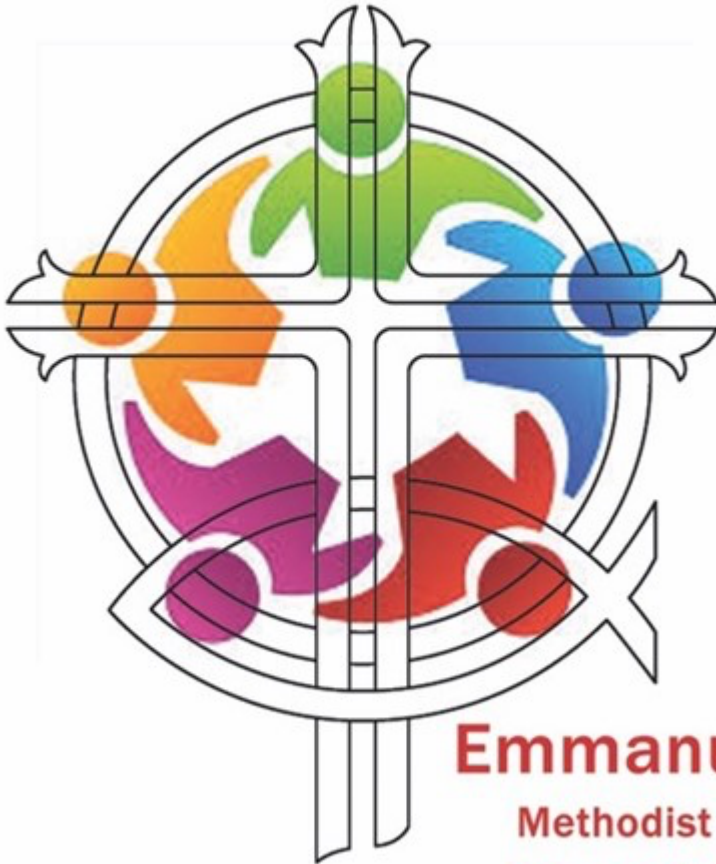


# In Touch



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

September & October 2025

**Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church**

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

## 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 meetings – 17<sup>th</sup> September & 15<sup>th</sup> October

## Prayer Breakfasts

Join us for a continental breakfast followed by a time of prayer before the Sunday Service at 10am, dates as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> September
- 12<sup>th</sup> October
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- 7<sup>th</sup> November

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

Meet together on

-September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, Members Own: “Our Favourite Popular Songs”

-October 10<sup>th</sup> – Speaker Ken Naylor: “Maths? No Problem!”

## Messy Vintage

Messy Vintage (via Zoom) is an opportunity to share our faith through conversation, craft, and music. The next sessions take place on



**16<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

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

## Food Bank

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of the food-bank. 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.

## Burscough Community Farm C.I.C

The farm is a Community Interest Company and started in 2014. It promotes social enterprise-focusing on helping peoples mental health by reconnecting them through nature. It is more than a growing space, it is a place of learning, sharing and reconnecting.

The farm is building community resilience, supporting healthy eating, and creating opportunities for people of all backgrounds to grow together.

The farm runs a craft and well-being course, which is designed to help you explore new creative outlets while connecting with like-minded people. It could be through willow waving, nature photography or clay crafts, you will find a space to relax, unwind and express yourself.

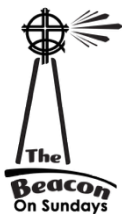
Whether you're at the farm to work, chat, breathe fresh air, or just chill out in the sun on a bench it is a welcoming environment ready to show you what to do, lend you a hand or simply share a laugh. I have met some amazing people and learned so much, and I'm grateful to be a member and part of this community.

You could become a member and drop in anytime the gate is open and enjoy the fresh air and nature.

[burscoughcommunityfarm.org](http://burscoughcommunityfarm.org)

Ian Price

## The Beacon

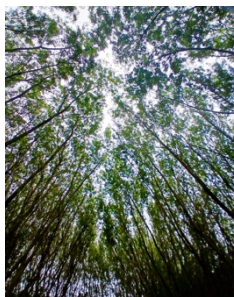


Join us at The Beacon on Sunday at Emmanuel Church, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10:45am – 12pm for our family sessions, followed by tea, coffee, juice and biscuits.

There will be no sessions in October.

