

# Emmanuel Church Newsletter

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## 150 YEARS OF PRAYER...

October 2018

The final service for the 150 anniversary celebrations on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September includes the following Bible reading from the Letter of James Ch. 5. It is shot through with the theme and reality of prayer. Take a moment to read and ponder it.

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them **pray**. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to **pray** over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the **prayer** offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and **pray** for each other so that you may be healed. The **prayer** of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He **prayed** earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he **prayed**, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Christians are people who pray. Prayer is both personal and corporate, and it touches every aspect of our lives. In the space of seven short verses James tells the church community that prayer is a response to trouble, to happiness, to sickness, to sinfulness, to error, to God's will and to the truth of God's word.

Sometimes people say things like, 'Those who pray together, stay together.' There is a degree of truth in this, but does their definition of prayer include all that James' does in this passage? We see that encountering troubles can drive many of us to pray, as can sickness or ill health. Being happy or joyful makes it easier to sing (pray) songs of praise and thanks. But what about confessing our sins to each other? Or challenging and supporting those who wander from the truth?

150 years on from the founding of Emmanuel Church, the Christian community here will only continue to thrive if it lives out James' full understanding of prayer. Whilst there is much to commend the current practice of prayer at Emmanuel, there are certainly areas that need God's grace and light. We may pray well for those who are sick and we may happily sing songs of praise, but they will achieve little if the confession of sin and the naming of error are neglected. It is exactly this neglect that continues to cause such personal consternation for me and my family, as well as other members of the church.

So let me close with some words on the power of prayer inspired by the biblical story as spoken by a 4<sup>th</sup> century Christian. May they inspire us to pray and live the full breadth of prayer that James describes in his letter.

*"The potency of prayer has subdued the strength of fire, it has bridled the rage of lions, hushed anarchy to rest, extinguished wars, appeased elements, expelled demons, burst chains of death, expanded the fates of heaven, assuaged diseases, dispelled frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course... It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings!"* (cited in 'James', by R. Kent Hughes, pp.263)

Revd Adam

## The Bible Course

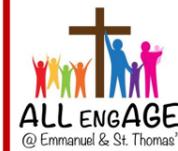


### THE BIBLE COURSE

Thursday evenings  
11<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30-8.45pm  
(refreshments from 7.00pm)  
in the Main Hall in ECHO,

Tues 2nd	Mothers Union Meeting	2pm	Jubilee Room
Wed 3rd	Family Drop In (Alternate weeks)	1.30pm to 3pm	ECHO Main Hall
Sat 6th	Men's Breakfast	8.30am to 10am	Signals
	Table Top Sale	10am to 4pm	ECHO Main Hall
	Open Church & Summer Exhibition	10am to 4pm	Church
	Prayerways	10am to 12pm	Outside Sainsburys
Wed 10th	Play & Praise (Alternate weeks)	1.30pm to 3pm	ECHO Main Hall
Thurs 11th	Drop In Breakfast	9am to 10.15am	ECHO Main Hall
	Bible Course (weekly)	7pm	ECHO Main Hall
Sat 13th	"Pneuma" Praise Evening	7.30pm to 9pm	Church
Sun 14th	Open Church & Summer Exhibition	1pm to 4pm	Church
Sat 20th	Table Top Sale	10am to 4pm	ECHO Main Hall
	Open Church & Summer Exhibition	10am to 4pm	Church
Fri 26th	Evening of Line Dancing Fun	TBC	ECHO Main Hall
Sun 28th	Open Church & Summer Exhibition	1pm to 4pm	Church

**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday 6th October  
8.30am to 10am  
Upstairs in Signals  
An opportunity for fellowship,  
discussion and prayer



Sunday 28th 10.45am  
**Paul's World 'Open Wide Your Hearts'**

Our journey continues with our exciting all age service as we worship and learn together

You can support the work of the Foodbank by enjoying a visit to the Footprints Café. With a friendly atmosphere and good, healthy, affordable food every Wednesday 11am – 2pm in Redcar at The Baptist Church, Park Avenue in Redcar.  
Call in for a light lunch, yummy scones and cakes, delicious desserts and great company! A weekly special hot meal is available in addition to the normal menu.



## Open the Book



We have a fabulous team who go into Saltburn Primary on Wednesdays at gam to retell stories from the bible in a way that is memorable for the young people. **The team are looking for new people who are willing to join in the fun, don't mind a bit of dressing up and would love to see God's word shared with our young friends.**

**Is this you?**

See Sarah, Adam, Paul or Vanessa if you'd like to know more!

