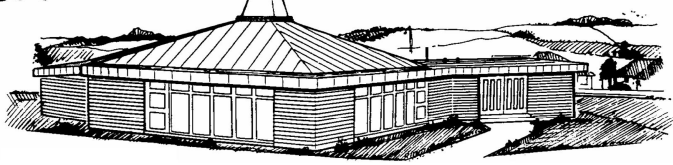


EMMANUEL SOUTHILL



God with us at the
heart of our community



July 2018

The Power of God Given Love

The Royal wedding is now a largely fading memory. There are however in my mind a few enduring images: -the arrival of Meghan and the excitement around the first sighting of her dress -the lone walk down the aisle until she was joined by Prince Charles, - the good grace of Prince Charles as he offered his arm to Meghan's mother—the first kiss between Prince Harry and Meghan on the steps of the Chapel, and -the subsequent procession around Windsor through the huge

crowds of people. But the stand-out enduring memory for me is the address given by Bishop Curry of the Episcopal Church. From the televised looks on the faces of those in attendance, and from my subsequent discussions with various people, his sermon polarised opinion, but it will certainly not be quickly forgotten.

We are very fortunate at Emmanuel as we have the Gospel preached, and preached extremely well, each and every week. But was it not exciting to hear and see Bishop Curry preach the Gospel 'good and proper' and with tremendous passion to such a large world-wide audience. And if people really listened to what he said, and many, many did, then they heard of God's incredible and redemptive love for each and every one of us, and what a very different world we would have if people were able to love one another with that same sacrificial and unconditional love demonstrated by Jesus.

At our Home Group we have been looking at 1 Peter this term and we have reflected a little on that amazing act of God's love when Jesus gave his life on Good Friday. We cannot possibly fully understand the mental

emotional and spiritual suffering of Jesus at that time, let alone the physical suffering as he sacrificed his life for each one of us personally. But as we live our lives and endeavour to bring God's love to our hurting world, including serving our community of Southill, and of Weymouth and Portland, through the many and varied activities offered at Emmanuel and through other Christian work in the area, may we never lose sight of what God has done for us through Jesus, and what power there is in God given love.

And while I have the chance – a plug for Home Groups:- Home Groups provide a wonderful opportunity to share God's love in fellowship with one another in an informal setting – to celebrate each other's joys, and to offer support when times are not so good – as well as of course to reflect on God's Word. If you would like to join or even lead a Home Group please speak with me.

Blessings,

Ian Walton

What's On in July

Daily Mon to Thurs

Morning prayers 8:30am

Monday 2nd July

DCC Meeting at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 3rd July

Holy Communion - 9:30am

Wednesday 11th July

Prayer 10:15am
at 103 Chafeys Avenue

Tuesday 17th July

Holy Communion - 9:30am

Thursday 28th July

Prayer 7:30pm
at 30 Roman Close

Sunday 26th July

Witness Service at 6.30 pm,
at Our Lady, Star of the Sea,
(St Joseph's)

SUMMARY of a meeting of Emmanuel DCC held on 30th April 2018

Ian Walton thanked Nick Clarke for taking part in the meeting and he welcomed two new DCC members – Lynne Phillips and Donna Smith.

Safeguarding Training - DCC agreed that during the Vacancy, Julia will oversee Safeguarding and will check who has/who needs to update their training including DCC members who do not work with children or vulnerable adults.

Roles and Responsibilities – there was a discussion about job descriptions which don't appear to have been available for some time. The position of Evangelism was discussed. Bev will continue with Children & Young People, and add Publicity to her role. All other roles and responsibilities remain the same as previously.

Finance – unanimous decision to end tithe to the New Tribes Mission and split the tithe into four. The Parish Giving system is not available yet. Brian will send a reminder about Easyfundraising via the Newsletter. The Finance Report is held with these Minutes.

Church Wardens - reported that the Lounge Boiler is working well but there are no spare parts available.

Pastoral Care - Nick is to look into a possible course which could be Deanery wide. People who received Communion at home from Pip are being taken care of by others.

Maintenance - Spire – once the dimensions have been checked, there is a 4 – 6 week wait for the fitting date. It will cost approximately £7000 of which £2500 has been paid already. **Raised Area** – the stained ceiling is on the jobs list. The lights are poor but not a fire hazard. Coffee Morning money is being used for repairs. Kitchen guttering is on the Maintenance List – the leaves need clearing from it periodically. There is no money available to refurbish the kitchen.

Preparations for the appointment of a new Vicar. There was a wide ranging discussion and SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) led by Nick which culminated in a working document for the Profile.

