



**Services During April**

**Sundays**  
7th, 14th  
9am Holy Communion  
10am Refreshments in ECHO  
10.45am Family Worship

21st 10am Family Communion  
Refreshments after the service  
followed by Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting  
28th 9am Holy Communion  
10.45am All EngAGE in ECHO

**Tuesdays**  
9.30am Said Communion followed  
by refreshments in ECHO

**WELCOME to Emmanuel Church!**

If you are a visitor, it is great to have you, and please make yourself known to a welcomer if we can help. And please, come as you are....You don't have to dress up. You don't have to be any particular age. And you don't have to pretend about anything. Emmanuel Church is a place where God meets seeking people who are far from perfect. That means anyone is welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. So learn at your own pace. Ask questions. Seek. We believe you will find what you are looking for. You'll learn how to relate to God. You'll experience Christian community. And the biggest promise is that he will change you as we journey together. Just come as you are. There is coffee and a chance to meet people between the services, and if you would like someone to listen to you and/or pray with you, there are people who are available to do that at the end of our services.

Our mission is  
*'to grow in the love of God and to share it with others'.*

# Emmanuel Church Newsletter

Visit our website at: [www.emmanuelstaltburn.co.uk](http://www.emmanuelstaltburn.co.uk)

## WHAT IF? WHAT WOULD?

April 2024

What if you embraced more fully the Biblical teaching to love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength; and to love your neighbour as yourself?

What would your life, your home, your street, your church and your community look like?

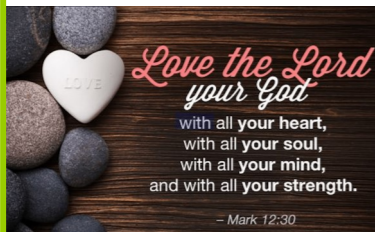
What if you embraced more fully the four Biblical loves and lived them out humbly, thoughtfully and without confusion?

- 1) 'Agape' love that is self-sacrificial, unconditional, humble and chosen.
- 2) 'Philia' love that nurtures friendship.
- 3) 'Storge' love that is empathetic and familial.
- 4) 'Eros' love that is romantic or sexual.



What if men and women embrace more fully 'agape' love before all other loves? What if men and women choose to keep 'eros' love only within the sacred commitment of lifelong marriage? What if husbands love their wives as 'Christ loves his church' - sacrificially and faithfully? What if being single and chaste is embraced and nurtured with 'philia' love?

What would this mean for lifelong, loving stable marriages? What would this mean for children born and brought up by a loving father and mother? What would this mean for wholesome friendships and those who welcome the call to being single? What would this do to rates of unwanted pregnancies? What would happen to rates of sexually transmitted infections? What would this do to the numbers of men and women addicted to pornography?



What if we embraced more fully the Bible's revelation that every man, woman, child and baby is created in the image of God and is worthy of love, dignity and respect?

What would our relationships look like with people of different nationalities, ethnicities, or genders? What would men's treatment of women look like? What would this do to the numbers of people feeling lonely and lost? What would happen to abortion rates? What would this do to our mental health?

What if we embraced more fully the Bible's teaching on forgiveness, reconciliation, restitution and peace? What if we are truly sorry for our words and actions that have hurt others, and show this by our words and actions? What if we choose to forgive those who hurt us, 'not seven times, but seventy-seven times'? What if we choose to love and lift up those in need, those who have made decisions that have gone wrong? What if we choose not to condemn them, not to gossip about them?

What would this forgiveness, this reconciliation and this restitution look like in our lives today? What would this change in our lives, homes, streets, church and community?

What if we know deep down and believe in our hearts that we have peace with God our Father because of the death and resurrection of Jesus?

What would this change in us instantly today and gradually over time?

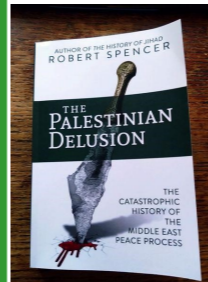
This Easter season I encourage you to try to ask and answer more 'what if?', 'what would?' questions as you faithfully follow Jesus and live in the power of His Spirit. And please pray for someone you know who you could ask to join you in doing the 321 course this June.

