

Prayer Diary

January 2022

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalm 57:11



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

Administrators: Lisa Bonham, Naomi Wade

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, Naomi Wade

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: Fiona Davis, Chloe Newman, Lucy Sparks,
Jen Steadman, Naomi Wade

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

In the first verse of Psalm 57, David says this: **Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.**

David is picturing a young chick who senses imminent danger and runs for cover under its mother's wings. Equally, we might think of a young child running for safety behind his or her mother's skirt.

The first thought of a chick or a child is to run to its mother for cover and, in the same way, the first thought of a believer in the face of danger is to trust in God for their safety. God doesn't promise to keep us safe from everything that might harm us in this life. There may be occasions when he does do that: there are many Christians who can testify to God's protection in times of danger. There may well be times when God has kept us safe even in ways of which we are unaware. But at other times life can be painful and scary and there may be things that, in God's strength, we must endure.

But when we trust in the cross, we can be confident that nothing can happen to us in life or in death that can defeat God's good and loving purpose for us; no disaster can befall us that can put God's plan for us in jeopardy. If we are trusting in the cross, we can be confident that Jesus will see us safely to heaven, no matter what we might go through in this life. That's real security. And our response should be praise. That's how David ends his psalm, in verses 9 and 10: **I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Let's begin this new year with great confidence in God's care of us, and with a deep determination to declare his praises in the world.

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.

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

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

- John and Sarah Percival (Cambridge): for January to be a month of good health for the whole family and significant PhD progress for John.
- The work of Speak Life
- Christians facing persecution in Sudan and Yemen

COVID-19

- For those who are especially vulnerable to be kept safe and healthy and to receive the help and support they need.

Bible Focus - Acts 4:12

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

- That Emmanuel will boldly share Jesus, the only way and hope.

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

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)

COVID-19

- For those who have lost work: that God would provide through their families and communities.

Bible Focus - John 4:24

“God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

- That Emmanuel will worship, adore and praise God, in Spirit and truth.

Mondays (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st)

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): Grace Church's 2022 initiative is 'Out of the Blocks', where their identity moves from 'the new church plant' to being those running out with the good news of Jesus across Bath - pray that God will bless them as they go, and that His kingdom will grow; as a family, they are so grateful for the many ways in which God has blessed them in the past year, despite the difficulties - praise God for their children being in good health and good heart.
- Churches and leadership in the Diocese of Chichester

COVID-19

- For national and local government leaders to have wisdom to make decisions that are best for all.

Bible Focus - Colossians 1:28-29

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

- For Emmanuel to have dedication and perseverance in discipling believers into maturity.

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

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

- For churches and ministry leaders to know how best to show the love of Christ to both congregations and local communities.

Bible Focus - Revelation 2:4

“Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first.”

- For Emmanuel to cling onto its first love, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

- Jirka and Keira Kralovi (Olomouc, Czech Republic): for the Olomouc church plant, now in its fourth month of physically meeting together; for physical meetings of the student Christian Union group (SKH) to continue and for increasing spiritual growth within the group; for decisions to be made about planning a trip to the UK for the first time in nearly 2 and a half years; for personal godliness for Jirka and Keira and the spiritual growth of their children, Jochebed, Barnabas, Simeon and Anezka.

- Tim and Emily Hay (City Church, Birmingham)
- The work of Barnabas Fund

COVID-19

- For those who are sick to be healed, and their families to be comforted and supported.

Bible Focus - Colossians 4:2

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

- That Emmanuel would be deeply committed to seeking God in prayer.

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

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
- Hope Explored (running 6th, 13th and 20th)

Our Community

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

The World

- Marc and Yvonne Lloyd (Warbleton, Bodle Street Green & Dallington benefice, East Sussex): for all who came to their Christmas services and events or watched or listened online; for a refreshing break for the family as they spend time with Marc’s parents and sister etc. who are not believers; for the newish homegroup at the Rectory and online as they begin a new series in Matthew’s gospel.
- The work of Crosslinks
- Christians facing persecution in Libya, Pakistan and Eritrea

COVID-19

- For families with children at home and in school to have patience and discipline.

Bible Focus - 2 Timothy 4:2

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.”

- That Emmanuel would stay true to God’s message and proclaim it whether or not it’s convenient.

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

Emmanuel Ministry

- Our Deanery Synod Representatives
- Administrator, Lisa Bonham, and Naomi Wade as she begins training to take over this role
- 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

- For those on the frontlines treating the sick: that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.

Bible Focus - 1 Peter 5:2-3

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”

- For Emmanuel’s leaders to follow Christ and serve humbly; for protection of their witness and example.

Buttons Supervisor: Fiona Davis

Buttons Team: Fiona Davis, Hilary Drury, Lucy Sparks

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

Projection Team: Fiona Davis, 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 & Berns Huggins, Geoff Martin, Rowena Pelling, Lucy Sparks, Dave Wells

Bookstall: Beckie Akroyd

Home Group Leaders: Michael & Fiona Davis, Carol Eldridge, Nigel & Janet Harvey, Martin & Rachel Lane, Geoff Martin, 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

Hope/Christianity Explored: Hilary Drury, Martin Lane, Rowena Pelling

Publicity Team: Aza Shadenova, Naomi Wade

Cleaning Team: Lisa Bonham, Andrew & Sandra Budd, Geoff Martin, Tony Simons, Lucy Sparks, Dave & Annette Wells

Gardening Team: Chris Brooking, Greig Burgoyne, Nicky Goddin, Nigel & Janet Harvey, Geoff Martin, Juliet Rutherford, Tony Simons

Maintenance Team: Mick Farrier, Geoff Martin

Youth Bible Study: Hilary Drury, Rowena Pelling

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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.crosslinks.org



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