October is the time of the annual box opening. If you have a **Children's Society**

**box**, please could you bring it to church or the church shop. If you would like me to collect it, please contact me on 01287 623277

### Christmas Cards

I will have a selection of Children's Society cards for sale in ECHO on Sunday 7th & 14th October during refreshments.

Thank you, Margaret Brignall

**Thank You**  
To everyone who has planned, prepared and supported the 150 Year Celebrations

Revd Adam



**Drop In Breakfast**  
Thursday 11th  
8.45am to 10.15am  
ECHO main hall

Call in for your free breakfast, have a read of the newspapers and catch up with friends

**PNEUMA**  
We're having a praise evening on Saturday 13th October from 19:30-21:00 in Emmanuel Church. There will be musicians from both services playing mainly upbeat songs with some reflective songs in between



**Prayerways**  
Saturday 6th  
October  
10am to 12pm

Come along and chat with the team outside Sainsbury's for prayer and a listening ear

All Welcome

Mothers Union Meeting Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm  
Speaker: Audrey Norris  
"A Pilgrimage to Our Cathedrals"  
All welcome (the group welcomes men and women members)



The Church Register	September
Baptisms	None
Weddings	Joseph Holland & Betiana Carpio 30th
Funerals	None

### Services During October

**Sundays**  
7th, 14th, 21st  
9am Holy Communion  
10am Refreshments in ECHO  
10.45am Family Worship

28th 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'.*



For October 2018 In need of God's healing: Alan Rudham, Margaret Newton, Mary and Ian Seymour, Dianne Young, Louise Cowie, Mark Gladders, David Morris, Ailsa Costello, Jean Senior, Miss Leslie Simpson

### Daily Prayer in ECHO, or where you are, 9-9.30am (Tuesday to Friday)

**Monday:** Lord, let us lean into you fiercely in prayer. Let us praise you in our joys and in our sorrows knowing that you are the same God who will see both the good and the difficult. You shower your love on everyone. We pray that as your ambassadors on this earth, we will not be silent, but speak up in love and let others know that you are the one that showers them with blessings and will protect their souls and encourage them during the difficult times. So let us hold onto you tightly and ask for your guidance in our decisions today.

**Tuesday:** Lord, we know that you created all things and take care of all you have made. How often do we miss the opportunity to come to you because we are too busy sharing our troubles with others? We ask others to pray for us and give us guidance but do we come to you with our troubles by ourselves? Oh, Lord, help us not forget that you are always there and asking to carry our burdens for us. May we go to you when we feel burdened and allow you to carry them. Lord, we want to build a relationship with you, that you will be the first we run to in all circumstances.

**Wednesday:** Is anyone sick? Lord, there are so many who are sick and suffering. We lift them all up to you now and continually pray for healing and for their families who are caring for them. We put our faith in you and not the timing or the process you choose to heal. Give us the courage to continue to pray for healing even when some of our loved ones have not been healed physically. Let us call the elders to pray over and anoint them with oil.

**Thursday:** As we are praying with faith and waiting for you to answer, help us not be deceived as Satan whispers that we don't have enough faith for you to answer our prayers. The faith of a mustard seed, trusting in your will and timing in the midst of suffering and pain is what we need. Your Grace is sufficient.

**Friday:** Lord, you did not make us to live in isolation but created a body of believers to grow day by day by serving you and others. Let us be there for each other. Let us build a community of trust, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and caring so that when someone is finally ready to confess their sin they know they will be welcomed by the church body like the Father welcomed the prodigal. Let us encircle that person with your love and cover them in prayers. Let us be willing to humble ourselves and let others pray over us. We praise you because we know you hear the prayers of those who love you!

**Saturday:** Let us humble ourselves to you in the same way Elijah did so that you may powerfully work in us. Jesus said that when He left He would send a Counsellor to guide us and through Him we would do more than He did. Jesus humbled himself to you, His Father, and let your power and might work through Him as well. As a body of Christ, if we choose to work in your power and might, the world would see your glory in powerful ways. Oh, Lord, may we humble ourselves to you and allow you to work through us!



Ecclesiastical Insurance are celebrating their 130th Anniversary, they supply our insurance for the church and hall. If anybody is interested in getting a quote from them for home insurance, if you decide to sign up with them, they will donate £130 to Emmanuel. Contact 0800 783 0130 and quote "Trust130" to take advantage of the offer or visit the website [www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130)

### Morning Prayer

How do you begin your day?  
Join together  
Tuesday to Friday at 9am  
In the Rainbow Room for 30  
minutes as we read the bible,  
give thanks, reflect and pray  
All Welcome



All donations of goods are gratefully received. Sadly the demand for food parcels continues to rise and they are growing short of the following foods, tinned meat, fish, fruit, tomatoes, vegetables and jam, coffee, instant mash, long life fruit juice and sweet treats.