Happy Easter  
Rev Adam

## Page 2 Key dates for the next few weeks.....

|                  |  |                   |                    |
|------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Thurs 4th & 18th | The Waiting Room                       | 10am to 12noon    | The Orangery       |
| Thurs 4th        | The Man Cave (Weekly)                  | 1.30 to 4.30pm    | ECHO Main Hall     |
|                  | Evening Prayer (Weekly)                | 5.30 to 6.30pm    | Church             |
| Friday 5th       | Silent Auction                         | 6.30pm            | ECHO Main Hall     |
| Sat 6th          | Men's Breakfast                        | 9am to 10.30am    | The Victoria PH    |
|                  | Women's Fellowship Breakfast           | 9am to 10.30am    | Spa Hotel          |
|                  | 'The Glass' Art Exhibition (last one!) | 2pm to 4pm        | Artspace in Church |
| Sun 7th          | Treasure Seekers Volunteers Meeting    | After 2nd Service | Rainbow Room       |
| Tues 9th         | 'The Romans Course'(weekly)            | 10.45 to 12.15    | Jubilee Room       |
| Wed 10th         | Tiny Tots Family Drop In (Weekly)      | 1pm to 3pm        | ECHO Main Hall     |
| Thurs 11th       | 'The Romans Course'                    | 7.30pm to 9pm     | ECHO Main Hall     |
| Sun 14th         | Art Workshop                           | 2pm to 4pm        | Jubilee Room       |
| Sat 20th         | Rollo Powell-Jones Celebration of Life | 2pm               | Church             |
| Sun 21st         | Annual Parochial Church Meeting        | 12pm              | ECHO Main Hall     |
|                  | Dark into Light Exhibition Launch      | 2-3pm             | Artspace in Church |
|                  | The Party @ ECHO                       | 4pm to 5pm        | ECHO Main Hall     |
| Sat 27th         | Psalm & Stretches                      | 9.30am            | ECHO Main Hall     |
|                  | Dark into Light Exhibition             | 2pm to 4pm        | Artspace in Church |

**VICAR'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION**  
**'The Palestinian Delusion: The Catastrophic History of the Middle East Peace Process' by Robert Spencer**



Like so many people I have been horrified by the events we are seeing in Israel and the Gaza Strip since 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. But I realized that I didn't know enough about the history, the politics and the religious impulses that have such a large impact on the peoples of the Middle East. I wondered why all the peace initiatives seemed to fail despite so much diplomacy and the millions of pounds being spent in the region. I thought that the narrative being reported by the BBC and other outlets didn't give truly satisfactory answers. Crucially, I thought the religious dimensions were not given due regard or importance. So, I read 'The Palestinian Delusion' by Robert Spencer. It is a challenging, informative and well researched book that situates 'the Israeli-Palestinian conflict within the context of the global jihad that has found renewed impetus in the latter portion of the twentieth century and the beginning of the twenty-first.'

I encourage you to read it or listen to it and I would enjoy hearing your thoughts on it. Let us all continue to pray for peace and the spread of the Good News of Jesus in the Middle East.

Rev Adam

**The Romans Course**

The Bible Society have produced a stunning 10-week course on Paul's letter to the Romans. Each week there are two short videos presented by Andrew Ollerton along with group discussion and personal reflection, all supported by participants' notes and daily readings.

