



2ND FEBRUARY 2020

Phil Trout writes...

I've been thinking recently about what we add to the atmosphere in a room; our homes, our workplaces, church even.

There are some people I know who it just feels like they bring a dark cloud everywhere with them, some completely the opposite, bringing joy, peace and happiness.

We as the people of the kingdom of Heaven need to be bringing exactly that - The kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

That really isn't as mad as it sounds!

In fact, it starts with practising His presence in peace, then happiness, then joy, then all of the fruits of the spirit. The way to attain these is to take captive every thought that comes against the knowledge of God. (2 Cor 10.5)

The knowledge of God is that of His character and fruits of His Spirit; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness and Faithfulness. (Gal 5.22)

The trick is to catch any negative thoughts as quickly as you are aware anything that stands against any of these fruits and pray exactly the opposite of the negative thoughts you've entertained for yourself or the circumstances or the people you've been thinking of. Pray for the people in your negative thoughts in exactly the opposite spirit of anything negative you've held against them. It's amazing and amusing to watch the results from this.....

They would never know you entertained a negative thought about them, but more importantly you will see positive fruit from your prayers of blessing on their lives.

This really is great fun!

This really is a fun game, that the Holy Spirit enjoys with you. But more importantly, one of the fruits of practising this, is that you then bring a lightness of Spirit into every environment you walk into. You will have the Joy of the Lord and will be working towards attaining the mind of Christ. A mind free of clutter, full of positive and creative thoughts, flashes of inspired brilliance that can only be from Him.

I encourage you to give it a go. Even if you only bless a few people - that would be worth it wouldn't it? There's nothing to lose and everything to gain!

Every blessing to you all in Christ, Phil

Notices

Church Spring Clean

Saturday 22nd February 9am-3pm. We need your help! Can you spare an hour of your time to help deep clean our church? Drop in between 9am and 3pm and help us to get our church sparkling! If you can help please email: Lesley@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or call the church office : **(01869) 320021**

Watoto Children's Choir ' We Will Go'

Thursday 20th February at 7pm here at Emmanuel Church. We are excited to be hosting this choir who '*exist to share the love of Jesus Christ*'. They just love singing to a 'full house' so invite your friends, family and neighbours to this joy filled event. For more info about the choir visit: www.watoto.com

If you are able to help out on the night then email:

lesley@emmanuelbicester.org.uk for more information on how you can get involved.

Healing Prayer Training Evenings

26th February, 4th and 11th March here at Emmanuel Church. To book please complete the booking form ,available from church, and

Send to: lesley@emmanuelbicester.org.uk **Registration closes on Monday 17th February.**

Men's Curry Evening at Shakil's

Tuesday 18th February 7.45pm. To book please contact Colin Arter: **07717 875566**

Coffee Morning with Kids

Meeting up again on Monday 10th February at 9.00am here at Emmanuel Church. All welcome.

Saturday 8th February 10am-12noon

Who Let the Blokes Out and Ladies Pamper, Craft and Chat. Both here at Emmanuel Church. All Welcome.

ROTAS: If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

ECB DIARY

SUN 2ND FEBRUARY	10.30 am	Informal Worship Elijah, Standing Alone Leader: Helen Davies Preacher: Roger Winson
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Spiritual Gifts, Miraculous Power Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Philip Wilson
TUES 4TH FEBRUARY	9.00am	Prayers
	7.00pm	Prayers
	8.00pm	Wild at Heart
WED 5TH FEBRUARY	10.30am	Oasis small group
THURS 6TH FEBRUARY	7.15pm	Alpha Course
FRI 7TH FEBRUARY	9.30am	Cherish Group
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline
SAT 8TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Ladies Pamper, Craft & Chat Who Let the Blokes Out!
SUN 9TH FEBRUARY	10.30 am	Café Church Love Languages Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Spiritual Gifts, Prophecy Leader: Phil Trout Preacher: Christine Larkin

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All notices to Admin Team by 7pm Wednesday