

Emmanuel

CHRISTIAN

Centre

Pembrokeshire



4th January 2009

*Welcome to Emmanuel Church—
the first Sunday of 2009*

Today we have a **Covenant Service** around the Lord's Table during the morning service.

We recommit ourselves to God through Jesus' finished work on the Cross.

We recommit ourselves to be useful in His Kingdom on Earth.

We recommit ourselves to each other in Emmanuel Church Haverfordwest.

The Covenant Service was instituted by Rev John Wesley in 1747 to encourage Christians to renew their Covenant with God. The following prayer has been updated and revised but the substance of it has not been taken away. It has been used by Christians of all traditions, and at the beginning of each year we use this prayer in our church. May our own hearts be challenged as we renew our Covenant with God.

COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty;
let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your good pleasure and your disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.

So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

AMEN

There is a crèche available for little ones.

We eat lunch together after the service.

The bookstall will be open during lunch.

Please stay.

There is a short prayer meeting at 10.30am each Sunday morning.

Please come to the sitting room in the Flat.

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NEW YEAR PRAYER MEETINGS

here at Emmanuel

5th 6th and 7th January 2009, at 7.30pm.

The meetings will be led as follows:

Monday 5 January Rev Christopher Gillham:

Tuesday 6 January Rev John Welsby :

Wednesday 7 January Rev Geoffrey Eynon

No meeting tonight

Monday 5th Ladies Prayer Morning re-commences 10.30am

Tuesday 6th Bonnie's Mum's funeral 2pm

Wednesday 7th Mother + Toddlers 10am + 1 pm

Friday 9th Rainbow, Wayfarers and YP re-commence

Saturday 10th Music practice See Steph

Next Sunday 11th January Morning Worship 11am

Speaker Mr Gerald Tait

New Year "To Do's" and Thoughts

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

* Memorize your favourite poem.

* When you say, "I love you", mean it.

* When you say, "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.

* Believe in love at first sight.

* Never laugh at anyone's dreams.

* Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.

* Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.

* In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.

* Talk slow, but think quick.

* Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.

* Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.

* Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

* When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

* Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

* Spend some time alone.

* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

* Read more books and watch less TV.

* Live a good, honourable life. When you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.

* Trust in God but lock your car.

* A loving atmosphere in your home is so important.

* In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.

* Read between the lines.

* Once a year, go somewhere you've never been before.

* If you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.

* Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes the blessing.

* Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.

* Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

--- And most importantly ----

* Pray. There's immeasurable power in it.

For Our Prayers

Mary Absalom's funeral is here on Tuesday at 2.00pm We are praying for Bonnie and all the family to be surrounded with God's care.

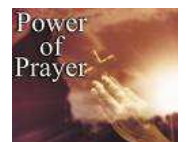
Brenda is at a Prayer conference in Jerusalem

Benjamin is off to Italy for his month placement from College. He will be working in a church planting situation and student outreach with friends who were students in Redcliffe College last year and now working back home in Italy.

Pray for the start up of the weekly church activities with Mother and Toddlers, all the youth and the Ladies prayer morning.

Dick and Jill's Silver Wedding party on Saturday evening Have a wonderful time.....

There are so many folk sick.... Do what we can to "bear one another's burdens"



Church cleaners David and Sandra.... Flowers Stephanie Palmer Kitchen clean Carol