Julia Moore

DCC Secretary

Wally Sumner

Joyce, Debbie and Richard wish to thank everyone who attended Wally's Thanksgiving Service and for the many messages of love and support we received.

Special thanks go to Geoff for conducting such a lovely service and to Anne, Marilyn, Sue, Julie and Erica who all played an important part in the service, making it very special for us.

Thank you all and God bless.

Joyce

News of the Beckwith's with MAF

Hello from all four of us!

We can't believe that we're almost halfway through Term 2 here for the girls. This year seems to be speeding by far too quickly!

Our little break over Easter was lovely! With the Commonwealth Games down on the Gold Coast and a few events up here in Cairns. There was a real festival atmosphere, with big screens and different free events and stages on the esplanade and streets closed for restaurants to extend outwards with their tables and chairs. So it didn't feel like just another trip to Cairns but a real break from normal. At the end of our time away we were all pleased to come back to our lovely new home too, so it was just what we needed!

For those who are interested in the weather, the rainy season is over and it's now a lot cooler here. June 1st is the first day of winter here, which still doesn't sound right! Temperatures in tropical far north Queensland are dropping to almost the same as UK summer now!

In the hangar we're both busy. Mark's role is full-on as Part 145 Project Manager. Things are slowly moving forward but not as quickly as he would like. Organising that and troubleshooting all the other things that are going on definitely keeps him on his toes! This month Mark had a few days down in Cairns at an external conference.

Even though Jenny's been trying to cut back on the things she is involved in, she still rarely has 5 minutes to herself! This month she will be at a MAF Asia Pacific Region Communications Conference in Cairns, a chance to meet up with all

the other Communications Officers.

We have had the opportunity to work through things that we've ever been putting off though. It's certainly never dull. We're just both grateful that our skills are being used by MAF!

The girls are continuing well. Abigail has finished swimming for the time being, now that it's getting cooler but will be off to another chess tournament later this month. Naomi is continuing well with her gymnastics and will be taking part in her first real competition next month. She's happy to wait a bit longer for her first chess tournament though! This term is a long one, 11 weeks with no break ... and we can see that the girls are already beginning to get quite tired and grouchy, so we are trying to ensure there are breaks in the busyness, for them (and us!) to make it to the end of term in one piece! Naomi celebrated her 7th birthday since we last wrote and had a great time with a few friends at home, some old fashioned fun party games and yummy cake. What more could a girl wish for?!

In a few weeks time we will welcome Grandma and Gramps back to Australia for the first time since 2016. They will get to see our new home first hand and their trip will coincide with the girls next school holidays too.

We're pleased to share that the family who started coming to church with us at the beginning of March have continued to join us each week since then and are really enjoying it. Last Sunday there was a special event at the old church which they went to and they were shocked and confused by how empty and meaningless it all

seemed, having spent time at Mareeba Baptist.

Our Life Group at church is growing and we're hoping to split it in the not-too-distant future and grow two separate groups, so that more families can enjoy being part of a smaller 'family' outside of the Sunday services. We are usually 20+ when we meet now for food and fellowship and it's a lot of fun, but getting any bigger would begin to become impractical, so pray for us as we begin to work out the changes.

Here are the highlights from us this month in the form of prayer points:

- Praise for a good break in April and for the cooler weather
- Pray for our busy work schedules in the hangar and for both of us to prioritise well the workload that we both have
- Pray for the girls as they push through the longest term of the year, for energy and strength to keep giving their best
- Pray for the family who have started coming to church with us
- Pray for the future of our life groups at church as they change and grow
- Pray for safe travels for Mark's parents and fun times together

We hope that you are all well and thank you once again for your prayers and messages of encouragement!

Much love from Mareeba!

**Mark, Jenny,
Abigail and Naomi**

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Would all people with articles for inclusion in the August Newsletter please submit them by Sunday 15th July at the latest.

Wise Words

Life follows an ever-changing pattern and many of us do not find it easy to adapt to change. The nineteenth century writer and poet Henry Newman had this to say:

“In a higher world it is otherwise; but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

Perhaps those of us who find change especially difficult should remember that the way things work out may not be to our liking at first but can be for the better in the long run.

From 'The Friendship Book'



Registers

Funerals

We pray for the families of:

Janet Hudson,

Marjorie Barrett,

aged 80 yrs.

Wally Sumner,

aged 89 yrs.

Prayer Visiting

Please pray for everyone in the homes in Chafeys Avenue (part two).

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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