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2 February & 9 February

Front and Centre

Worship

Sunday Feb 2

8am 9.30am
Psalm 100
Brian Hoole

Sunday Feb 9

8am 9.30am
Matthew 26:36-46
Brian Hoole

Sunday Feb 16

8am 9.30am
Psalm 121
Brian Hoole

Coming Events

Feb 2 8am Services
recommence &
Kick Start 9.30am

Feb 9 5pm Brian's
Induction @ Emmanuel

Feb 16 8am Baptism

Feb 16 9.30am Bap-
tism

Next newsletter
16 February

Welcome to a New Year here at Emmanuel. And welcome to a new face. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brian Hoole and it's my pleasure to be called as your new minister. I am 57, married to Claire with three adult children, Bec, Daniel and Matthew, all of whom are currently living in Brisbane though none live with us. My wife Claire and I are very excited to be joining you and to be sharing with you in the years ahead. This will be one of the opportunities to share a little about myself. I was born and grew up in Victoria, in a place called Sunshine. As the eldest of 3 children we were all sent along to the nearest church which was a Methodist Sunday School. Mum and Dad were not regular church goers. Involvement in the Sunday School and Youth Group, beach missions with Scripture Union kept me connected to this church community as I grew into wanting and committing to a relationship with Jesus. As I continued I trained as a high school teacher and taught for 3 years in Robinvale and then for 4 years with Uniting World in Vanuatu.

I sensed God's call to ordained ministry and returned to Victoria to candidate and study for the ministry. In that time my continued involvement with Scripture Union saw me re-meet Claire (she literally was the girl around the corner in my primary school years) who I had not seen for 20 years. After a brief period we were married and Rebecca was born. Our first placement was Break O'Day on the east

coast of Tasmania for 3 years. In this time Daniel and Matthew were born. We then moved back to Melbourne with 5 years in the Pascoe Vale churches. Then a big leap as we moved to Hervey Bay and commenced ministry there in 2004. Hervey Bay was a very fruitful time for us in ministry and a time when we were very connected into the community. Claire working as a pastor for the church, Blue Care and St Stephens Hospital at different times as well as raising 3 young people, with myself heavily involved in the community. 11 years later I responded to a call to become the Presbytery Minister of Bremer Brisbane.

I served in that role for 5 years while Claire looked after the needs of her mother who needed constant care. 2019 saw major changes for us. I discerned a calling back to congregational ministry, Claire's mum passed away and Claire was accepted as a candidate for ordained ministry and we accepted a call to Emmanuel UC. We are still in a state of change. We are in the process of selling our house and moving to Emmanuel.

We are both excited about getting to know people and about our involvement with the Emmanuel community. We look forward to catching up with people in the coming weeks ahead.

Rev Brian Hoole
Lead Minister



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Follow-Up Questions

2 February 2020 - The Lord's Prayer: Praise

Read: Psalm 100

Here's what happens...

Jesus teaches to start a prayer with praise. Psalm 100 is a great example of a prayer of praise, exclaiming that we can shout with joy to the Lord, sing with joy, enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise, and proclaim his unfailing love and goodness.

Questions

1. What six reasons does the psalmist give to praise God? Do these apply to "all the earth" or just "his people"? Which of the six motivates you more to praise God?
2. What responsibilities are involved in knowing that the Lord is God? Is any part of God's creation out of his realm or concern?
3. What attitude characterises God's people?

Talk About...

What's your favorite word to describe God?

Pray

Say or write a Praise Prayer (purple in the rainbow prayer) each day this week. A praise prayer could start with, "Dear God, you are..."

9 February 2020 – The Lord's Prayer: God's Will

Read: Matthew 26:36-46

Here's what happens...

Jesus models how to pray by saying "may your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Later, as Jesus faces death, he prays a similar prayer, asking for God's will to be done even though it's not what he wants.

Questions

1. What was the longest night of your life?
2. What are the various emotions Jesus must have felt in Gethsemane? What does he ask of his disciples? What does he ask of God?
3. What has been your "Gethsemane" (a place you have really wrestled with God? What was the issue? What did you learn from Jesus example about praying at those times?

Talk About...

What's something you feel really strongly about?

Pray...

Do you keep a journal of your prayers? Maybe start this this week, so you can look back in the future and see what you prayed in the past. You may be surprised to see how God answers your prayers.

Explore Groups

Explore groups are a great way to Explore faith as a growing disciple by meeting regularly with others to study God's Word, and spend time in prayer and reflection. Explore groups also build relationships and promote pastoral care.

