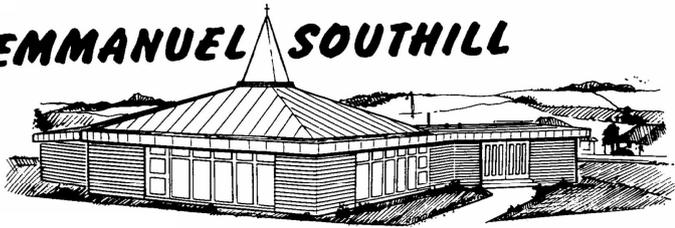


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God with us at the heart of our community



November 2017

The power of prayer

I seem to have been mentioning this quite a bit recently, but can we ever overemphasize the importance of prayer? It was really encouraging to see so many people at the recent parish prayer gathering at Emmanuel. Hopefully we can make sure the next one at St Aldhelm's on Tuesday 7th is equally well supported. We are

praying about the special carol services with J. John, - who we might invite, and for a positive response to the good news of Christmas.

It's now been almost a year that some of us have been meeting for prayer each morning. We have read and reflected on God's word; we have held before Him the needs of the world; we have asked for his blessing on all the activities that happen in our building each day; we have given thanks, and interceded for the needs of our fellowship and community. Has it made any difference? What has changed?

Well we have! When we spend time before God it changes us. We are drawn closer to His heart and will. Starting the day in this way helps to set the tone, and frequently challenges us. I have found too that this small act of meeting has built something between us; a community of prayer and fellowship is something worth belonging to.

And in case you are asking, yes, we do believe there have been answers to prayer.

I know that first thing doesn't suit everyone. We are hoping to start a similar venture down in St. Mary's, probably at noon each day. We hope to gather folk from across the parish,

with a heart for our town centre and its community. Hopefully some of you might feel able to commit to do this on one or more days a week. Look out for information in the weekly news sheet.

I don't want to jump the gun but it seems that the prayer and action of those supporting the Bus Shelter has borne fruit. There are still some ends to tie up, but progress has been made and our hope and expectation is that it will be up and running before the really cold winter weather sets in. Thank you to everyone who contacted their councillors, who signed the petition and who prayed.

*Rejoice always,
pray continually, give thanks
in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ
Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Yours in Jesus,

Summary of the Emmanuel DCC meeting held on 11 September 2017

Fence and Spire – quotations are being sourced.

Website – Jackie would like to use a template to help with the necessary changes and maintenance. The Emmanuel website needs to be mobile and tablet friendly, contain better photographs – for example of people in the different church groups (with permission). It must be easy to update with a feed from Facebook or Twitter.

Church Floor – with many thanks to Elaine, Pip and Southill Primary School's machine, the floor has been treated much to everyone's delight.

Finance - there has been no more news about the Parish Giving Scheme.

It looks as though there continues to be a small deficit in the funds. The Treasurer's Report is filed with these Minutes.

Wardens - sixteen people came to the Work Day or undertook tasks at another time which meant that all jobs were completed except for some outside painting. Some chair backs need repairing and this is in hand.

Children and Young People - three people are willing to organise activities for children and young people on a Sunday morning. Bev and Pip will organise a meeting for the people who run these various groups.

Messy Church - it will be interesting to see how many families come to the September activities.

Toddler Time - restarts this week with Pat and Sheila helping.

Friday Club - restarts this week and the child/adult ratio is just about manageable although a few more helpers would be very good.

AOB - Toybox Charity – it was decided to raise Emmanuel's monthly giving from £15 to £20 with immediate effect.

Emmanuel Services—it was decided that from 1 October, coffee and tea will be served at 9.45 am between the services to enable people from both services to meet up. More people will be encouraged to sign the Refreshments rota.

Bus petition – now that the petition has reached 1000 there will be a discussion at a full Council Meeting.

Julia Moore
DCC Secretary

Pip's News

Bishop Nicholas has invited me to be the new Rural Dean for Weymouth & Portland. I will be supported by James Menzies from All Saints, Portland as my assistant. We would both value your prayers as we take on these new responsibilities.

The deanery currently has vacancies for both a Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to serve the wider church community in this way, please talk to me about what it involves.

Pip



Service of Remembrance - Sunday 12th November

As has been our custom, we will have a quiet service where we offer space and an opportunity to remember a loved one.

We will have a tea from 4pm and start the short service at 5pm.

All are invited, you may have a neighbour, friend or relative you would like to bring. If you would like someone named who has died in the last year would you please let Pip know the name, in person or by email. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle for anyone you would like to remember.



Coffee Morning



Coffee & Cake
Fairtrade stall
with Christmas cards,
gifts, food
& other goodies



Saturday 2 Dec 10am-12noon

for more info :

Email: vicar@emmanuelwey.co.uk or ring: 01305 778995

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Would all people with articles for inclusion in the December Newsletter please submit them by Sunday 12th November at the latest.

Thank you.

Religious Humour

A vicar parked his car in a no-parking area in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a ticket from a traffic warden along with this note, "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



Wise Words

A diamond is a chunk of coal
that was made good
under pressure.

Prayer Visiting

Please pray for everyone in the homes in Rowan Close.

SERVICES AT EMMANUEL

8.45 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
with young people's groups

HOLY COMMUNION

8.45 am 1st. & 3rd Sundays
10.00 am 4th Sunday

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