

Prayer Diary

September 2021

We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20



Vicar: Martin Lane

Churchwardens: Geoff Martin, Tony Simons

Assistants to the Churchwardens: Greig Burgoyne, Mick Farrier

Deanery Synod Representatives: Michael Davis, Hilary Drury,
Carol Eldridge

PCC: Lisa Bonham (Secretary), Jamie Coussens, Michael Davis,
Hilary Drury, Carol Eldridge, Holly Eldridge, Caleb Kilby, Geoff Martin,
Martin Lane, Rowena Pelling, Tony Simons

Treasurer: Carol Eldridge

Safeguarding Officer: Rowena Pelling

Administrator: Lisa Bonham

Digital Media and Publicity Officer: Naomi Wade

Finance Committee: Carol Eldridge, Martin Lane

Buildings Committee: Mick Farrier, Martin Lane, Geoff Martin

Staff Team: Lisa Bonham, Hilary Drury, Martin Lane

Preaching Team: Jamie Coussens, Michael Davis, Nigel Harvey,
Glen Kilby, Martin Lane

Families Worker: Hilary Drury

Director of Music: Holly Eldridge

Sunday Club Supervisor: Lisa Bonham

Sunday Club Leaders: Lisa Bonham, Hilary Drury, Tony Simons

Sunday Club Helpers: Jamie Coussens, Michael Davis,
Jen & Mick Farrier, Carol Eldridge, Cynthia Lovett

Crèche Supervisor: Lucy Sparks

Crèche Team: Chloe Newman, Lucy Sparks, Jen & Bruce Steadman

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

Imagine a church that's flooding its local community with the light of the gospel and making a visible difference to the lives of all kinds of people: that's what we long to see at Emmanuel Church, on the West Hill of Hastings, to the glory of God.

As we look to the future we envision a growing and dynamic, **gospel-hearted** church, full of men, women, and children who find their identity in Christ and rejoice in living for him. It's a church with multiple, vibrant gospel ministries for all ages with trained and trustworthy leaders; where faithful bible teaching is valued and expected; where the gospel is proclaimed with urgency and purpose. It's a church of disciple-making disciples; where members are experiencing the life-changing power of the gospel and helping others to experience it too.

It's an **others-focused** church where we cherish one another in Christ; a family of believers who think of one another before themselves and gladly accept sacrifice for each other's sake; where we love one another in practical ways and everyone gives and receives. It's a church in which relationships are loyal, supportive and accountable; where names are remembered and absence is noticed; where we join together to laugh and cry, challenge and encourage, pray and praise.

It's an **outward-looking** church that works for the good of our local community and seeks the lost with the gospel of grace in creative and relevant ways; a place where the needy find help, the broken find healing, the lonely find friendship, and all hear the offer of new life in Christ. It's a church that's committed to supporting other gospel ministries, in the UK and overseas, by giving its money and sending its people to serve in various ways.

This is our dream. We believe, under God, it will soon be reality, and we invite you to be part of it.

Dear Friends

Jesus said: **'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'** (Mark 8:34)

Jesus denied himself when he set aside the glory of heaven to be born as a man. He did that to serve others by suffering for their salvation. Being his disciple means being like him; denying ourselves in order to serve others, especially by sharing with them the gospel of salvation. Being a disciple of Jesus means being willing to make costly sacrifices for the salvation of others.

We're to do that willingly. Taking up our cross means being willing to accept suffering, shame and rejection for the sake of the gospel and the salvation it brings. There are many joys and blessings of being a disciple of Jesus, but there is also a cross to bear - not the everyday trials of life but the particular cost of proclaiming the gospel in a godless society. Jesus won't force us to take up our cross; being his disciple means being willing to take it up voluntarily for the salvation of others.

This is the path that Jesus chose, and he calls us to follow him. As we choose that same path ourselves, he will lead us by his Spirit through his word. As we deny ourselves and bear the cost of proclaiming the gospel, he will strengthen us and train us. And as we walk this path together, he gives us one another, our church family, to encourage and spur one another on.

The cost we bear now, in the present, may seem daunting, but ahead of us is the glory of heaven, where we will be with Jesus forever. When the going is hard, we need to fix our eyes on our glorious destination.