Join us to engage with sessions 6-10 (Roman 8-16)

Either Tuesday mornings 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th April & 7th May (10.45 - 12.15) or Thursday evenings 11th, 18th, 25th April, 2nd & 9th May (7.30 - 9.00)

Refreshments available from 10.15am & 7pm

**THE PARTY @ ECHO**

**continues in 2024!**  
January 21st  
February 18th  
March 17th  
April 21st

**Games, songs, food, fun!**

For Year 1-6 children at  
**Emmanuel Church Hall**

Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. You do get a free glass of wine or soft drink though!  
[emmanuelchurchsaltburn@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelchurchsaltburn@gmail.com)  
01287 622251

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday 6th April**  
9am to 10.30am  
Meet in back room of The Victoria, Dundas Street East

**An opportunity for fellowship, discussion and prayer**

**Silent Auction**  
**Friday 5th April**  
**6.30pm Start**

**£5 entry includes a glass of wine and cheese & biscuits**

**Please give donations of items to auction to Julie Scott or drop them at the church office.**

**Proceeds to Saltburn & East Cleveland Befrienders**

**Women's Fellowship Breakfast**  
**Saturday 6th April**  
9am to 10.30am At The Spa Hotel  
In the snug, please contact Barbara Murphy if you need a lift on 07510523072 or 01642605980

An opportunity to come together in a relaxed space, all welcome, bring a friend

**pop up Easter Aroma**

The pop up gathering at Brockley Hall on Saturday 9th March raised £180 for Coatham House in Redcar, a charity working with homeless young people.

Thank you to Angela, Sue, Pat, Maggie and Alison for planning the event and welcoming the women and to Richard who talked about the work to support young people at Coatham House.

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| The Church Register | March |
| Baptisms            | None  |
| Weddings            | None  |
| Funerals            | None  |

For April 2024 Morning Prayer available on Zoom 9am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer Thursday 5.30pm in Church and Night Prayer Monday 8pm in Church  
Please email the church office for the Zoom invitations to be emailed to you.

**Monday:** Righteous God, we pray for those who serve within the criminal justice system. Help them to act with wisdom, impartiality and compassion towards people charged with offences, those seeking justice, and colleagues in police, prison and probation services, and the courts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Tuesday:** Prince of Peace, we bring to You places torn apart by war: cities razed to the ground and communities brought to their knees. Please cause Your resurrection life and hope to rescue and restore innocent victims through the work of peacemakers, aid and development agencies and Your Church. By Your grace. Amen.

**Wednesday:** Father, thank You for organisations that work with extremely vulnerable people on our streets and in other hidden places of deprivation, abuse and despair caused by homelessness, addiction, modern slavery and other perilous situations. Please help them to find ways to bring rescue and restoration. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Thursday:** Lord our Comforter, thank You for the expertise and compassion of those working in palliative care settings: specialist hospital wards, hospices and in the community. We pray for there to be enough resources made available in every corner of the country. In Jesus' name. Amen.


**Friday:** Lord, we pray for effective ways to be found to reduce the appalling waste of one third of all food produced globally, in the UK 9.5 million tonnes a year – while millions struggle to afford to eat. Please bless projects that redistribute surplus food to charities, foodbanks and other organisations. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Saturday:** Lord our Redeemer, please inspire people working in marine conservation, innovating and implementing solutions to pollution that causes such damage to our oceans, seas and waterways. We pray for major progress in restoring and rejuvenating these ecosystems. In Your mercy. Amen.

**Sunday:** Lord, we remember those in police forces and emergency services who experience distressing or traumatic events as they respond to accidents and cases of serious violence. Please guard them from harm and illness as they seek to protect and help others. In Your mercy. Amen.

**We pray that Jesus will be at the centre of everything we think and do and say**

Please contact the Church Office if you, or someone you know, would like to be included in the prayer sheet on 01287 622251 or contact Sue Welburn on 07960805805 for prayers to be circulated on the Prayer Chain

The Foodbank is available in ECHO Tuesdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm   
Please donate non-perishable items including cereals, tinned meat, fish, fruit, tomatoes, vegetables, potatoes, instant mash, jam, marmelade, tea & coffee, long life milk, fruit juice, snacks & crisps, rice pudding/custard, biscuits & puddings, toilet rolls, washing powder, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, pet food  
Donations of food and other items can be left at the back of church or dropped off at the church office, thank you for your support.

