



Emsworth Methodist Church
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Sunday 5 January 2020

Covenant Service

10.00am Covenant Service and Holy Communion
Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell

6.30pm United Service of Holy Communion
at St James
Led by: Revd Claire Simpson

Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free

This morning Laura is at Copnor at 10.30am and this evening Bill is at Lindford at 6.30pm

Monday 6 January
Epiphany

Tuesday 7 January
2.00pm Activity
Afternoon (IH)
Beetle Drive



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

God in Love Unites Us

In response to the *Marriage and Relationships* Report, the Leadership Team has arranged a Conversation in our church on Sunday 2 February 2020 between 11.30am–1.30pm, including a short lunch break (please bring your own packed lunch). It's our opportunity to share our thoughts and respond to Synod's request for our input.

Andrew, Laura and Bill will be there to steer the discussion. If you have any questions or observations, please feel free to contact Andrew.

It will be important to have looked at the Report before attending the Conversation in order to facilitate a fruitful sharing of thoughts: copies are available in the atrium. Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part in this significant discussion.

Andrew de Ville

Wednesday 8 January

7.30pm Ladies Group (IH) **Pat Hales and Gretta Pescod**
Our Indian Family

Sunday 12 January

10.00am **Café Church**
Led by: Deacon Laura Evans

10.00am **United Service of Holy Communion**
at St James
Celebrant: Revd Julie Price
Preacher: Revd Andrew de Ville

6.30pm **United Evening Worship**
Led by: Revd Geoffrey Senior
Preacher: Revd Bill McCoubrey

This morning Bill is at Bedhampton at 10.30am

Tuesday 14 January

2.00pm **Activity Afternoon**
Knit for Charity



Wednesday 15 January

10.00am What Matters? Discussion group
Wesley Room

Thursday 16 January

7.30am Wesley Guild – James Mant (Emsworth Sailing Club) *My Life in Sailing*

Saturday 18 January

**Start of Week of
Prayer for Christian
Unity**

**10.00am Prayer and Sharing
Morning**
Baptist Church



Sunday 19 January

10.00am Morning Worship
Led by: Deacon Laura Evans

6.30am United Evensong
at St Thomas Warblington
Led by Revd Andrew Sheard

Help needed in the Coffee Bar

Mandy would be very glad to hear from anyone who is able to volunteer to help in the Coffee Bar. As we go to print, help is needed at the following times: 12–2pm on 29 and 31 January, and 2–4pm on 9, 23 and 24 January.

Please see the monthly News-sheet for more information about volunteering in the coffee bar.

Action for Children

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection for Action for Children. The total raised was £254.25.

Churches Homeless Action Voucher Scheme

Thank you to all who gave vouchers for the Churches Homeless Action Scheme. We safely delivered £160 in vouchers to Portsmouth Deanery Office, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Portsmouth on Tuesday 17 December. We hope to have a formal acknowledgement of the vouchers received in due course.

Songs of Praise 5 January 2020

Songs of Praise will be marking the start of the New Year by exploring the Covenant Service on Sunday 5 January at 1.15pm. The Revd Kate Bottley visits the New Room, Bristol and speaks to historian Gary Best about John Wesley's radical preaching, his passion for social justice and the Covenant Service. Kate also meets the current Youth President of the Methodist Church to hear about what the Covenant Service means to young Methodists.

A message from Bill Stillwell

Jan and I are very grateful for all the Christmas cards and kind wishes we've received over the last few weeks. It isn't possible for us to send as many cards as we might like to, or even to thank everybody personally, but we want you to know how much we appreciate your expressions of kindness. Thank you, too, for the birthday cards marking my advancing years before Christmas. And now – please have a happy and peaceful 2020, and may God go with you!

Sunday Lunch

The next Lunch will take place on 26 January with a further Lunch in March. *(date to be confirmed)* Proceeds from the last two Lunches together with donations and the sale of Geoffrey's crumbles have resulted in a donation of £281 being given to Christian Aid. Any profits from the next two Lunches will go to The Rowans. If you would like to join us, please give your name to Dot.



If you have items for the next Notice Sheet (for Sunday 19 January), please send them to notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org by 12 noon on Thursday 16 January.