With love,
Martin

Each day of the week has:

- some Emmanuel people and ministries (see inside cover)
- some streets in our parish to pray for our community
- an external ministry or organisation we support (see back cover) and/or some countries where Christians are facing persecution
- something to pray for specifically related to the Coronavirus
- a Bible verse to pray for our church family

You could choose to pray through each section every day, or spread them out across the month. We hope this will continue to be a useful aid to prayer.

Wednesdays (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- Sunday Club Supervisor, Leaders, Helpers and children
- The Buildings Committee as they manage our premises
- The Projection Team
- The Gardening Team

Our Community

Homes and businesses on St Mary's Terrace, St Thomas's Road, Stone Street, Stonefield Place, Stonefield Road, The Glebe, Vicarage Road and Wellington Mews.

The World

- Marc and Yvonne Lloyd (Warbleton, Bodle Street Green & Dallington benefice, East Sussex)
- Tim and Emily Hay (City Church, Birmingham)
- The work of Barnabas Fund

COVID-19

- Those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, frustrated or helpless: for support and encouragement from professionals, friends and family.

Bible Focus - 1 John 4:7

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”

- For Emmanuel to be full of people who love one another genuinely and deeply.

Thursdays (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- The members of our PCC to be one in thought and purpose
- The Crèche Supervisor, Team and young children at Emmanuel
- The Publicity Team
- The Youth Bible Study

Our Community

Homes and businesses on Wellington Place, Wellington Road, Wellington Square, Wellington Terrace, West View, Whitefriars Road and York Gardens.

The World

- John and Sarah Percival (Cambridge)
- The work of Crosslinks

- Christians facing persecution in Libya, Pakistan and Eritrea

COVID-19

- National and local government leaders; for wisdom, energy, integrity and clear thinking.

Bible Focus - 1 Timothy 5:17

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”

- For Emmanuel to be fully supportive of our leadership and church vision.

Fridays (3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- Our Deanery Synod Representatives
- Administrator, Lisa Bonham
- The Buttons Supervisor, Team and the children, parents, grandparents and carers who come along
- The Welcoming Team

Our Community

Homes and businesses on Albert Road, Alpine Road, Ann Street, Becket Close, Bembrook Road, Calvert Road and Castle Gardens.

The World

- Jude Harrison and Family Support Work
- The work of Evangelical Alliance

COVID-19

- Ministers and church leaders: for practical love for their congregations and communities, courage in evangelism and dependence on God.

Bible Focus - Ephesians 6:4

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

- For Emmanuel families to prioritise Christian education in the home and grow together in love of Jesus.

Saturdays (4th, 11th, 18th and 25th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- Treasurer, Carol Eldridge, as she works on our finances
- Safeguarding Officer, Rowena Pelling, in this vital role
- The Director of Music and the Music Group
- The Cleaning Team

Our Community

Homes and businesses on Castle Hill Road, Castledown Avenue, Collier Road, Croft Road, Egremont Place, Elford Street, Emmanuel Road and Gladstone Road.

The World

- The work of Speak Life
- Christians facing persecution in Sudan and Yemen

COVID-19

- Families with children in school and with young ones at home: for sustaining energy, creative thinking and grace-filled conversations.

Bible Focus - Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- For Emmanuel to be reaching out with the good news of Jesus to our friends, relatives and neighbours, and supporting missionary work further afield.

Sundays (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- Vicar, Martin Lane, as he leads Emmanuel
- Churchwardens and Assistants
- The Preaching Team
- The Sound Desk

Our Community

Homes and businesses on Halton Crescent, Halton Place, Hardwicke Road, Harold Place, Manor Road, Milward Crescent and Milward Road.

The World

- Christians facing persecution in Iran and India

- Rachel Browning (Christ Church, Cambridge): for unity and sensitivity to a spectrum of comfort and confidence as they emerge from lockdown further and church life looks a bit more normal; for the PCC as they engage with a cultural review to be rolled out to church family and aim to create space in the diary for people to reconnect and share the gospel more widely.

COVID-19

- The sick and infected: for healing and help, bodies and spirits to be sustained, and the spread of infection to be contained.

