

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

1st Dec	10.30am	Advent 1 – Informal Service Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: 'Workers are few' Matt 9:35-38 Prayers: Dora Potter
	12.30-ish	Light lunch in Church & meet Sriyamal
	7.00pm	Church Prayer Meeting – in Room 1 at Church with Godly Play and prayer for youth work Sriyamal will join us
3rd Dec	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00am-12	Seniors' Café – in Church
5th Dec	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	20's / 30's Group – in Bure Farm
6th Dec	11.00am	Coffee & cake to celebrate 1 st birthday of the church garden. All welcome.
8th Dec	10.30am	Advent 2 – All Age Service Leader: Karen Stoddart Preacher: Sunday Club Subject: Nativity Tableau Prayers: Sunday Club
	7.00pm	Sri Lanka Evening – In Church Come to learn more about Sri Lanka, the Christian community, and Sriyamal (includes Sri Lankan Christian music, presentation and Q&A, prayer stations for Sri Lanka).
10th Dec	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00am-12	Seniors' Café – in Church
12th Dec	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	7.15 for 7.30pm	MEAL IN CHURCH – advance sign-up essential.
15th Dec	10.30am	Advent 3 – Informal Service Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Andrew Collett Subject: 'Sending Out' Matt 10:1-42 Prayers: Carol Hill



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

1st December 2013

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk



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.

Nigel Crook writes:-

I've been encouraged to share the following testimony.

Last year I attended the Healing on the Streets seminars at New Wine where I learned about praying for healing 'by proxy'.

Back at work a non-Christian colleague of mine called Steve was very distressed because his sister Rita had been diagnosed with cancerous tumours on her spine. I sensed the Holy Spirit urging me to pray with Steve by proxy for Rita. I was nervous about doing this, but found the courage to ask him. He agreed and sat on a chair in my office, I knelt at his feet, invited the Holy Spirit to fill him

and Rita. I watched for any sign of the movement of the Spirit. I saw nothing. I then put my hand on the small of his back, where Rita's cancerous tumours were, and commanded healing in the name of Jesus. I felt nothing. I sat back on my heels wondering if I had miss-heard the prompting of the Spirit. Then he told me what happened to him, he could hardly speak. He had immediately felt the Spirit filling him with peace as though it was being poured into him like water. He experienced an almost unbearable heat in the small of his back where my hand was. He was no longer anxious about his sister. Two days later his sister had a scan at the hospital and the tumours had gone.

Six months later, Steve was again very distressed. Although Rita had been on dialysis for a number of years, her kidney function had suddenly dropped dramatically. She was unconscious in hospital. The

expectation was that Rita would pass away at any moment. Again, prompted by the Holy Spirit, I asked Steve if I could pray by proxy with him for her. We prayed in the same way. I experienced nothing. Steve experienced real peace. Later that day Rita regained consciousness, discharged herself from hospital and was planning a holiday in Benidorm! A few months later she had an operation to remove her dialysis tubes because her kidney function had returned to normal and she no longer needed them. Her doctors were dumbfounded.

Over the years I have prayed for a number of people for healing. Some have been healed, others not. I have learned three things:

1. Healing is God's business, but He loves to include us in it.
2. It is important to invite and wait for the Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus has given us authority to heal in His name and He expects us to use it.

Blessings,

Nigel Crook

Emmanuel Church Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December 1:00 - 5:00pm

To advertise the Christmas Fair, please pick up some leaflets or a poster and distribute to your neighbours and friends. All Welcome!

Sat 14th Dec 1-4pm Helle invites you to join her
for Winter Soup and Apple Tart
at 1 South View, Piggy Lane OX26 6HT

This week, **we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us** who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including:-

- **Sharon & Dave Bambrook**, pray that Sharon continues to improve after her operation and that Dave keeps well.
 - **Ken & Dora Potter**, Ken is still in hospital and daily visiting is very tiring for Dora.
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Sriyamal is visiting us between Monday 25 November and Wednesday 11 December.

Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at
rogerwinson@btinternet.com

ROTAS

Prayer Ministry

1st Dec Katie Jenkinson
8th Dec Chris Shields
15th Dec John Thompson

Sunday Club Bubbles

1st Dec Libby & Karen & Catherine
8th Dec **All-Age Service**
15th Dec Karen & Jane

Sunday Club The Grid

1st Dec Karl & Sandy
8th Dec **All-Age Service**
15th Dec Karl & Hannah

Welcome Team

1st Dec John Innes, Del Hindmarsh, Doreen & John Thompson
8th Dec Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Mark Verman
15th Dec Jacquie Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering, the reading)

1st Dec Heather Hindmarsh and members of Peter & Carol's Small Group
8th Dec **Youth Team**
15th Dec Clare Bean's Small Group

Splash

Andy & Jo/Nathan
All-Age Service
Claire & Hannah

Crèche

Jackie & Claire
All-Age Service
Jane & Vicky