

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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### CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

Wednesday 24th January  
7:30pm, Mendham Hall

### Kent Men's Convention

Saturday 2nd March  
St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks

### Big Night In

Friday 8th March  
7pm, Mendham Hall

## CHURCH LIFE

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SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30am, Sunday mornings

CRECHE Under 5s, Sunday mornings

SUNDAY CLUB Reception to Year 6, Sunday mornings

HOME GROUPS Tuesdays & Wednesdays

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Year 6+, Wednesday evenings

BUTTONS Babies & toddlers, Friday mornings

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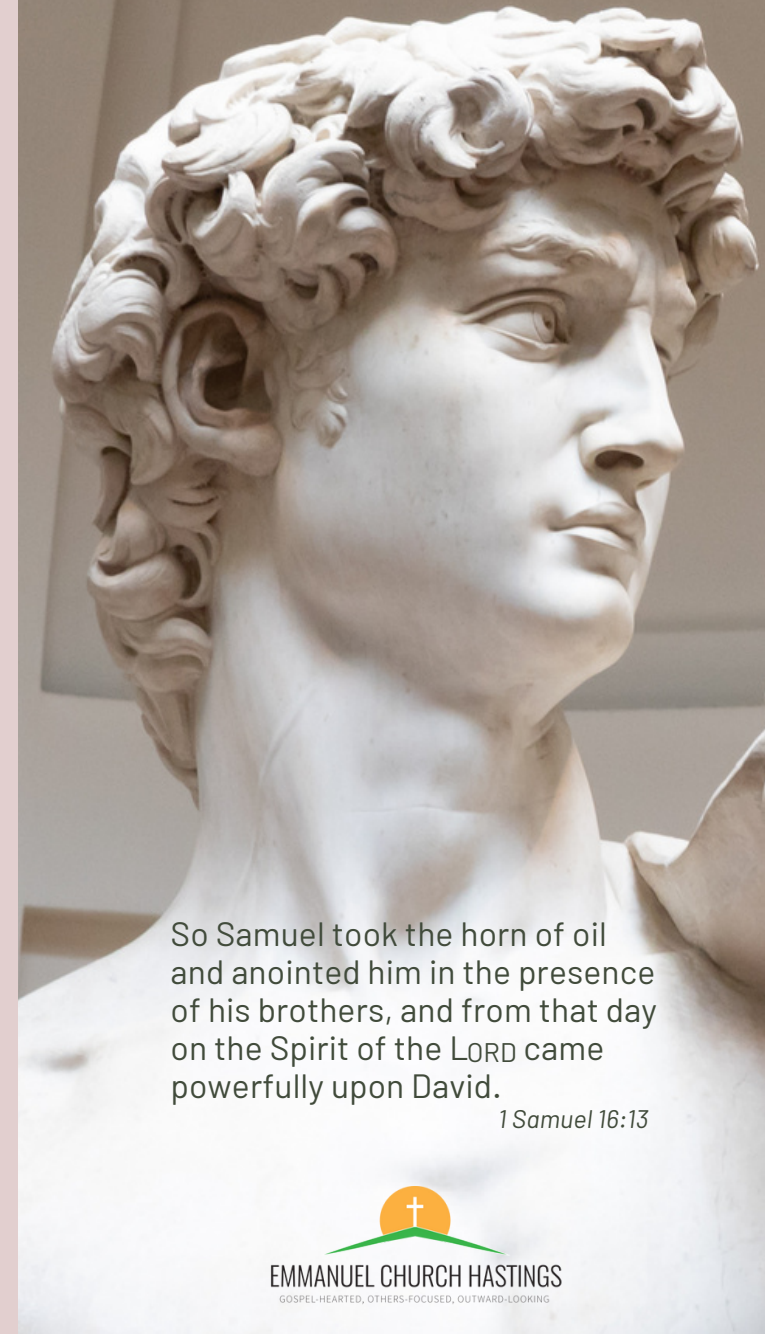
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# JANUARY TO MARCH 2024



So Samuel took the horn of oil  
and anointed him in the presence  
of his brothers, and from that day  
on the Spirit of the LORD came  
powerfully upon David.

*1 Samuel 16:13*



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# 1 SAMUEL

Having read about the rise and fall of Saul as the first king of Israel, the book of 1 Samuel now introduces us to David, who will succeed him. Saul's reign has been far from successful. David's reign will also be a mixed blessing. Yet he is the man of God's choosing; a man after his own heart. The Old Testament prophets look forward to the coming of one of his descendants, who 'will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever.' (Isaiah 9:7). This Christmas we have celebrated his birth. As we continue to study 1 Samuel it will show us why the coming of Jesus is such good news.

## JANUARY

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|----|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7  | DAVID'S ANOINTING<br>1 Samuel 16:1-23 | Martin Lane              |
| 14 | DAVID & GOLIATH<br>1 Samuel 17:1-18:5 | <b>GS</b><br>Martin Lane |
| 21 | SAUL'S DECLINE<br>1 Samuel 18:6-19:24 | Martin Lane              |
| 28 | DAVID & JONATHAN<br>1 Samuel 20:1-42  | <b>LS</b><br>Martin Lane |

## FEBRUARY

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| 4  | DAVID THE WANDERER<br>1 Samuel 21:1-22:23                              | Martin Lane              |
| 11 | DAVID PURSUED<br>1 Samuel 23:1-29<br><i>Followed by a Church Lunch</i> | Martin Lane              |
| 18 | THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS<br>Matthew 4:1-11                              | James Clarke             |
| 25 | DAVID SPARES SAUL<br>1 Samuel 24:1-22                                  | <b>LS</b><br>Martin Lane |

## MARCH

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| 3  | DAVID SPARES SAUL... AGAIN<br>1 Samuel 25:1-26:25 | Martin Lane |
| 10 | DAVID & THE PHILISTINES<br>1 Samuel 27:1-28:25    | Martin Lane |
| 17 | SAUL'S END<br>1 Samuel 29:1-31:13                 | Martin Lane |

Our Easter Term Card will be available from Sunday 10th March

## HOME GROUPS

Our desire at Emmanuel is for each member of our church family to be making continual progress in becoming fully-committed followers of Jesus. To this end we encourage everyone to belong to a Home Group where we meet each week to study the Bible and encourage each other as we grow as disciples and friends. If you are not yet a member of a Home Group but would be interested in joining one please ask Martin Lane for more details.

In our Home Groups, we will be digging deeper into our Sunday sermons. Our Church Prayer Meetings are an integral part of the home group programme.

## CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Please come to pray for the life and mission of Emmanuel Church.

7.30pm, Mendham Hall: Tuesday 2nd Jan, 6th Feb & 5th March.

...and if you can't make that, why not join us for our daytime prayer meeting

10.30am, Mendham Hall: Wednesday 3rd Jan, 7th Feb & 6th March.

**LS** - Lord's Supper

**GS** - Guest Service