

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

3rd January	10.30am	All Age Worship Leader: Sam Gould <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i> Reading: Dave Bambrook	EPIPHANY Preacher: Robert Jackson <i>The Magi</i> Prayers: Katie Jenkinson
	7.00pm	Listening to God – Led by Phil Trout	
4th January	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
5th January	9.00am 10.00 -12.00 7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in Church Rock Of Ages Café Prayers in church	
6th January	8.45-12.00 10.00 for 10.30 7.00-7.30pm	Emmanuel Café re-opens Oasis Small Group Prayers in church	
7th January	from 8pm 8.15-9.15	20's and 30's meet at Bure Farm Band practice	
8th January	7.00-7.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Prayers in church Contemplative Compline	
10th January	10.30am	Interactive Worship <i>Baptism of Matthew & Daniel Thorpe</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe <i>Baptism of Jesus</i> Reading: Interactive Team	EPIPHANY 1 Preacher: Mandy Bentley Prayers: Karen Stoddart
	7.00pm	"Why does God allow suffering" Preacher – Ian Biscoe	
11th January	3.10-4.15pm 7.00-7.30pm	After school club for school years 4-6 Prayers in church	
12th January	9.00am 10.00 -12.00 7.00-7.30pm 7.15pm	Prayers in Church Rock Of Ages Café Prayers in church Church Meal	



Welcome!

to the church
at the heart
of the community

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 3rd
January 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.

Erika Biscoe writes:

Happy New Year! Where did 2015 go? For me personally 2015 was an emotional roller coaster ride ranging from a close family member being diagnosed with terminal cancer, two of our sons celebrating 18th and 21st birthdays, Ian and I reaching our 25th Wedding anniversary and being ordained on July 4th - American Independence day.

As a church we have been through times of great sadness and pain but there have been many moments where we have seen God's love bringing healing, freedom and joy.

Last Sunday morning I shared a word I felt God had laid on my heart for the church – the word 'waiting.'

As I prayed into this word God showed me the picture of a waiting room on a train platform and I was reminded of a pictorial evaluation sheet which had figures at different stages on the station. For example, some were near the station, others buying a ticket, some on the platform, and others on the train and some in the waiting room.

I felt God say to me it is what we do in the waiting room that is important.

Since last September as a church we have been learning to listen to God and many of us experienced the power of God's Holy Spirit when Scott Dalton came and spoke to us on the father's heart. So why do I think God is saying we are still waiting?

Seeing the Holy Spirit moving in this church was amazing and I know from peoples testimonies that their lives were touched. As we encounter God's Holy Spirit our lives are transformed but that is not always easy as he shows us things in our lives, things that he wants us to let go of that have in a lot of ways become our identity.

I think as a church we are still at different stages. There may still be some that are nowhere near the waiting room. I think it is important what we do in this time of waiting as a church. We must not be discouraged and lose sight of what God has shown us.

When you receive a word from God you pray for God to interpret the word and more importantly you wait for his timing.

We all need to be in the waiting room for the same reason.

Firstly to worship God and to see him continue to move in his Holy Spirit, and have faith to believe things can and will happen in God's timing.



So as we move forward into 2016 may our waiting be purposeful.

Blessings Erika

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk. Tuesday morning prayers will restart on 5th January after the Christmas break.

Children's groups

Groups will restart on 17th January. A big thank you to all those involved in coordinating, leading and helping with the children's work on a Sunday morning. 😊

Church Meal

There will be a church meal on 12th January, starting at 7:15. A sign-up sheet is now available or email Karen if you would like to attend. Please let us know any dietary requirements.

Diary dates

Copies of the Sunday Worship Calendar for Jan-April and the Spring 2016 Church Events list are both available. Let Karen know if you would like an electronic copy.

Safeguarding Training

Sat 16th Jan & Tues 23rd Jan. For all children/youth workers who have not done safeguarding training in the past 3 years. Check with Karen if you need to do it.

NGM Ladies weekend with Nancy Goudie – 29th – 31st Jan 2016

If you are interested in joining the group of ladies going from ECB then please speak to Nicola Collison.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

3rd January Amanda Beaumont & Del Hindmarsh
10th January Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson
17th January Debbie Winson & Hugh white

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

3rd January Spirited
10th January Hilarious
17th January Connect

Sunday Club

3rd January
10th January
17th January

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

All Age service
Interactive Worship
Vicky W & Jude

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

All Age service
Interactive Worship
Helle & Tosin

Sunday Club

3rd January
10th January
17th January

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

All Age service
Interactive Worship
Jo W & Steve F

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

All Age service
Interactive Worship
Sandy & Ellie

Youth

3rd January
10th January
17th January

The Grid (School year 7 +)

All Age service
Interactive Worship
Sam W & Debbie

Finance Team

3rd January Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
10th January Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
17th January James Dunne & James Sheppard

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