## Forest Church

On the afternoon of Sunday 27 July several of us met at Burscough Community Farm for our first “Forest Church”.



Forest Church uses outdoor spaces for worship, as a way of engaging with God's creation through activities like prayer, reflection, and exploring nature.

We began in the farm's willow glade, which is a calm space surrounded by trees. Ian told us a bit about the farm and then we began worship with the following words:



*As the trees stand tall and strong, so too  
does God's love surround us.*

*The gentle breeze whispers God's name.*

*The sunlight paints the forest floor with beauty.*

*As the birds sing their praises let us join them in offering our own.*

*Come, let us worship.*

Following prayers and songs, we used a trail to explore the farm and find spaces to reflect. There were opportunities to read, pray, use art materials and make a brew. The time passed really quickly before we gathered together again for prayers and another song (and yes, we chose “How great thou art”, with its line about wandering through forest glades!!)

**We are grateful to Ian and Helen and the folk at the farm for letting us use their amazing space. We hope to do it again! Jane Langdon**



## News from the Brigade



We are looking forward to our new term and all the exciting activities we have in store for our young people. Our first night back is 12th September, and we have space in all sections for a few more. If you know of any children or young people who would love the friendship and fun that Brigade offers please let the know about us, our web page is good place to start as well as our social media which highlights some of things we get up to. We also provide a parent's coffee and a chat on the premises at the same time as the Anchors and Juniors for parents to stay if they have had to travel a distance or just want some company whilst their children are having fun in the other part of the building.



**Every Friday. Times: 6:30 to 7:30 Anchors; 6:30 to 8pm Juniors; 8pm to 10pm Company section.**

We are currently looking for a new staff member to join the team in Anchors (ages 5 to 7), if you fancy giving it a go please have a word with either Rob Langdon or Lilian Graham.

## 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: Lucy 07514 687354*

*Email: [lucy.faulkner@moveitorloseit.co.uk](mailto:lucy.faulkner@moveitorloseit.co.uk)*

## Quiet Space

We invite you to come and relax in the calm and peace of our beautiful church building. This is very informal time. You can just sit quietly and listen to music, or choose one of the gentle activities that will be around the church.

The church will be open as quiet space on the last Tuesday of each month from 6pm – 6.45pm. The dates for this year are:

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 6pm - 6.45pm
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6pm – 6.45pm
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6pm – 6.45pm

This is an opportunity for you to come, to take time out from the pressures and busyness of everyday life and relax.

Please feel free to pop in at any point and stay for as long or as short a time as you would like - everyone is very welcome. We hope you will leave feeling refreshed in mind, body and spirit.

Ruth Rushworth and Miriam Roxburgh

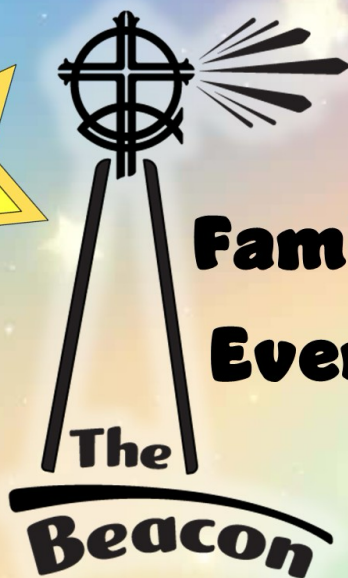
## September & October Service Dates

Date	Service	Preacher
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 11am		Richard Gibbs
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 11am	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 11am	Harvest Festival & Parade	Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 11am		David Allen
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 11am		Own Arrangement
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 11am		Rev Sue Guenault
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 11am		Own Arrangement

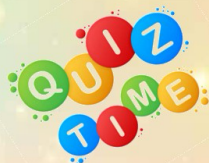
On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival, we will be collecting donations to the food bank so please bring these along.



Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church  
invites you to our:



**Family  
Events**



Join us for a



**Family Beetle Drive & Quiz**  
**on Saturday 18th October**

**starting at 4.00pm**

(with pizza or hotdogs  
and refreshments provided)

## 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:

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

***October 25<sup>th</sup> – The Twilight Band, 4-piece band performing a range of popular music (including fund raising stalls)***

**If you have any articles you wish to go in the next In Touch these need to be received by **20<sup>th</sup> October** to be published in the November & December issue (think Christmas!).**

**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.**