

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

2 nd April	10.30am	Informal Worship Lent 5 <i>VISION Sunday</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Andy Roberts Prayers: Libby Brown
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>VISION Sunday</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
3 rd April	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
4 th April	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.15pm	ALPHA course (meet in Bure Farm)
5 th April	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.45 for 8pm	Lent Course in church
6 th April	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	8.00pm	Standing Committee
	8.00pm	20's & 30's meet in Bure Farm pub
7 th April	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>Women Jesus met - The Women at the Cross</i>
8 th April	10.00am	Emmanuel Café open
	10am-4pm	Quiet Day
9 th April	10.30am	Interactive Worship Palm Sunday <i>Triumphal Entry - Matthew 21:1-11</i> <i>Baptism of Samuel Dipple</i> Leader: Jackie Meek Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>GIFTS Sunday</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**2nd April
2017**

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.

Hans Cooper writes:

Wisdom meet your sister - Proverbs 7.4

I was getting off the train on a mission to get home and this lady was in my way, so as I was about to bless her by cutting her up for the ticket gates I clocked it was an old friend. I had a split second to think - do I stop and talk or cut her up?!

Over the past couple of weeks I have been cycling to work and taking the train and have been very aware that God doesn't conform to our time and our worldly ways. As I sped passed the zombie static tin cans on the A34 cocooned in their own little worlds, I was thankful that I have half an hour of

silence to stop, think and ponder - read UCB The Word for Today.. this, for me, was a very different way to travel from the norm.

So, going back to the lady - do I cut her up or talk to her? I stopped and talked to her, everyone around me rushed through the gates and we were left talking in a very empty station for ten minutes. Her wisdom and her journey blessed me out of my socks!

So, look to meet your sister of wisdom and ask God to show you more of her in every day and who knows she may surprise you. It talks about wisdom in the Proverbs as being a sister and this sister had some wisdom (*Proverbs 7:4*).

So, stop the rat race, have a Facebook, YouTube, Instagram free week? and look around and remember God works on a different time scale and we need to be open to Him.

Make time for Him and He will make time for you, make space for God to talk to you.

Blessings Hans



PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk Tuesday morning prayers are at 9am in the Community Room.

QUIET DAY – Reflections for Holy Week 8th April 10am to 4pm

An opportunity to spend some “time out” with God as we prepare for Holy Week. Come for an hour or two, or for the whole day. Coffee & Tea provided but bring your own lunch.

Safeguarding Training – If you work with children or young people in church, or are planning to help at Holiday Club you will need to do regular training. Courses being held on 8th April, 23rd May and 24th June at different locations. Speak to Karen or Ian for details.

End of Lent Course Meal – Thursday 13th April from 7:15pm

Book via Church Builder

https://emmanuelbicester.churchbuilder.org.uk/pjp/activitybookingtemplate/booking_page?abtid=16

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION AND EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday 15 April, 4-6pm.

Please come along and enjoy the fun! Our story telling this year involves "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". Take a flyer and invite a family you know to come with you!

Electoral Roll - The Church Electoral Roll is being revised between 5th March and 9th April. To be able to vote at the APCM on 30th April you will need to be on the Electoral Roll. Forms available in church to be returned to Karen Stoddart.

Social badminton. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

2nd April Andrew & Jeanette Collett
9th April Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
16th April Debbie Winson & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

2nd April Living Waters and Tues 20's & 30's
9th April MSG and Mon 20's & 30's
16th April Oasis & Super small group

Sunday Club

2nd April
9th April
16th April

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Vicky W & Rowan
Interactive Service
All Age Service

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Doyin
Interactive Service
All Age Service

Sunday Club

2nd April
9th April
16th April

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

And & Ken
Interactive Service
All Age Service

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Ceri & Maureen
Interactive Service
All Age Service

Youth

2nd April
9th April
16th April

The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Fleur
Interactive Service
All Age Service

Finance Team

2nd April Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders
9th April Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
16th April James Dunne & Ian Brown

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