

Daily Prayer Guide

Sunday: Pray for our new government that they may rule well—in responsibility to God

Monday: Give thanks for all the new students that have started studying with Emmaus since our last prayer letter.

Tuesday: Pray for the Trustees as they direct the work of Emmaus that they will be encouraged in this work.

Wednesday: Give thanks for the generosity of His people who support the work and allow it continue as it does.

Thursday: Pray for all those involved in this work that they may live Spirit filled lives that are for the good of the students

Friday: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in prison at the present time. Pray that they will have a positive influence upon their fellow prisoners and that they will be kept safe.

Saturday: Give thanks for our wonderful salvation! What would life be like if we did not have the full assurance of His love and our salvation?

Have you heard of our summer challenge?

We are always looking to recruit new students—those who have never studied with Emmaus before, or perhaps not for many years. But the best recruiters we have are YOU!

So why not from this summer, as you order a course for yourself order another one with the intention of giving it away to a friend. We have courses for believers and non-believers alike, from those that introduce the student to the Christian faith to those that are suitable for the mature Christian, for young and old.

So go on why not take up our summer challenge!



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By the Way

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“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood” Acts 20:28 (ESV)

This time last year I ventured out into the back garden here at the office of Emmaus. It was completely overgrown and the weeds just had to go. Several weeks later, with the grey slate chippings down I felt quite pleased with myself. It looked pretty good and the weeds were all gone. Or so I thought!

I couldn't believe it when last week, with the sun out and the temperatures up, I thought I would go out and see how things were. That pesky bindweed was back with a vengeance. Another couple of hours hard work lay ahead. As I finished up, this time with no illusions of it being for good, it made me think about how easily bad habits can develop in my life. A shortening temper, a swelling pride, a lax attitude to sin can develop over a period of months and years until those sins become thoroughly out of control.

Only by the daily study of His word can I ever hope to be “weed free” in this life. At least I am not alone in this problem The Psalmist could write in Psalm 119: 9—10:

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments.”

And there is a need for those in each church to care for each member so that together we can live lives that are well pleasing to Him. After all, if the garden here is a mess well it doesn't really matter too much. But if our lives are a mess then it is tragic because we were “obtained with His own blood”. Each one of us is so very precious to God who wants the best for us. There can be no higher price put upon each one of us than knowing that He shed His own blood so that we might be saved. When I realise my worth to Him, then I have a responsibility to ensure that my life is holy and well pleasing to God, and that I set the kind of example to others that encourages them to live “weed free” lives too!

Emmaus Conference

When? Monday 25th—Wednesday 27th September

Where? The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. DE55 1AU

Who for? All who have an interest in the study of God's word and the ongoing work of Emmaus

There are still a few places available so please book in as soon as possible and join with us ! The subsidized cost is £100 per person.

Last month Jonathan and I were able to visit HMP Stafford to present special unit certificates to four of my students. It was a real privilege to meet the students and to hear how much the courses have been a help in their spiritual growth at their evening group.

It was good to meet the chaplains - Paul (whom I had not met before) and Jo who has encouraged inmates to use the courses in the different prisons in which she has worked before. We were able to give out 11 Emmaus courses one of which has been returned for marking.

We do appreciate all the Prison Chaplains who help Emmaus students to progress in their Christian lives and we pray that the Lord will bless their ministry.

Muriel Rimmer

P.S. At their evening service it was humbling to hear them pray with a freshness and reality for us on the "outside". Let us all return that great blessing by praying for our brothers and sisters in prison that their testimony may be a God honouring one and that they would be spiritually encouraged as they study His word to live out what they learn.

Problems in Parenting

Parenting is hard work! In fact it is the greatest work you are likely to do in life. In this book we will look at six couples in the Bible to whom God gave the job of raising children. We will look at some key features in their marriage relationship and see how this impacted the way that they brought up their children.

We will also look at some of the defining moments in these couples' experiences as parents and learn some of the lessons that will be applicable to most parents today.



Students comments:

Rosie: "This study has been incredibly powerful and changed so much of my thinking". Biblical Stewardship

Christobel: "I knew there were several different types of baptism although I did not understand fully the differences. Chapter 7 has explained very clearly the meaning of the 4 types described here which I have found very enlightening and helpful." Lord's Supper and Baptism.

Mick: "I was once told I had a faith despite all my doubts. I googled "alpha" and went on a course at the church I now belong to and met my wife there! We are now hosting an Emmaus course and are finding the courses perfect for us. Thank you."

Ken: "The study group we call 'First Steps' was initially formed as four older people got saved and were baptised, with very little if any Bible knowledge or experience of spiritual things. We felt the only way to meet their growth needs was to form a class and teach them from square one the first things of following the Lord. It meets at the time of the children's work on a Sunday morning and joins them first in singing choruses and learning verses. They enjoy this and now after two years are ready for deeper studies having now some ability to find bible books and read scripture. The group has grown to 9 or 10 adults and spiritually they are a real tonic! What the Bible teaches has given them a firm foundation that we can now build on that for the future. I am sure Emmaus will be the vehicle to meet those needs as we wait for the Lord's return and seek to serve Him in what days are left to us."

Do you want to learn more about the work of Emmaus?

Our ministry is continually changing as is the range of courses we offer. If you would like me to come and give a report on the work of Emmaus, from its beginnings in the 1940's to the present day, and how you can use our courses in different ways to build up the local church, then why not get in touch: jonathan@emmausuk.com I would be delighted to come and talk about the work of Emmaus Bible School at your local fellowship.