

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

1st October	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 16 <i>Final Words – 1 Corinthians 16:5-24</i> Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Sue White Prayers: Mike Watermeyer
	12.45pm	Welcome Lunch
	7.00pm	Evening Service Safe? – More about <i>Justification. Romans 8:1-2</i> Leader: Helen Davies Preacher: Ian Biscoe
2nd October	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
3rd October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.00pm	Death and Cake starts
4th October	10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.30pm	CAP Money reunion
5th October	7.00-8.30pm	Youth Group for Years 7-11 <i>With Guest from TFM</i>
6th October	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline Blurry Vision – Revelation 3:14-22

Harvest Weekend Events

5th October	8.00pm	20.s & 30's in the Bure Farm
6th October	9.00am	In the Café
	11.00am	Wyndham Hall
7th October	10.00am	Magic & Breakfast for dads and kids
	4.00pm	Harvest Celebration
8th October	10.30am	Café Church
	7.00pm	Healing & Wholeness Service



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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We extend a warm welcome to regulars and visitors alike. If you are new at Emmanuel, or visiting, please do introduce yourself to one of the Welcome Team.

Andrew Collett writes,

Last Wednesday three senior members of the church met at the bottom of the stairs debating whether to use the 'Healthy Option': the stairs..... or the lift, to get to the Oasis meeting. After a very short discussion a unanimous decision was made. We would use the lift. The lift was called and we all stepped inside, where another discussion ensued as to which floor we needed: 'Gent's ware' or 'Haberdashery.' As there are only two stops on the ECB lift-- up or down, and as we were already down, the only way was up, (and at our age that is always a bonus) so the UP button was pressed.

Then the dulcet tones of a voice informs us of what is going to happen next, as if at our age we don't already know. 'Doors closing, lift going up' As this is not the Empire State Building or even

London's iconic Shard, we are not going to be catapulted into 'thin air' being forced into our shoes at 2g.

No, it is but a sedate ride, whisper quiet, smooth and uneventful until we reach our floor, our one and only floor. The 'Voice' pipes up again reminding us that the doors will open. Then in true gentlemanly fashion we all invite each other to step out first, which then delays us a few more seconds as we can't decide who should leave first.

Finally one of us makes that tentative step from what was a moving object to a stationary one, so the remaining ones can see it is safe to do so! When we were younger speed was enjoyed as a thrill, but now speed comes with a hidden shock: as we grow older the stopping can sometimes be painful!

Our walk with Jesus is very like the lift ride. We have choices in life: do we take the hard way, climbing the stairs, or step inside His lift?

When we choose His lift He immediately speaks quietly to us if we take time to listen, and then takes us on a journey. His lift takes us higher and higher, but we still have to press the button to start our ride.

Once the button is pressed our journey begins, passing many different floors, some good, some hard, some frightening, some memorable, some where we spend more time than we should, but they are only floors where the lift passes through.

Jesus picks us up from the ground floor and takes us to His top floor where He promised us a special room, prepared for each one of us personally. And I am absolutely certain that the view will be Heavenly because He, Jesus, has made it with his own hands for you and me.

Blessings
Andrew

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

CONTEMPLATIVE COMPLINE

Unless otherwise advertised there are services on a Friday evening from 7:30pm which comprise Liturgy, Scripture reading, reflection on scripture and 30 mins of quiet, private meditation/contemplation. All welcome.

BICESTER FOODBANK

Urgently require Tinned rice pudding, Jars of Jam, Sugar (500g and 1kg) and Tinned fish (salmon, tuna, pilchards etc). They are also starting to collect "treats" ready for Christmas. Please place any items in the blue box by the front door of church or bring to church over the Harvest weekend.

Janet is looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov-2nd Dec.

DEATH and CAKE

Weekly Presentations and Discussions About End of Life and Ending Well. If you have elderly relatives, or if you *are* elderly and want to put your affairs in order, or if you are just 'interested' – please do come and join us on Tuesday evenings between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. starting 3rd October through to and including 7th November. Pick up a flyer for more information or speak to *Carol Hill*.

HARVEST WEEKEND 5th – 8th October

Roger Murphy and a team from Through Faith Missions will be joining us to present the Christian faith at events and services 5-8 October.

Please sign up if you could provide meals for team members during their stay, perhaps arranging to invite your friends and neighbours too.

To help with catering please sign up for the Harvest Celebration event on Saturday 7 October 4-6pm and if you are able to volunteer to help on the day then speak to Julia Mills or Debbie Winson.

There are flyers available with details of all the weekend activities – please take them and share with your friends.

HARVEST DONATIONS

We are being encouraged to bring first fruits offerings (Deuteronomy 26) for the Harvest weekend. If you have any produce that could be displayed and then shared please contact Debbie Winson. We will also have our usual collection for Bicester Food Bank – check with the office if you are unsure about what items are suitable.

ALPHA COURSE

We are planning to run an ALPHA course on a Tuesday evening starting on 10th October. The meal will be held in the Bure Farm pub, with the rest of the session in church. If you are interested in joining or know someone who is then please pick up a flyer with details or speak to Ian.

MARRIAGE MATTERS Saturday 21st October 9.30am – 4.30pm

A one-day relationships event for couples led by Clive and Helen Collier. Come and hear skilled presenters share insights which will deepen your relationship. Spend time as a couple talking and thinking together. This is a free event, you just need to bring a packed lunch. See flyer for more details and book your place by contacting the Church Office.

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday
at administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk