



**Emsworth Methodist Church**  
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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**10.00am Morning Worship  
Led by Wendy Corney**

**11.30am Conversation on the Marriage and  
Relationship report (IH)**

**6.30pm A Taize style communion service for  
Candlemas at St James  
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Sheard  
Preacher: Revd Bill Stillwell**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am Home Instead Memory cafe**

**2.00pm Activity Afternoon (IH)  
Decoupage for beginners**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.30pm Wesley Guild 'Desert Island Discs'  
Chris Walters interviews Dot Warren (IH)**

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

## **Sunday 9th February**

**10.00am Café Church led by Margaret Sawyer**

**10.00am United Holy Communion at St James  
Celebrant: Revd Bill Stillwell  
Preacher: Revd Andrew Sheard**

**6.30pm United Evening Worship**

**Led by Deacon Laura Evans  
Preacher Revd Andrew Sheard**

## **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**2.30pm Activity Afternoon: Knit for Charity (IH)**

**1.00pm Thanksgiving service for John Dowdell  
at Lee on the Solent Methodist Church (see p4)**

## **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.00am Sending Ripples (Wesley Room)  
More details in the NewsSheet**

**7.30pm Ladies Group: Members Beetle drive (IH)**

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Pastoral Centre Closed**

**1.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Margaret Mason**

**There will be a Committal Service at The Oaks at 12.15pm  
The family would like to encourage anyone who wishes to  
attend both services.**

## **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*

## **Church Rota**

I will shortly be making the next Church Rota for March, April and May. If anyone is not currently on the rota and would like to offer to help out with stewarding, welcome, books, reading or leading intercessions, please let me know.

Geoffrey

## **Isabel Benzie's 90th Birthday**

I am aware that Isabel will be celebrating her 90th birthday towards the end of February, so I thought it would be nice to send her a card from all her old friends in Emsworth! It is 8 years now since Isabel and Hugh left us to go and live in Tavistock, near family, but I know she still has very fond memories of all her years here and I'm sure she would be thrilled. I will have the card available at services over the next few Sundays, to enable all those of you who remember Isabel to add your greeting

Dot

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm in St James' Church and weekly practices will take place on Monday evenings during Lent commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

Saturday 29 February, 2pm at Chandlers Ford Methodist Church is a service of Farewell to Andrew Wood as District Chair and a service of Welcome for Andrew de Ville as the new Chair of the Southampton District. If you would like to go please let the District Administrator, Sarah Potheary, know [chairspa@sdmc.org.uk](mailto:chairspa@sdmc.org.uk) It is not quite too late to say you'll attend. Information about parking and seating will be issued during February. The following day on

Sunday 1 March, 3.30pm at Petersfield Methodist Church we have a Circuit Service to say farewell to Andrew de Ville as our Superintendent and to Pam Stone who is retiring at the end of March from her role as a Lay Pastoral Assistant. It is also a service of Welcome for David Muskett as our new Superintendent and we'll say 'hello' to Celia Withers, recently appointed as Local Lay Pastor for Bridgemary, 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 on the three Sundays in February. Thank you.

The arrangements for the funeral of **John Dowdell** (a local preacher and a former resident of Emsworth) are as follows: Committal at Portchester Crematorium (South Chapel) at 12noon on Tuesday 11th February followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Lee-on-the-Solent Methodist Church at 1pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend both services.

### **Advance Notice**

Lent Communions will be on Tuesdays at 1pm starting on 3rd March

If you have items for the next Notice Sheet (for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February) please send them by 12 noon on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February to [notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org](mailto:notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org)