How can I join? Speak with one of the Ministry Team Members, or one of the Church Council Members.

I'm interested, but not available when existing groups meet? Please let the church office know. We may be able to start a new group at a different time.



Solfa

2nd & 4th Mon 9:30am

KYB

Tues 9:45am

Wednesday Morning

Wed 9:15am

Bunnies Explore Group

Tues 7:00pm

Wednesday Wonderers

Fortnightly Thurs 7:00pm

Thursday Thinkers

2nd & 4th Thurs 7pm

Women's Bible Study

Mon 12.45pm

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care & Prayer Team

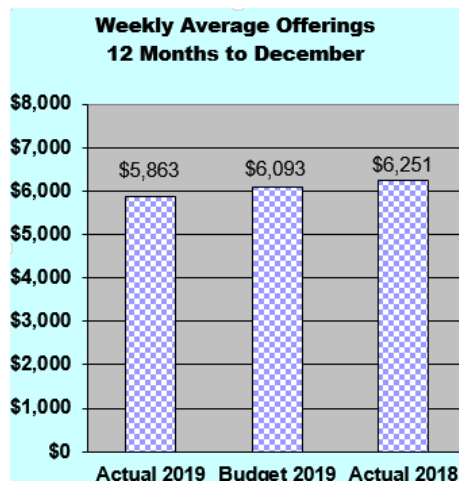
At Emmanuel, pastoral care is **"for everyone by everyone"**. What does this mean? It means that we care for each other in our family, this often happens within our Explore Groups. We also have a dedicated Pastoral Care team lead by Bronwyn Kelly if you want to know more about how this works or to get connected with meal support or want to connect with others with prayer you can contact Bronwyn Kelly who can be contacted in the first instance on 3354 4961 or pastoralcare@emmanueluca.org.au

Prayer Points

- ✠ For the Brian and Claire Hoole as they embrace the change of a new life.
- ✠ For Tiny Town community.
- ✠ For families doing it tough.
- ✠ For our nation as it struggles with fires, droughts and viruses.
- ✠ All our groups as they start up for the year.

Finances

Offerings for the year were down on last year by \$388 per week or slightly in excess of \$20,000 for the year. This is not a long-term sustainable situation.



Notices & Coming Events

Newsletter In 2020 we are looking for a at least 2 volunteers to help fold the newsletter. This job would require at most 30 minutes of your time once every 2 months on a Friday to fold our fortnightly newsletter. If this sounds like you, please contact Helen Smith in the office. Thank you.

Group News

If all group leaders can confirm church room bookings with the office as soon as they can to avoid disappointment. Bookings can made by emailing buildingbookings@emmanueluca.org.au Thank you to those groups who have already done this. If all groups could please complete their Safe Program paperwork before recommencing in 2020.

Congregational News

Emmanuel is pleased to announce that Rev Brian Hoole has accepted the call to be our next Senior Minister. Brian brings 25 years of ministry experience, and with his wife Claire is looking forward to being part of the Emmanuel journey from Feb 2020. Brian's induction service will be held here at Emmanuel on Sunday 9th February at 5pm. We are asking congregation members to please bring a plate of food to share after that service. Please let the church office know if you are thinking of attending and if you will be bringing something sweet savoury. Thank you

Postage Stamps Please continue to collect used **postage stamps**. There is a blue plastic container in the cupboard in the foyer. (The stamps are a fundraiser for Qld Synod) Thank you. Carole Simpson

Pastoral Care At Emmanuel, pastoral care is **"for everyone by everyone"**, and this means for and by you. Please check up on and check in with each other, and if something is worrying you

please share it with someone. Together we are family, and together we share Christ's love, care and compassion every day.

Stay Connected and Informed

To keep updated with all that is happening at Emmanuel be sure to download the app or check out the website.



Day Fellowship meets

on Wednesday 5th February
9.30 am Morning tea (Erica and Val F). Queries to Carolyn Jardine on 33534551 All Welcome

Thank you to all those that helped with the moving of the furniture to and from the hall so that the carpets could be cleaned over the Summer Period. Also Thank you to Trevor Battley and his team for the painting of the entry way on the South Pine Rd Entry. Please be aware of the new yellow markings. These have been put here to ensure safe passage into the building for everyone. Please **do not park over the marked area**. If you need to park in the driveway please use the car spaces at the top of the driveway or on the right hand side. Also did you know that on a Sunday Morning you can park in the car park in front of the school? If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to contact Helen in the office during office hours. Thank you.

