



Emsworth Methodist Church
& Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 16th February

10.00am Holy Communion
Led by Revd David Rice

6.30pm United Evensong at St Thomas
Warblington
Led by Revd Julie Price

This morning Bill is at Stubbington at 10.15
Our communion bread is gluten and dairy-free

Tuesday 18th February

10.30am Drop in Memory cafe

2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)
My Favourite shoe

Wednesday 19th February

10.00am Dementia Friends Awareness session (IH)

10.00am What Matters? A discussion group
(Wesley Room)

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

Thursday 20th February

7.30pm

**Wesley Guild "Personalities in Havant's
Forgotten Cemeteries"
Gillian Peskett (IH)**

Sunday 23rd February

10.00am

Morning Worship

Led by Andrew Wilcock

6.30pm

United Evening Worship

Led by Deacon Laura Evans

This morning at 10.30 Bill is at Bedhampton and Laura is at Eastney.

Augmented United Choir Easter Offering

Although the United Choir will no longer be singing at services we will be coming together again for our Easter Offering. We will be singing Haydn's Little Organ Mass on Good Friday 10th April at 3.30pm in St James' Church and weekly practices will take place on Monday evenings during Lent commencing 2nd March at 7.30pm in the church. Music will be provided and there will be no auditions. We hope you will join us – you will be most welcome. Please just come along to our practices or, if you have any queries, please speak to me. *Sue Dudman*

Christians Together in Emsworth Card Distribution

Christians Together in Emsworth distribute the invitations to Christmas and Easter services to all homes in Emsworth and Warblington – a total of over 5,500 invitation cards. The cards are distributed by more than 150 members of the different Emsworth churches, but some of the older distributors are now no longer able to carry on, and new distributors are needed for the Easter card distribution. There are usually between 20 and 40 cards in each area.

If you would like to help, please contact Paul Chapman: – paul.chapman@blueyonder.co.uk or 07305 406566. Alternatively please speak to **Sue Dudman** who has a list of those roads which now require new distributors.

Farewells and Welcomes

On Sunday 1 March, 3.30pm at Petersfield Methodist Church we have a Circuit Service to say farewell to Andrew de Ville and to Pam Stone. It is also a service of Welcome for David Muskett as our new Superintendent and to Celia Withers, recently appointed as Local Lay Pastor for Bridgemaury, Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent. It would be helpful if you could indicate to Dot whether you intend to go to Petersfield and could offer a lift/lifts to others, or indeed whether you would appreciate a lift.

Gift for Andrew de Ville

At the Circuit Service at Petersfield on 1st March, a gift will be given to Andrew in recognition of his time with us in of the Circuit. There will be an opportunity for everyone to contribute to this, at our services today. Thank you.

A Message from Andrew de Ville (following his last service with us on Sunday 2nd February)

Helen and I were delighted to receive the card and picture last Sunday. They are truly a wonderful reminder of Emsworth, but more importantly of the people at EMC. Thank you all for your love and support over the last few years and we wish you every blessing for the future.

Andrew

Christian Aid

In previous years, during Lent, many of us have been involved with 'Count your Blessings', a chance for us to consider how much we have, compared to many people around the world who have very little. This year we are having our own version where you will be invited to put your donation in a jar. The suggested amount is 40p a day for 40 days, but obviously you give as little or as much as you are able. In order for us to make this happen we are looking for clean jam jars or 1 pint plastic milk bottles. We will add our Christian Aid stickers and hand them to anyone who would like to support us in this way. This will start on Ash Wednesday, 26th February and end on Easter Day 12th April.

The next date for your diary is Christian Aid Week from 10th to 16th May and you are invited to join us for a Coffee and Cake morning on Saturday 16th May. This will be a similar venture to the Macmillan Coffee Morning and we hope some of you will be able to support us by providing a cake.

Please pass your empty jars and bottles to Gill Cooper, Margaret Sawyer or Marian Hughes.

