

Emmanuel Church

11th April 2021



**Our mission is to help people of our town and local community
become fully-committed followers of Jesus**

Welcome, it's great to see you!

Assuming that we continue to follow the government's roadmap out of lockdown, we anticipate that from Sunday 25th April we will:

- **End online services (and Zoom coffee time)**
- **Resume Sunday services at 9.30am and 11am in the church building**
- **Resume Sunday Club at 9.30am in Mendham Hall**

Here are just a few things to remember:

- Please follow the one-way system around the church, listening to the directions of the Stewards.
- Face coverings are required (unless you are exempt).
- Congregational singing is not currently permitted, but you may hum along to the songs if you like.

***'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'***
Luke 2:14

Church family news

- TOAST and BUTTONS are suspended until further notice
- Home groups will resume from Tuesday 20th April

Next Service: 18th April 2021 Martin Lane preaching on Luke 2:22-40

Pray for our brothers and sisters elsewhere

Give thanks for the first eight months of the church plant in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, where Robbie and Lizzie Bellis serve. Give thanks for a good start and for all God has been teaching the church family through sermons in Mark's Gospel and Jonah. Pray that as they preach through Romans 7 this term, they'd be strengthened in the gospel, transformed in every area of their lives and motivated for gospel mission.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Martin Lane

SONG All my days

CONFESSION

Almighty God,
who sent your son into this world to be our Saviour,
we humbly admit that we need to be rescued from our sins.
We have not loved you as we ought, nor lived as you desire. You
are right to be angry and we deserve your judgement.
But you are a compassionate God, who loves to show mercy.
Grant us forgiveness for our sins and help us to serve you,
for the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
who was born for us in Bethlehem
and took the punishment that we deserve upon Himself.
Amen.

SONG It is well with my soul

BIBLE READING Luke 2:1-21

SERMON

Martin Lane

SONG In Christ alone

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen

SONG When I was lost

FINAL PRAYER

Luke 2:1-21

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'


¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.


²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

FOR YOUR NOTES

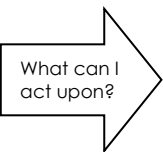
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Good news for all people
Confirmed by experience



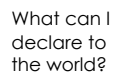
What can I discuss with others?



What can I think about this week?



What can I act upon?



What can I declare to the world?

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