

# In Touch



**Emmanuel**  
Methodist URC  
**Ormskirk**

**April 2025**

**Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church**

**Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DE**

## Message from Rev Sue

Just a note to wish everyone a meaningful and blessed Lent and Easter. May we continue to journey through Lent to the foot of the cross, and then feel the joy of our risen Lord when we reach Easter Day. Hallelujah, Jesus Christ is alive, now and always, Amen

Due to planned holidays we are producing a one month In Touch for April and will be back to two month for May and June.

## Mens Hub

A chance for our men to meet and connect, everyone is welcome to join, these meets take place the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Emmanuel.

Next meeting – 16th April

## Prayer Breakfasts

Join us for a continental breakfast followed by a time of prayer before the Sunday Service at 10am on 6<sup>th</sup> April.


## Cameo Ladies Group (Come And Meet Each Other)

Join the ladies for an Easter Service led by Cheryl on Friday 11th April, 2pm, Emmanuel Church.

## Messy Vintage

Messy Vintage (via Zoom) is an opportunity to share our faith through conversation, craft, and music. The next session take place on **15<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Messy Vintage**

from The Bible Reading Fellowship 

Please contact Cheryl if you'd like to attend,  
[family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk](mailto:family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk)

## News from the Brigade



The Brigade has an some great activities going on recently from Lego building to sports, games and a trip to Alton Towers.

They are now looking forward to the summer programme kicking off with their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition on 11st April.

The Company section have been offered the opportunity to spend the first May bank holiday weekend canoeing and playing games with other members of the BB canoe club at Ellesmere.

### Events

There will be a family friendly service on Easter Morning for all the family – 20<sup>th</sup> April.

4<sup>th</sup> April is the sleep over for the Company section and Seniors.

The Junior section will be visiting Chester Zoo on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

A battalion water fun day for the Company and Senior section at the docks in Liverpool is boood for 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### Recycling

Ian has recently been interview for the local news about our recycling initiative. Well done Ian! We are continuing to collect Warburton waxed wrappers, bread bags, printer ink cartridges, cheese wax wrappers, stamps and old mobile phones – thank you for your support.

### Join us!

We are always welcoming new recruits in all age groups, if you know any young people that would be interested let them know, check out our website and get the to drop us a line, [www.1ormskirk.boys-brigade.co.uk](http://www.1ormskirk.boys-brigade.co.uk). We also have leaflets that you can hand out as well now.

## Holy Week & Easter

Please find details of services Rev Sue will be leading during Holy Week.  
All are welcome to attend and all will hopefully be available online.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 11am	Café Church	Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 11am		Merle Farthing
Maundy Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 7pm	A service of reflection and prayers as we focus on the Lenten Cross and the events leading to Christ's Crucifixion Holy Communion	Rev Sue Guenault
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 11am	A short service of prayers, meditation and music for Good Friday	Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 11am	Join us for an All Age Holy Communion service to celebrate Christ's resurrection, as we adorn the Lenten Cross with flowers	Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 11am		Own Arrangement
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Guenault

For future dates please see monthly notices available in Church Foyer

Churches Together will be hosting/leading an act of worship at the Clock Tower at 12 noon on Good Friday (this will follow a Walk of Witness organised by St Anne's) with the possibility -to be confirmed- of hot cross buns and tea/coffee at New Church House after the service.

## Lent Study

In March we have been preparing for Easter Day by coming together to explore and talk about the teachings of Jesus, as found in the Beatitudes. Please come and join us for informal conversation, cake and coffee.

Sessions in Church at 7.15pm, Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Same session at 1.45pm on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The sessions are stand-alone, so you do not need to attend them all, but everyone is very welcome.

## Emmanuel Community Hubs

Our Thursday Hubs continue throughout the year, everyone is welcome for chat, crafts, drinks and cake! Join us from 10am – 1pm. We have lots of regulars now and new people joining us every week. Our banner has also attracted more visitors, keep spreading the word to your friends and family to join us and grow as a community.

Also keep an eye out for our new name badges to see who our incredible volunteers are who make events like this possible, huge thanks to them! If you would like to volunteer, for every week or just an hour or two here and there, please let Mark Taylor know and he can help you further.

Our Saturday Hubs are also still taking place with Live Music, see details of our upcoming musicians below:

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Loctup Together, Folk Music plus comedy and harmony

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Showbiz, Young performing arts and music

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Susan Lambert, Harpist Supreme

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Off Their Rockees, Ukulele Band

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cabin Hill Band, Tunesome Foursome

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Treble T, songs for everyone


## Item for 'In Touch'

Improving publicity and communication for events at Emmanuel  
There are a number of people who undertake various tasks to ensure that events can take place at Emmanuel and are publicised. In particular our thanks to Lyn for the meticulous way that booking requests are handled. However, to publicise these meetings and events we are indebted to Megan for the bi-monthly 'In Touch' colour magazine, to Ken for the monthly 'what's on' sheet, and to Phyllis for the website and AV slides. In addition, I prepare the posters for our own events that are displayed in both foyers. Also, there can be a need for the Stewards to make an announcement at the beginning of the Service.

In order to ensure that everyone involved in these activities receives the same information an email group has been set up [events@emmanuelormskirk.org.uk](mailto:events@emmanuelormskirk.org.uk). By using this one email all of Lyn, Meg, Ken, Phyllis, Phil and Jane (as Senior Steward) will receive the same information at the same time. This should ensure that whatever publicity is generated, whether in print or electronic format, will be consistent. From the group's perspective we will all know that everyone has been informed of future events, including changes and updates. For example, when speakers have been booked for meetings, this information can be publicised if we are all made aware of it.

Hopefully at least some people will have noticed the new posters that I have been producing over the last couple of months, and which are now on display in both foyers. I have generated a particular 'house style' and format, primarily by inclusion of a coloured border and heading. I have adopted different colours for each day of the week, and placed the posters in 'day order', i.e. from Monday through to Saturday, with a separate section for worship and prayers. It would be great to receive feedback, particularly if there are things you feel should be done differently, and suggestions for improvements.

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ARTLESS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

# CENTURION

Monday 14th April

7.30 pm

St Bede's School

Tickets: £5 - available  
at Eventbrite

[artless.org.uk](http://artless.org.uk)



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# CENTURION

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Sat in-the-round and wearing state-of-the-art wireless headphones, audiences are placed in the centre of the story through a blend of live performance and 3D audio scenes.

## Move It or Lose It

If you're over 60 & looking to improve your fitness levels, then why not join our fun and friendly group at Emmanuel Church on Thursdays. The exercises have all been designed specifically for older adults and can be done seated, standing or with chair support, so everyone is welcome! We work on improving balance, strength, flexibility, and heart health besides playing fun games! Members can also enjoy a cuppa and chat afterwards in the community hub. To book your FREE taster session contact Margaret on 07769 644290 or email:

[margaret.wilkinson@moveitorloseit.co.uk](mailto:margaret.wilkinson@moveitorloseit.co.uk)

[www.moveitorloseitwithmargaret.co.uk](http://www.moveitorloseitwithmargaret.co.uk)

## Food Bank

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of the foodbank. Donations are always welcome, please place item in the foyer at the front of the Worship area.

Thank you to Bill Jones for coordinating this.

If you have any articles you wish to go in the next In Touch these need to be received by **20<sup>th</sup> April** to be published in the May & June issue.

Please contact Meg Langton at [meganjane124@gmail.com](mailto:meganjane124@gmail.com) if you have any information to be included or speak to Mark Taylor on 07932406696.

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Thank you Ben & Sara



