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# Emmanuel Press

*Bringing God's Written Word to You*

As Your Words are taught, they give light; even the simple can understand them, O God  
Psalm 119:130

As we approach the close of 2020, this final newsletter comes to you with our thanks for your support over the last year. We thought it would also be good to introduce you to the Trustees of Emmanuel Press UK that you may not know so much about; those responsible for distributing the EP newsletters, maintaining the EP UK website and handling the funds raised here in the UK. There are five members of the committee; Peter and Kay Goodchild, who are currently based at EP in White River, but also Doreen Blackman, Jenny Rhodes and Chris Goodchild.



## **Doreen Blackman**

My links with Emmanuel Press began a year before Peter & Kay came to Tunbridge Wells in the 1970s. David & Loreen Newington were our first guests after Colin and I married and from that time they became a very special part of our family and church, with David being an Honorary Elder.

We visited Emmanuel Press on a couple of occasions and had close links with Bill & Gwen Kirby, spending time with them when they worked at The Press. I still keep in touch with Gwen and I'm so thankful for our friendship over many years.

Missions, especially the "Home End", has been a big part of my life. As a young girl, before I became a Christian, I would pick up books about missionaries and had thoughts of doing something like that – having no idea at the time what it really meant or what it would involve.

As a wife and young mum, life became very busy. One day I was longing to do more, not knowing what that "more" might be. As clearly as if someone was speaking to me in person, I heard the Lord say, "But you can write!" I began communicating with people we knew and who became close friends, working overseas; people who had dedicated their lives to serving the Lord in this way.

My working life was as a secretary – someone said, "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." I'm often asked how I can enjoy doing office work, but I know it is a gift from God and I'm thankful for this opportunity to use this gift in helping the work of Emmanuel Press.



## **Jenny Rhodes**

I like to read at least one chapter of God's Word each day. This obviously takes longer when it is Psalm 119! It's a chapter encouraging, experiencing and extolling the laws of God and the way He wants us to walk in His truth.

Verse 105: 'Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path'

Verse 35: 'Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found'

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God's Word is crucial for us all. In the '90s I attended the Alpha training courses at HTB and later organised and taught at the courses we held at the church in Maidstone. It was a time of training for everyone and seeing God's power at work in people's lives through His Word was great. There were people who asked that we continue to study the Bible weekly and we started a Tuesday morning get-together where we could learn and share God's Word. That group had grown and met every week until the lockdown this year. God wants to make His path clear to everyone. They may be different paths but God directs and guides each of us through His Word.

When Peter asked me to help with the finances of Emmanuel Press UK, I saw it as another opportunity to help distribute God's Word. My husband and I lived in South Africa in the '80s and visited the Emmanuel Press HQ in White River a few times; I never imagined that I would be part of it. 'The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?' (Proverbs 20:24)



### Chris Goodchild

I've been aware of Emmanuel Press since I was "knee-high to a grasshopper"; I have memories of David & Loreen Newington and Bill & Gwen Kirby from the early 1980s. Although I grew up in a church with a strong international missions focus, I never had a particularly strong desire to travel myself. It is perhaps slightly ironic that my wife, Candy, hails from South Africa and that since 2007 I have spent a fair proportion of my holidays in the rainbow nation.

Some time after Peter and Kay (a.k.a. Dad and Mum) took up their role at EP I joined the EPUK committee, eventually taking the chairmanship, to support them in their mission. My professional background is in IT and consequently I look after the EPUK website, but with my artistic and linguistic bent I produce both the regular EP Newsletter and Peter and Kay's Hot Off The Press as well as being responsible for the revamped EP branding.

Over the course of 2020 EPUK was able to send in excess of £16,000 to support the work of EP in South Africa and Mozambique and hopefully the regular newsletters provide you with adequate fuel for prayer and praise.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we seek to enable Emmanuel Press to keep taking God's word where it is needed.

Wishing you every blessing in the year ahead,

*Chris.*

On behalf of the EPUK team.



*Some EP newsletters ready for posting out to our valued supporters.*

When you pray, say:

“Our Father Let you Kingdom Come and may Your Name be glorified as Your Word goes forth.”

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