



Emmanuel Parish

Community News Letter

2nd May 2021

BCP Fifth Sunday of Easter

CW Year B

Liturgical Colour: White



Worship at Emmanuel

Further items can be found on the website
www.emmanuelsouthport.org.uk

Services this coming week

Sunday 2nd May 10.30 am

Sunday 9th May 10.30 am

Services will be different and no choir or singing, but this may resume in June. However, we can socially distance so as to come together. We will still have **THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY** to observe all practices and protocols for the safety of others and ourselves.

Contact Numbers

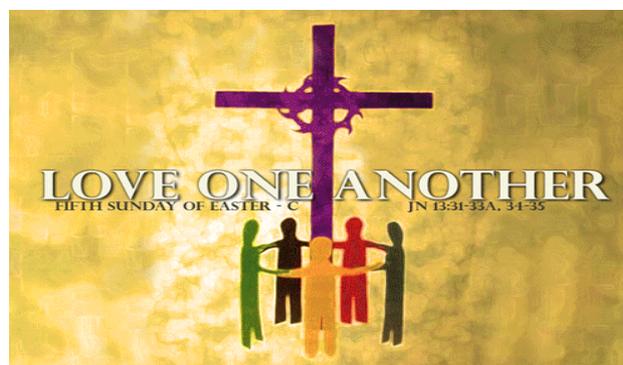
If anyone needs to talk to someone they can leave a message on the church office phone (506723) or call Rev Stewart (07540 344870) or any other member of the leadership team Linda (213986), John (07834 376050), Jean (227211)

As our Good Lord taught us we must love one another and do the best for each other. There is no room in our lives for hate.



Collect of the day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



What it means to be rooted in Jesus

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

“Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Sara Ford

As many of you will now know , Sara Ford ,who has been one of our valued and respected Readers at Emmanuel Church, has stood down from her role. I know we all feel very sad to learn this news and can only gratefully thank Sara for being such a supportive member of the Leadership team to us all and who will be sorely missed. Good Luck, Good Health and Blessings from us all Sara and we wish you well as a new life chapter unfolds for you



We herald the beginning of Spring on May Day , a day of festivities, dance, song, feasting , Morris Dancing and being together. Putting a damper on it, no we can not partake in any of the above as yet. So why not sing a traditional May Day song if you have no May Pole to dance around or Morris Dance. AND LOOK FORWARD to better times together.

Sing a song of May-time.

Sing a song of Spring.

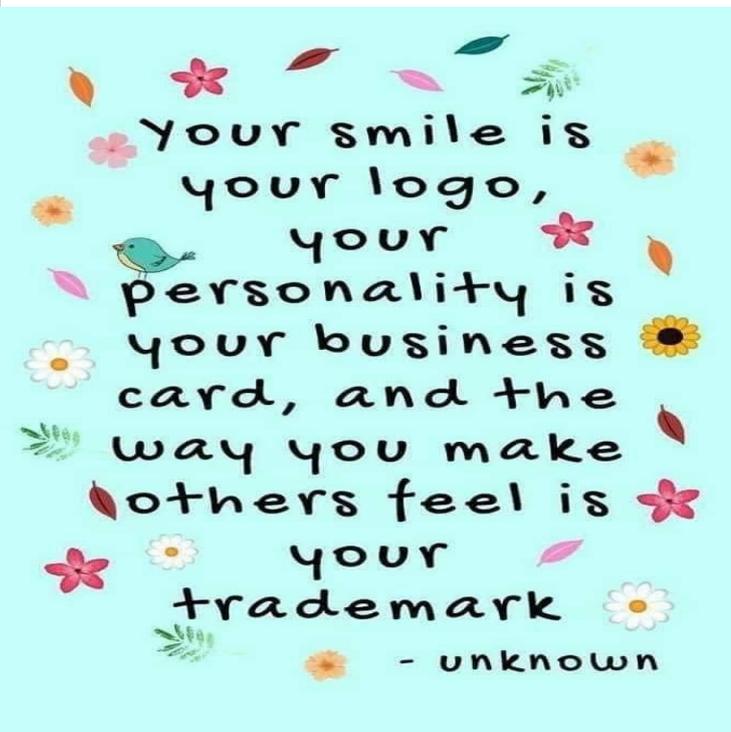
Flowers are in their beauty.

Birds are on the wing.

May time, play time.

God has given us May time.

Thank Him for His gifts of love.



This is YOUR news letter so if you want an item included then Please email or phone in by Thursday email sally@cleverwebseo.com or phone 01704 227 157
Many thanks Sally.

Christian Aid week is May 10-16 2021

Christian Aid week, like last year, will be a different kind of fundraising week. We are unable to do house to house collections, but it is still possible to raise much needed funds. We can still fundraise through both traditional and new digital ways, to help people living in poverty. This year, attention will be shifted back to the climate crisis and our global neighbours in Kenya, who continue to battle the effects of extreme weather.

Parish Giving Scheme - Forms and information for the Parish Giving Scheme are now available. If anyone would like to join the scheme, please download, print and complete the form or visit the Parish Giving Scheme website to complete details online. During lockdown the scheme gives parishioners a way to continue giving to the church. If you wish to continue your planned giving without joining this scheme, it is still possible to contribute by Standing Order and I can send or email the necessary form to you. Unfortunately even when we are unable to worship together, the church continues to incur regular expenses, in addition to improvements required such as the new disabled access ramp.

Thank you for reading this and I hope that you may consider one of these options to assist in achieving an ongoing regular income for our church. If you would like to discuss any matters relating to the Parish Giving Scheme or Standing Orders please phone me on 01704 201583. Gordon Ross

