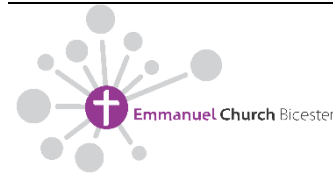


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

2nd July	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 3 <i>Least of the Apostles</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:9-11</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Katie Jenkinson
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Natural Evangelism – Power Evangelism</i> Leader: Geoff Saunders Preacher: Ian Biscoe
3rd July	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
4th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
5th July	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
6th July	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	8.00pm	20's & 30's meet in Bure Farm pub
7th July		No Contemplative Compline
9th July	10.30am	Café Church Trinity 4 <i>Humility – Phil 2: 3-9</i> Leader: Jackie Meek Preacher: Peter Hill Reading & Prayers : Interactive
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Inviting/Door to door – Just do it !</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe
10th July	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
11th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church



Welcome!

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Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**2nd July
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.

Tim Howard writes:

Do you have the time?

Read that as you choose, but we are all obsessed with time. 'Is that the time? I shouldn't be here, I should be.... .' Time forms a framework on which we structure and organise our lives, whether this is the family calendar hanging on the kitchen wall, or the chart of seasonal jobs to do on the farm or in the garden, or a bar chart programming a construction project, and if something upsets that programming, there is a tendency for rattles to be thrown from as missiles from the pram!

Perhaps a better question is 'Are you making the best use of your time?' That suggests we need to prioritise. You may be reading this at home before Sunday's service, or you may be reading it before the service starts, surely not during the

sermon!?! I confess I'm writing this and I know Ian has emailed me, but he will have to wait for a reply, sorry, Ian!

What is our priority, the primary objective for our time? Surely this is to be with God, to spend time in his presence. In planning for tomorrow, we run the risk of overlooking today, and in particular, today's opportunity to spend time in His presence.

Psalm 118:24 (KJV) says '*This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*' I may be quoting slightly out of context, please forgive me, but it speaks to this message too.

'This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

This is the day that the Lord has made for us.....to spend with Him! How fickle we are that one moment we can be in deep and reverent conversation with God and the next we are completely distracted by a knock at the door, a ping from a

phone, or a butt from an impatient and hungry ewe. Like an adoring parent, He wants to simply spend time with us in our everyday, every day. Most especially when we are troubled and distressed, yes, but also absolutely in the mundane routine of our lives.

I'm sure there are many 'black belt Christians' amongst us for whom frequently taking time to be with God comes so naturally, but for comparative novices like me, I'm afraid it takes effort and discipline.

Perhaps one day it will come naturally to me as second nature, to recognise that He is walking beside me, and whatever the dilemma, He has an opinion worth asking.

Take your time, why? Take His time. He is offering each of us an eternity, why wait, now is the time, His time.

Blessings Tim

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.

Cake Sale in aid of Tommy's charity - Annie Dallas and Gary Hodgins are cycling 100 miles next month in the "London 100" to raise funds for Tommy's. There will be a cake on sale after church **today** to help with their fundraising efforts. Please support them if you can.

Starship Discovery Holiday Club: 24th – 28th July 2017

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. We also need old CD's or spare wool for one of the Holiday Club craft activities – and volunteers to help make pom-poms. Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

JAM, FRUIT FOR JAM, JAM JARS AND JAM-MAKING.

We plan to continue welcoming newcomers to the Elmsbrook village on the Eco-town with a jar of home-made jam and information about Churches in Bicester. We would love to have some more people to join us who can make jam or provide clean jam jars or Bicester grown fruit. Please contact *Debbie Winson*: email drwinson@msn.com if you can help! Thank you.

HOLIDAY AT HOME - 15th-17th August

Volunteers needed to help this event for seniors run smoothly. More details from *Elizabeth Taylor* – 01869 243479 or email home4ew@gmail.com
Booking forms available from the church office.

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

ROTAS

Welcome Team

2nd July Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson
9th July Matheson Family
16th July Andrew & Jeanette Collett

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

2nd July Tuesday 20's & 30's
9th July MSG and Mon 20's & 30's
16th July Oasis and

Sunday Club

2nd July
9th July
16th July

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Jane & Rowan
Café Church
Vicky & Elizabeth A

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Tosin
Café Church
Heidi & Mike

Sunday Club

2nd July
9th July
16th July

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jo & Ken
Café Church
And & Nicole

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Join with Willows/Yr 6 to Grid
Café Church
Susan & Liz W

Youth

2nd July
9th July
16th July

The Grid (School year 7+)

Sam G & Debbie (including Yr 6)
Café Church
Karl & Fleur

Finance Team

2nd July Pete Stoddart & James Sheppard
9th July James Dunne & Ian Brown
16th July Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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