

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

3 rd July	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 6 <i>Church Leadership – 1 Corinthians 3:1-23</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Andy Roberts Prayers: Ian Brown
	12 noon	Youth Bake Off and Cake Sale
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Encounter God evening</i> Led by Denise Crook & Rachel Bowen
4 th July	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.15 for 7.30	Alpha course at the Bure Farm
5 th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
6 th July	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
7 th July	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
8 th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
9 th July	9.30-11.00am	Holiday club training
10 th July	10.30am	Interactive Worship Trinity 7 <i>Holy Spirit – John 16:12-15</i> Leader: Karen Stoddart Preacher: Mandy Bentley Reading: Interactive Team Prayers: John Bentley
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Lydia</i> <i>Acts 16:11-15</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Hannah Shipman



Welcome!

to the church
at the heart
of the community

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
email to receive either of these.
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 3rd
July 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.

Phil Trout writes:
Beholding Jesus & becoming just like Him. Abiding Love and lasting fruit

John 15.

Jesus gives a picture of us as a vine to help us understand what it is to abide in Him. "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Fathers commandments and abide in His love."

To abide in His love, we just need to put Him at the forefront of our thinking and intent. His spirit in us "The helper" leads us to Him and bears testimony to The truth. The truth is the person of Jesus himself "I am The way, The truth and The light". *John14.6*

Even better news than this is that Jesus loved us first, so that we love Him. *1 John 4.19*

We didn't choose Him - He chose us to walk out our faith in obedience to Him. *John15.16*

And apart from remaining in Christ we cannot achieve anything fruitful for Him. *John15.5*

The fruit that Jesus speaks of is evidence of a living relationship with Him! A relationship that He initiated, and that He will bring to completion. *Philippians1.15*

We are His FRIENDS – if we obey His command to love one another, a command that can only truly be fulfilled by abiding in Him, and reflecting His love to others. This is the process of transforming our hearts to be the likeness of Him, and reflect His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Gal5.22*

He is the author and perfecter of our faith, the Alpha and Omega - who calls us friend!

We are just asked to abide in His love - in return His love will Abide in us and bear fruit!

This amazing love bears fruit – as we grow in His love, much fruit, and then fruit that lasts.

The true fruit that lasts are souls in Heaven, as Jesus says in *John 14.6* no-one comes to the Father except by Him – by His love.

In recent weeks I've been hearing rumours of revival here in the UK - we need to learn to abide in Him, to love our neighbours to a life - in Him. Let us grow in His love together.

Blessings Phil



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 on Tuesday.

Holiday Club – 25th – 29th July Please pray for the week and if you are able to help in any way then please speak to Ian & Erika or complete a volunteer form available from the office. Please register children ASAP as places are limited.

Holiday at Home – 16th-18th August Crafts, Games, Museum experience, Film, Tea Dance, and much more for those who are retired and can't get away on holiday. Helpers needed – particularly with transport. *Contact Elizabeth on 01869 243479*

HARVEST SUPPER, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER - Preparations

We are preparing for the third "Grown in Bicester" Harvest Celebration in October. Debbie might need some help with picking and preserving soft fruit in July and Steve Willott has freezer space from 1st July to store any produce for the event.

Dates for your diary – Autumn Term

November 18th-20th **Conference at ECB led by Scott Dalton** (*more details to follow*)

November 26th **Advent Quiet Day**

December 10th **Family Christmas Party** for our community

December 14th **Comedy & Carols** with Paul Karensa

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

3rd July Steve Willott & Jeanette Collett
10th July Willows Sunday Club group
17th July Andrew Collett & Doreen Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

3rd July MSG & Men's Group
10th July Oasis & Living Water
17th July More

Sunday Club

3rd July
10th July
17th July

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Elizabeth A & Jude
Interactive Service
Vicky W & Rowan

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Qi
Interactive Service
Erika & Doyin

Sunday Club

3rd July
10th July
17th July

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jo & Steve
Interactive Service
Jackie & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Maureen & Sandy A
Interactive Service
Nicola & And

Youth

3rd July
10th July
17th July

The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Debbie
Interactive Service
Sam G & Sandy D

Finance Team

3rd July James Dunne & James Sheppard
10th July Roger Winson & Steve Willott
17th July Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown

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