



Emmanuel Church Haverfordwest March 11th 2018

Welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship today, Mothering Sunday. Following the service we enjoy lunch together and all are invited to join us.

This week in Emmanuel.....

Monday 12th March Ladies prayer morning @ 10.30am in the flat

Tuesday 13th March **Lent Bible Studies** – meeting in the home of Dan & Sara. Jane's group is not meeting this week.

Wednesday 14th March Mums & Tots @ 10am and 1pm
Leaders Meeting @ 7.00pm

There is no prayer meeting as we are having our prayer breakfast on Saturday.

Friday 6th March Rainbow Club @ 6pm (School Years 1 to 5)
Connect @ 7.30pm (Years 6 to 8)

Saturday 17th March Prayer breakfast @ 7.30am



Sunday 18th March Morning Worship @ 11am
Prayer in the flat @ 10.30am

For our prayers.....

There are still folk who are unwell, but we are thankful that the chairs are filling up once more as people recover and return.

Easter programme –

Palm Sunday Parade & Celebration - March 25th This is our morning service and outreach. Meet at Church at our normal time ready to “parade” down to Merlins Bridge playing fields to begin at 11.30am. There will be songs for us all to sing, drama and a presentation . We return to Emmanuel afterwards for Hot Cross Buns and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Please bring Hot Cross buns instead of lunch!

March 26th-29th Easter Meditations every evening @ 7.30pm

March 30th – Good Friday Communion 10.30am

April 1st – Easter Sunday Worship 11am

A reminder.....

Church Camp 25th – 28th May. John will be on Sabbatical at the time of Church camp. So this year we need folk to help organize and prepare the weekend if it is to go ahead. If you intend going on camp please sign up on the list in the Church foyer and if you are willing to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in with all the preparations do make it known to a Church

Recently I was told a little of the history of **Mothering Sunday**.

If I didn't know this, then I thought others may not know so here's a potted history as I understand it.....

During the 16th century, people in the UK used to return on the 4th Sunday in Lent for a service to their 'mother church'. This was the church where they had been baptised as a child. In later times, 'Mothering Sunday' became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together. Children and young people who were given the day off would pick wild flowers along the way. They would place them in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.....so now we know.

Cleaning....Bob & Jane Kitchen.....Robyn Flowers.....Nicky

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