

ECB NOTICE BOARD



2nd Dec	10:30am	Informal Worship Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Jeannette Collett Prayers: John Thompson
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) One Another: Bear with one another Leader: Roger Winson Preacher: Nigel Crook
3rd Dec	3:10pm	After School Club
4th Dec	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers
5th Dec	10:30am	Oasis small group
6th Dec	7:30pm	Board Games Evening
	7:45pm	Standing Committee
7th Dec	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline
8th Dec	4-6pm	Christmas Party!
9th Dec	10:30am	Café Church Leader: Claire P. Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7pm	(Café open from 6:30pm) Lessons & Carols! Leader: April Beckerleg



2nd December, 2018

*From our contributing
writer...*

A grand finale is being played out as autumn hands over to winter. Short days and dark nights intensify as the earth slips further away from the sun, from whence come life, light and warmth. How blessed we are that our 'Son' stays always close; the One who gives us life, light and joy is nearer to us than we are to ourselves.

Darkness can invade our thoughts and block out His precious light. What is to be done? Bring every thought captive, making it obedient to our Saviour. (2 Corinthians 10 v 5) We really can train ourselves to replace every dark thought with thoughts of praise and thanksgiving. It is a sacrifice that pleases God. Training is the operative word; we need to be vigilant to oust the dark thoughts immediately they come, replacing them with spoken words of faith and power. Speaking out loud, where possible, is the most powerful way we can re-train our minds. So let us be

constantly alert and refuse the enemy to rob us of our rightful happiness. I leave you with the following words as food for thought:

*I was captured by an enemy who had one goal: to make my life miserable. I wasn't physically tortured, only emotionally. I was deprived of all enjoyment. I was given enough food to stay alive, but nothing more. I was subtly threatened as to what would happen to me in the future, and this filled me with worry and anxiety. I was made to feel guilty, lowly and worthless. Insults and put-downs were constantly thrown at me. 'If you have any feelings of hope about the future,' I was told, 'give them up. You will suffer for the rest of your life'.

For many of us, that enemy is ourselves! However, we can choose to be our own jailors, or we can choose to be our own liberators.

'Throw your anxieties upon God for He cares for you' (1 Peter 5v7)

Blessings to everyone today as we come to worship. Thank God for our wonderful family!

Andrew Collett

(*Taken from 'Happiness' by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin)

NOTICES

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

4-6pm Christmas Party with activities for children @ ECB!
A request for helpers at the party, especially helpers for the craft tables (talk to me or Maureen). Deadline for signing up, from memory Friday 7 Dec, 12 noon, via sheet in café or to the office. Also a note that helpers will be needed for assembling Christingles, both the sweetie sticks that can be done at home and the assembly line gathering (likely to be late afternoon, Sunday 23 Dec, tbc).

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

6.30 for 7pm Lessons and Carols with mulled wine

Angel Tree – A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated money or a gift, on Tuesday the Prison Fellowship wrapped over 50 presents to children of prisoners ready to be posted. Any donations of money towards postage costs would be appreciated, just identify the gift as "Angel Tree". It is also possible to donate directly through the Prison Fellowship website.

Deadline for newsletter entries Wednesdays @ 7pm