening Worship led by Rev Geoffrey Senior, Preacher Rev John Harwood
Monday	10	10.00am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		11.00am	Chair-based Exercises (IH)
Tuesday	11	10.30am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		2.00pm	Activity Afternoon: Knit for Charity and Table Games (IH)
Wednesday	12	7.30pm	Ladies Group: Beetle Drive with Ruth Beechey (IH)
Sunday	16	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Rev Trevor Payne
		12.30pm	United Anglican-Methodist Walk (see page 5)
		6.30pm	United Evensong at St Thomas, Warblington, Led by Rev Julie Price
Monday	17	10.00am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		11.00am	Chair-based Exercises (IH)
Tuesday	18	10.30am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		10.00am	Bible Study Discussion Group (Wesley Room) see page 3
		2.00pm	Activity Afternoon: Table Games (IH)
Thursday	20	7.30pm	Church Council meeting (IH)
Sunday	23	10.00am	Morning Worship led by Deacon Laura Evans
		6.30pm	United Evening Communion led by Rev Stephen Wright
Monday	24	10.00am	Standing Exercises (IH)
		11.00am	Chair-based Exercises (IH)

Items for the October news-sheet should be in the folder in the post rack or emailed to newsheet@emsworthmethodistchurch.org by **Sat 22 September**