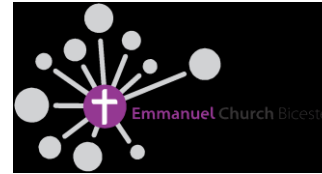


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 2nd November 10.30am 4th before Advent**
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Matt Shipman
Subject: A message from Jeremiah 29
Reader: Sandy Addison **Prayers:** Libby Brown
7.00pm Prayer Central Evening – Session 3
Leader: Katie Jenkinson
- 3rd November 3.10pm – 4.15 pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
4th November 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
5th November 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course
6th November **Standing Committee**
20s/30s pub gathering - Bure farm pub, from 8pm.
8.00pm-9.00pm **Band practice**
6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11
8th Nov 9am **Growers' Breakfast** - Bure Farm pub (Debbie Winson)
- 9th November 10.30am Remembrance Sunday** (Doing it Differently)
Leader: Andrew Collett **Preacher:** Robert Jackson
Subject: *The Tenants* Matthew 21:33-46
Reader: John Thompson **Prayers:** Dora Potter
12.45 – 2.30pm **Welcome Lunch**
7.00pm Evening Service – Faith at work
Leader: Ian Biscoe
- 10th November 3.10pm – 4.15 pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
11th November 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
12th November 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course
7.30 – 9.30 pm **Mathetes** course
13th November 8.00 pm-9.00 pm **Band practice**
6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11
14th November 7.30pm **20's & 30's curry night** @ Jaflong
15th November 4.00pm-6pm **TWIST Family Fun Church**



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

2nd November 2014



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*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.*

Katie Jenkinson writes:

A call to prayer...

Did you know that, in a century, the Anglican church has lost 2 million people? This statistic always upsets me. The population of Britain has grown, and yet the church has shrunk. Throughout my lifetime, instead of seeing the kingdom of God advancing in our country, I have seen it receding.

Now, here we are, in a debt-ridden society where the rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and where corruption is being exposed across the establishment: government, the police, the media and celebrities. There seems to be no-one we can trust.

But I believe that when the world is at its darkest, then the light of God begins to shine its brightest.

At the worship evening a couple of weeks' ago, we looked at Jeremiah 29 v11:

“For I know the plans I have for you’ declares the Lord...‘plans to give you hope and a future.’”

We reflected on this as individuals – but it is actually God’s words to a nation – the nation of Israel in exile. The passage continues in this way:

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity.”

Our nation is captive, it is broken, and God is calling us to pray for its release – and that we, as his church, and ultimately Britain itself, would seek him with all our hearts.

I wonder how you feel about this? Overwhelmed? Puzzled? Indifferent? Or perhaps you feel that God is calling you to pray? There will be an opportunity to

learn more about prayer and to pray for our nation at 7pm this evening (November 2nd). Come and join us if you can.



It's time to cry out to God and to seek him with all our hearts.

So, are you up for the challenge?

Katie Jenkinson

This week, we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including: -

Sue Lewis (Lisa's mother), and also Lisa and Mark Verman.

WEDDING

Rosie and JJ are getting married at 1pm on Saturday 15th November and they would love their ECB church family to celebrate with them and join them for some cake afterwards.

HARVEST PICTURES

Rachel Woods completed 2 paintings in acrylic and two pastels on the theme of Harvest. She would like these pictures sold and the proceeds given to CMS. There is a box with envelopes and cards on the café counter if you would like to submit an offer for one or more of the pictures in a silent auction. Debbie Winson.

ECB 20s/30s group

If you are not currently getting emails about 20s/30s events and would like to be included please email katesheppard7484@gmail.com or join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/119625861561623/> to get details and be added to the list. Upcoming events include a curry night at Jaflong - 7.30pm on **14th November**, a New Wine event in January as well as the regular pub gathering on the first Thursday of each month.

Real Advent calendars

These will soon be available to buy for £3.99 each. They are made from Fairtrade chocolate and share the Christmas story. Each calendar contains an advent activity book for children and donations from every sale go to help equip the Funzi baby clinic in South Africa.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – contact Chris Bean for details

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

2nd November Katie Jenkinson
9th November Christine Thompson
16th November Chris Shields

Sunday Club

2nd November Helle & Tom
9th November Doing It Differently
16th November Jo & Sarah

Bubbles

Helle & Tom
Doing It Differently
Jo & Sarah

Splash

And & Nathan
Doing It Differently
Sandy & Kate

Sunday Club

2nd November Karl & TBC
9th November Doing It Differently
16th November Karl & Sandy

The Grid

Karl & TBC
Doing It Differently
Karl & Sandy

Crèche

Jane & Toeni
Doyin & Nicola
Jane & Tosin

Welcome Team

2nd November John Innes & Sue Hudson
9th November Tony Shields & Doreen Thompson
16th November John Thompson & Del Hindmarsh

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

2nd November MSG (Clare)
9th November Debbi
16th November Spirited

Finance Team

2nd November James Dunne & Jo Withers
9th November Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
16th November Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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