

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

2 nd October	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 19 <i>Temples of the Holt Spirit – 1 Cor 6:12-20</i> Leader: Jackie Meek Preacher: Roger Winson Reading: Jeanette Collett Prayers: Ian Brown
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounters – Ephesian Believers</i> <i>Acts 19:1-7</i> Leader: Jadon Cuin-Wilson Preacher: Robert Jackson
3 rd October	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
4 th October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
5 th October	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
6 th October	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10+
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
7 th October		NO Contemplative Compline
9 th October	10.30am	Interactive Worship Trinity 20 <i>Food for All – Matt 14:13-21</i> Leader: Andy Roberts Preacher: Karen Stoddart Reading & Prayers: Interactive Team
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounters</i> <i>Eutychus raised from the dead - Acts 20:7-12</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Jacob Newby



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

**Sunday 2nd
October 2016**

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.

Jude Cranston writes:

A few weeks ago I was watching as the children danced and jumped at the front of the church, along to the worship music. There was no embarrassment, no wondering what other people would think of them, just pure joy in the freedom of being able to move however they wanted, expressing themselves through movement.



This, I believe, is true worship. God doesn't care if you raise your hands, dance around, or sit still. What He loves seeing is you completely comfortable and happy because you're in His

presence and fully focussed on Him, worshipping His glory.

Jesus tells us it is this honest, spirit filled worship that pleases God: *"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."* John 4:23-24

It is not only in worship that we are called to become like little children: *"And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."* Matthew 18:3-5

At the UN summit on refugees President Obama read out a letter from a six-year-old boy, who had written to him to ask him to bring a child from Syria, who had lost his family and home, to the boy's house, saying the child could live with

him, be part of his family, and have his toys. The boy had seen a sadness and given a simple solution.

I think this is what God means when he tells us to become like children. If you see someone in need, help them. Don't worry about what others think, or of further complexities or politics, just help them.

Remember, the Kingdom of God belongs to the children (Luke 18:3). Become a child of God.

Blessings, Jude

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or send an email to the church office on a Monday to be included in Tuesday morning prayers.

HARVEST CELEBRATION SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 4-6 PM

Please sign up to join together for our "Grown in Bicester" meal by **Thursday 6th Oct at the latest**. We also still need volunteers for the event. Also, if you can bring fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables either on Friday 7th after cafe, or on Sat 8th in the morning that would be wonderful. Please speak to *Debbie Winson* if you can help.

Harvest Interactive Service – Sunday 9th October

Please bring any food donations for the Bicester Food Bank. There will also be a collection of money specifically for Tearfund's work in Chad.

Contemplative Compline & Midweek Communion

There will no Compline on Friday 7th October and Friday 14th October as Carol is taking a well deserved holiday. This also means that there will no midweek communion on 12th October as Peter is also away 😊

Men's Curry night –October

The monthly curry night will take place at Anika's in Deans Court on Tuesday 11th October from 7:30pm. *Contact Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart for details.*

Abundant Life Conference – 18th- 20th November 2016

Scott & Hilary Dalton will be leading this conference being held at ECB. There will be sessions on the Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday. More details and booking instructions to follow, but put the dates in your diary.

Crafting Decorations for Christmas

Lyndie Spolander is running a workshop to show us how to make Chrismons, Monograms of Christ. It will be on Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm at her house. Please contact her or me if you would like to join us. *Debbie Winson*

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

2nd October John Thompson & Debbie Winson
9th October Children's Groups
16th October Steve Willott & Heather Hindmarsh

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

2nd October Oasis & Living Waters
9th October More & Men's Group
16th October Hilarious

Sunday Club

2nd October
9th October
16th October

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Lindsay & Lonah
Interactive Worship
Sophie & Lindsay

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Heidi & Matt
Interactive Worship
Claire & Qi

Sunday Club

2nd October
9th October
16th October

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Sam B & Jo
Interactive Worship
Dorothy & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Sandy A & Liz W
Interactive Worship
Nicola & Maureen

Youth

2nd October
9th October
16th October

The Grid (School year 7+)

Sam G & Debbie
Interactive Worship
Karl & Sandy D

Finance Team

2nd October Roger Winson & Ian Brown
9th October Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
16th October James Dunne & Geoff Saunders

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