Bible Focus - 2 Corinthians 1:12

“Now this is our boast: our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God’s grace.”

- For Emmanuel to be faithful and honest in its dealings with the secular world, e.g. paying bills, maintaining buildings etc.

Mondays (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- Digital Media and Publicity Officer, Naomi Wade
- The Staff Team to be united and gospel focused
- Bookstall ministry, Beckie Akroyd
- The TOAST Team and those who come along

Our Community

Homes and businesses on Mount Pleasant Road, Nelson Road, North Terrace, Old London Road, Pelham Street, Plynlimmon Road, Portland Place and Portland Terrace.

The World

- Michael and Sarah Farrier (Emmanuel, St Nicholas & Grace Church, Bath)
- Churches and leadership in the Diocese of Chichester

COVID-19

- Healthcare and care home workers: for clear minds, safety and protection, and compassion for all in their care.

Bible Focus - Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!”

- For Emmanuel to be joyful in Christ, and for that joy to be evident to those around us.

Tuesdays (7th, 14th, 21st and 28th)

Emmanuel Ministry

- The Finance Committee to make wise decisions
- Families Worker, Hilary Drury, as she supports church families
- Home Group Leaders as they keep in touch with members
- The Maintenance Team

Our Community

Homes and businesses on Priory Road, Queen's Road, Robertson Hill, Russell Street, Saunders Close, St George's Road and St Mary's Road.

The World

- Colin Poyntz (Winslow Christian Fellowship, Winslow)
- Christians facing persecution in North Korea, Afghanistan and Somalia
- The work of Sussex Gospel Partnership

COVID-19

- The vulnerable, elderly and poor: for protection from the disease, and access to food, shelter and medical care.

Bible Focus - Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

- For Emmanuel to be diligent and passionate in studying the Bible, as individuals, pairs, home groups and a whole church family.

Buttons Supervisor: Fiona Davis

Buttons Team: Fiona Davis, Hilary Drury, Berns Huggins, Lucy Sparks

Music Group: Lisa Bonham, Hilary Drury, Miriam Eisele, Holly Eldridge, Robin Fahie, Jim & Nicky Goddin, Nigel & Janet Harvey, Rachel Lane, Cynthia Lovett, Sue Page

Projection Team: Greig Burgoyne, Rachel Lane, Aza Shadenova, Naomi Wade

Sound Desk: Beckie Akroyd, Jim Goddin

Welcoming Team: Lisa Bonham, Greig Burgoyne, Miriam Eisele, Dorothea Fahie, Jen & Mick Farrier, Suzi Frost, Nigel & Janet Harvey, Paul & Bernadette Huggins, Geoff Martin, Rowena Pelling, Lucy Sparks, Pete & Viv Walkington, Dave Wells

Bookstall: Beckie Akroyd

Home Group Leaders: Michael & Fiona Davis, Robin & Dorothea Fahie, Nigel Harvey, Martin & Rachel Lane, Cynthia Lovett, Ben & Chloe Newman, Rowena Pelling, Dave & Annette Wells

TOAST Team: Robin & Dorothea Fahie, Thelma Frogley, Nicky Goddin, Nigel & Janet Harvey, Graham & Cynthia Lovett, Annalize Senol, Viv Walkington

Christianity Explored: Martin Lane, Rowena Pelling

Publicity Team: Aza Shadenova, Naomi Wade

Cleaning Team: Lisa Bonham, Andrew & Sandra Budd, Berns Huggins, Graham & Cynthia Lovett, Geoff & Mena Martin, Rowena Pelling, Lucy Sparks, Dave & Annette Wells

Gardening Team: Nicky Goddin, Nigel & Janet Harvey, Geoff Martin, Tony Simons

Maintenance Team: Mick Farrier, Geoff Martin, Dave Sparks

Youth Bible Study: Hilary Drury, Rowena Pelling

**We are an Anglican evangelical church
in the Diocese of Chichester:**



**We are a partner church in
the Sussex Gospel Partnership:**



www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk

We are a member church of:



www.eauk.org

The three charities we support are:



www.barnabasfund.org.uk



www.speaklife.org.uk

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