**Tiny Tots Family Drop In**  
 Wednesdays (Term Time Only) 1pm to 3pm in ECHO Main Hall Providing play experiences for children in a safe and well organized environment and an opportunity to talk in a friendly, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere Refreshments available All Welcome

Children's Ministry @Emmanuel

7th, 14th 21st April in ECHO



**Morning Prayer on Zoom**

How do you begin your day? Join together Monday to Friday on Zoom at 9am as we read the bible, give thanks, read a daily reflection and pray . All Welcome, please contact the church office for the zoom details

**Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel**

I would like to encourage you to join me for Evening Prayer in Emmanuel Church on Thursdays from 5.30pm. It is the gift of one hour to sit and reflect on the Bible and, in response, pray for our church, community and wider world.

Home Groups at Emmanuel offer a safe space to grow in love and fellowship.

To find out more information about Home Groups or to discuss joining a group, please contact Revd Adam



**Bible Readings for April**

7th: Acts 4: 32-35; John 20: 19-end 9am NKJV 10.45am NIVUK

14th: Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24: 36b-48 NIVUK

21st: Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18 NIVUK

28th: Acts 8: 26-end; John 15: 1-8 NIVUK

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BIBLE READING IN HOMES 

Would you like to come together with other Christians to read the Bible in a informal home setting; and then to share with the others in the group anything you received from God about the passages that were read? If you are interested in attending or hosting a group please contact the Church Office for more information on 01287 622251 or emmanuelchurchsaltburn@gmail.com and leave your details or speak to Veronica Govenlock. We look forward to having you join us to experience His blessing together!

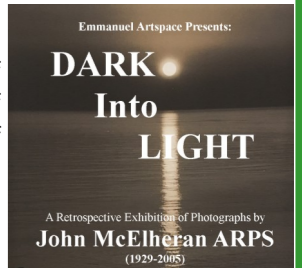
artspace@emmanuel update

The Glass 24<sup>th</sup> February - 6<sup>th</sup> April

The Glass exhibition has attracted many visitors, who have left some lovely comments. Thank you to everyone who has provided such an eclectic selection. The last day to see the exhibition is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm to 4pm.

Dark Into Light 21<sup>st</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The artspace is proud to present a retrospective exhibition of photographs by John McElheran ARPS, the late father of Richard. Despite visual impairment, John carried on his hobby of photography throughout his life and just a small sample of the wonderful images he captured will be on display. The family have also donated a large number of prints which will be on sale to raise funds for Sightsavers.



Exhibition Opening Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024, 2pm to 3pm

The exhibition space will be open from 2pm to 4pm on the following dates: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April, Sat 4<sup>th</sup>, Sat 11<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> and Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please sign up for stewarding if you are able to help.

Advanced Notice to all our contributors – Next open exhibition title is "Summertime"

Art Club Guided Workshops - 2pm to 4pm in Jubilee Room at ECHO

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Self Portraits (Watercolour)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Paper cut outs after Henri Matisse

The Art Club is a group of people who enjoy exploring new mediumS together. All are welcome, no prior art experience is required. Participants will be required to bring a mirror to the self portrait workshop – all other materials will be provided. The workshop costs £3.00 per person

For further information please email [patsivewright@hotmail.com](mailto:patsivewright@hotmail.com)

Ladies Retreat to Lindisfarne Friday 7th to Sunday 9th June


Staying at Marygate House, an opportunity to spend time with our Lord creatively Cost of food and accommodation £150 Shared transport to be arranged Booking forms at the back of church

Men's Weekend to Lindisfarne Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July

Staying at Marygate House, an opportunity to spend time with our Lord creatively Cost of food and accommodation £150 Shared transport to be arranged Booking forms at the back of church

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"Psalms & Stretches is a moving meditation to the words of the Psalms." Prayers, reflections, meditations and sequences of moves put to the words of scripture.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS CLASS

The 4th Saturday of each month Saturday 27th April 9.30am – 10.30am at ECHO

To book your place, or for any other information please contact Estelle Reed on 07887 525234 or email [estelledancefitsaltburn@gmail.com](mailto:estelledancefitsaltburn@gmail.com)