

## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

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



# Welcome!

*to the church  
at the heart  
of the community*

Prayer chain: [prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

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Website: [www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on 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](mailto:prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) Tuesday morning prayers are at 9am in the Community Room.

**QUIET DAY – Reflections for Holy Week 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> June at different locations. Speak to Karen or Ian for details.

**End of Lent Course Meal – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 7:15pm**

Book via Church Builder

[https://emmanuelbicester.churchbuilder.org.uk/pjp/activitybookingtemplate/booking\\_page?abtid=16](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 5<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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

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

**Sunday Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> April  
9<sup>th</sup> April  
16<sup>th</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> April  
9<sup>th</sup> April  
16<sup>th</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> April  
9<sup>th</sup> April  
16<sup>th</sup> April

**The Grid** (School year 7+)

Karl & Fleur  
*Interactive Service*  
*All Age Service*

**Finance Team**

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

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday  
at [administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)