News from the Circuit

Superintendent following the appointment of Revd Andrew de Ville as Chair of the Southampton District until 31st August 2022. Revd David Muskett has been appointed Superintendent. David will be joining our Ministerial Team and have the same responsibilities as Andrew, namely Chair of Church Council, the General Church Meeting and the Ministerial representative on the Church Leadership Team. David will also have pastoral oversight of Liphook and Midhurst.

Bridgemaury, Gosport and Lee on Solent: Mrs Celia Withers has been appointed as the Lay Pastor to at these churches.

Drayton, Havant and Wymering: The Circuit hopes from 1st September to appoint a Minister from an Overseas Conference to have pastoral oversight.

Haslemere: The Revd Doctor John Illsley has been appointed to have pastoral oversight.

Fareham and Stubbington: Revd Clare Simpson will have pastoral oversight. Clare will continue as Deputy Superintendent.

Lindford: The pastoral oversight at these churches will continue to be ecumenical. With both Anglican and Methodist Ministers at Lindford Revd Deborah Scott-Bromley (Anglican), with Deacon Janet Heys having Methodist pastoral oversight.

The Beacon Church in Bordon: Ministerial Team of Anglican, URC and Methodist with Deacon Janet Heys being the Methodist team member and Revd Stephen Wright as Methodist Presbyter.

Bedhampton: Revd Bill Stillwell will continue have pastoral oversight.

Petersfield, Havant, Hart Plain and Cowplain*: Revd Stephen Wright will continue to have pastoral oversight.

Pam Stone: has retired as Lay Worker at Drayton and Wymering.

*Believed to be the new name for the Society previously known as "Horndean". The change of name has probably been caused by the change of location where the society is meeting.

General Church Meeting

All members of our church family are invited to our annual **General Church Meeting** on **Tuesday 10th March** at **7.30pm**.

As well as appointing our Church Stewards and electing representatives to the Church Council, we shall be having a conversation on the life of our church and, in particular, on *Patterns of Worship*.

For the last two years we have had only two Church Stewards, Dot Warren and David Sawyer.

It would be enormously helpful if another Church Steward could be appointed, particularly as Dot has now served as a Steward for five years, and as Senior Steward for three.

Please give prayerful consideration as to whether you are being called to serve our church in this way, and do make every effort to join us for this important meeting in the life of our church.

Nominations for Church Stewards and representatives to Church Council should be received in writing by Alan Hickox, Church Council Secretary, or by Deacon Laura Evans, by Saturday 29th February.

Advance Notices

Fairtrade Fortnight

To mark this, the St James Fairtrade Group will be holding a **Fairtrade Tea Party** in International Hall **on Saturday 29th February from 3pm till 5pm**, with goods from Palestine and a small Traidcraft stall. Please come and join us, you are all very welcome. Contact 01243 378560

Lent Communions

There will be a series of six Lent Communions this year, at 1pm on **Tuesdays, starting on 3rd March**. These will be held in International Hall and offer the chance for folk to share in a Ploughman's Lunch in the Pastoral Centre beforehand if they would like to!

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 2020 at 2 p.m.

In the Pastoral Centre Followed by Refreshments All Welcome
Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk Prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe. A Women Led, Global, Ecumenical Movement
It would be good if you are able to support this Global Ecumenical Service. Any volunteers to read and contributions of cakes, scones (light refreshments) on the day would be much appreciated. Please contact me if you are interested. The rehearsal for this service will be at 12.30 in International Hall on 28th February.

Margaret Sawyer

(Methodist Representative WDP)

Saturday 7th March

10am-3pm Circuit Training day Delving into Dementia

Open to all who are interested in developing their skills... No charge - lunch and refreshments included. To reserve your place and confirm dietary requirements, please email Louise Wright via: wrightlouisemrs@gmail.com

If you have items for the next Notice Sheet (for Sunday 23rd February) please send them by 12 noon on Thursday 20th February to notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org