

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

3rd May	10.30am	Informal Worship – EASTER 5 Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe <i>Why we should read Daniel Daniel 1:1-6</i> Reader: Lisa Verman Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Prayer evening – led by the ECB Prayer Team
4th May	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
5th May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Jigsaws)
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
6th May	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
	7.30pm	ALPHA
	7.30pm	Mathetes
7th May		General Election <i>Church being used as a Polling Station</i>
10th May	10.30am	Interactive Worship – EASTER 6 Leader: John Bentley Preacher: Karen Stoddart <i>Who do you say I am? Matt 16:13-20</i> Prayers: Mandy Bentley
	7.00pm	Evening Service - Preacher: Ian Biscoe
11th May	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
12th May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Crafts)
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
13th May	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
	7.30pm	ALPHA
	7.30pm	Mathetes
14th May	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11
	8.00-9.00pm	Band practice
17th May	10.30am	Informal Worship – EASTER 7 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Robert Jackson <i>Idols and Holiness Isaiah 6:1-5</i> Reader: Ellie Dommett Prayers: John Thompson
	7.00pm	Worship evening – led by the ECB Worship Team



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 3rd
May 2015**

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.

Robert Jackson writes:

Greetings from Whitby! I'm lying on my bed in Sneaton Castle, a priory with enough accommodation to host the Anglican Religious Communities annual gathering. Not a terribly significant gathering you may say but on the other hand, the Archbishop of Canterbury delayed the start of his annual retreat to deliver the keynote address on the first evening. He addressed the chosen theme of 'Treasures Old and New' by looking at the time when Jesus told the story of the man who finds a treasure in a field so he covers it up and sells all that he has so he can buy the field. What is this treasure... and what is the field wherein lies the treasure?

You will probably have realised by now that Justin Welby is privy to an awful lot of what is going on the world... and often at first hand. For instance last

week, he was in Egypt reacting to the persecution of Christians there and in particular, that terrible episode when a string of Christians were led out on to a beach and beheaded. And as he does so, a man approaches him and explains his deep hatred towards God... his family is a Christian family that was driven out of Lebanon twenty years or more ago, and he was the only member of the family who survived the ordeal.

All the diplomacy in the world, let alone the mightiest army that ever marched, would never be able to solve problems such as these... answers, and talk of answers are vain. Yet there is an answer of which Justin is convinced – Jesus Christ. Why? Because Christ is the one who lives and breathes reconciliation and goes beyond displaying it by actually making reconciliation between us and God possible through his death on the Cross. The problem is not that this didn't happen, but rather that people are not aware of it, either because they haven't been told, or maybe they have

been told... by a church that doesn't appear to very good at reconciliation. This is where Christian communities have such a key role to play. England was evangelised by monastic communities in the dark ages and today, the church is rediscovering the impact of a community of Christians living out Christian love in a disconnected neighbourhood. Some of these are ancient communities... Benedictines and Franciscans, and some are fresh... Moot, Aidan & Hilda, Northumbria... "Treasures Old and New". One major development is that you don't have to be single, neither do

you have to live in a community, but there is a real sense of belonging. We have a pretty good community here at ECB and this is one our chief attractions to potential members but you might be interested in joining a community – you can join an ancient order like the Franciscans, or a new one such as Aidan & Hilda. Worth thinking about. If you're interested, have a chat with me... or Howard & Tina Dunn or Rachel Woods. It could be the opening paragraph of a new and deeply fulfilling chapter in your life.

Blessings Robert

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

HOLIDAY CLUB AT ECB – 20th – 24th July

Plans are now underway for Megamakers – a 5 day Holiday Club based on Matthew's gospel with lots of opportunities to discover how amazing God's love is. Volunteers are needed to lead small groups, play music, act in a drama, organise games, make refreshments, be creative, pray – but above all JOIN IN !
If you would like to get involved then please speak to Ian or Karen and get a volunteer form.

Men's breakfast – Sat 16th May 8.30am – 10.30am

Book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mens-breakfast-tickets-16710726232> (Speak to Karen if you do not have internet access)

Ladies Tea Party

Unfortunately this has been postponed from the original date in May and will hopefully take place later in the year.

Church Planting in and around a Garden City – Conference at ECB on Saturday

6th June 2015 9.30am to 3.00pm. To book go to -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/planting-churches-in-and-around-a-garden-city-tickets-15942974867> or speak to Karen.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – starts again in the Spring (watch this space)

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

3rd May Dorothy Williams
10th May Katie Jenkinson
17th May Christine Thompson

Sunday Club

3rd May Helle & Michelle
10th May *Interactive Worship*
17th May Jo & Michelle

Bubbles

Helle & Michelle
Interactive Worship
Jo & Michelle

Splash

And & Beckie
Interactive Worship
Sandy & Ellie

Sunday Club

3rd May Sam W & Sandy
10th May *Interactive Worship*
17th May Karl & Debbie

The Grid

Sam W & Sandy
Interactive Worship
Karl & Debbie

Crèche

Tosin & Toeni
Interactive Worship
Doyin & Vicky/Mike

Welcome Team

3rd May Rachel Woods & Tony Shields
10th May Heather Hindmarsh & Dave Bambrook
17th May Doreen Thompson & Daniel Deng

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

3rd May Hilarious
10th May Potting Shed
17th May MSG

Finance Team

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

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