The team are so grateful for our donations enabling them to continue to helping people in need. Donations of food and other items can be left at the back of church, thank you for your support

### ECHO Family Drop In

Wednesdays  
(Term Time Only)  
1.30pm 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



### Line Dancing Fun

Friday 26th October  
Time to be confirmed

An evening of music and dancing,  
get those dancing boots polished  
and ready for some moves  
Watch out for more info soon

### Table Top and Collectors Fair

6th & 20th October  
10am to 4pm  
In ECHO

To book a table please contact  
Denise on 07929589538  
In aid of Church Fabric Funds

## Children's Ministry

7th Children in Church  
14th Karen and Keith in ECHO  
21st Ross and Barbara in ECHO  
28th All Engage in ECHO



### Shop News....

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who have ensured the shop has run smoothly over the summer months. We have welcomed our regulars and lots of visitors with the warm weather. Autumn has arrived and the shop stock has changed over as we look towards Christmas. Please consider if you can offer to help out with some washing or sorting at home.

If you would like to know how you might be able to help with the shop outreach please call in and speak with Margaret.

### Bible Readings for October

7th: Heb 1:1-4 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16  
KJV

14th: Heb 4: 12-end; Mark 10: 17-31  
NIV

21st: Heb 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45 NIV

28th: 9am 2 Tim 3: 14-4: 5;  
John 5: 36b-end;  
10.45am 2 Cor 6: 1-13 NIV

We are a Fairtrade Church

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7th October

9am Holy Communion BCP  
Preaching/Leading: Ian Guy  
Bible Reading: Joy Guy  
Gospel Reading: David Turner  
Assisting: Marjorie/Betty  
Welcomers: Steph/AnnB/Betty  
Music: Caroline  
Coffee: Louise/Barbara/Joan  
Flowers: Dorothy Potter

10am Refreshments in ECHO

10.45am Family Communion

Preaching/Leading: Ian Guy  
Hosting: Sarah Nicholson  
Bible Reading: Denny Halliday  
Assisting: Christine/Sue  
Welcomers: Ann/Steve  
Music: Music Team  
Media: Ross

21st October

9am Holy Communion CW  
Preaching/Leading: Graham Pacey  
Bible Reading: Cynthia Hall  
Gospel Reading: Gerry Dowson  
Intercessions: Julie Martin  
Assisting: Betty/Julie  
Welcomers: Maureen/Beryl/Gerry/David  
Music: Elizabeth  
Coffee: Sue/Alison/Tiily/Pauline  
Flowers: Marjorie Wieland & Dorothy Paterson

10am Refreshments in ECHO

10.45am Family Worship

Preaching: Adam Reed  
Hosting: Paul Halliday  
Bible Reading: Margaret Bennett  
Welcomers: Hilda/Angela  
Music: Music Team  
Media: Christine

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 give Mark and Judith Marsden a call on 01287 678927 or email

[markmarsden@yahoo.com](mailto:markmarsden@yahoo.com) or  
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### People by Michael Allison

People talk when people matter  
Always good to have a natter  
Jesus talked, disciples made  
Heaven assured beyond the grave

14th October

9am Holy Communion CW  
Preaching/Leading: Matthew Holland  
Bible Reading: Julie Scott  
Gospel Reading: Caroline Scales  
Intercessions: Roger Elgood  
Assisting: Ann/Margaret B  
Welcomers: Margaret/Dorothy/Ann  
Music: Caroline  
Coffee: Angela/Linda/Clare  
Flowers: Kath Ward/Kath Myers

10am Refreshments in ECHO

10.45am Family Worship

Preaching: Matthew Holland  
Hosting: Matthew Holland  
Bible Reading: Angela Smelt  
Welcomers: Steve/Linda  
Music: Music Team  
Media: Jayne

28th October

9am Holy Communion CW  
Preaching/Leading: Ian Guy  
Bible Reading: Betty Jones  
Gospel Reading: Heather Taylor  
Intercessions: Jane Barrow  
Assisting: Cynthia/Heather  
Welcomers: Margaret/Dorothy/Ann/  
Music: Elizabeth  
Coffee: Julie/Liz/Sue  
Flowers: Audrey Norris

10am Refreshments in ECHO

10.45am All Engage in ECHO

Preaching: Adam Reed  
Bible Reading: Sue Welburn  
Welcomers: Judith/Hilda  
Music: Music Team  
Media: Christine

150' Anniversary Mugs  
£2.50 each  
2 for £4

150 Anniversary Bags  
£1.50 each



Available to purchase in church or the church office

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