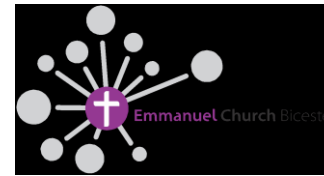


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 3rd August** **10.30am Trinity 7 – Informal Service (Summer)**
Leader: Denise Crook **Preacher:** Roger Winson
Subject: Swords into Ploughshares Micah 4:1-5
Reader: Sue White **Prayers:** Chris Shields
- 10th August** **10.30am Trinity 8 – Informal Service (Summer)**
Leader: Erika Biscoe **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: Pour out my Spirit Joel 2:28-32
Reader: Lisa Verman **Prayers:** Hugh White
- 12th August** Seniors' Café – **Craft session** 10am -12noon
- 17th August** **10.30am Trinity 9 – Informal Service (Summer)**
Leader: Andrew Collett **Preacher:** Carol Hill
Subject: The Glory returns Ezekiel 43:1-12
Reader: Tim Cranston **Prayers:** Katie Jenkinson
- 24th August** **10.30am Trinity 10 – Informal Service (Summer)**
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Erika Biscoe
Subject: The wife and kids Hosea 1:1-11
Reader: Debbi Pardoe **Prayers:** Howard Dunn
- 31st August** **10.30am Trinity 11 – Informal Service (Summer)**
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Peter Hill
Subject: Plumb Line Amos 7:1-9
Reader: Jeanette Collett **Prayers:** Dora Potter



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

3rd August 2014



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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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.

The Holiday club programme is aimed at children of primary age, but I'm sure I'm not the only leader who has felt that there is much in the daily teaching for us adults too.

Karen Stoddart writes :-

This week has been our Waste Watchers Holiday Club where we have welcomed between 30 and 40 lively children into the church each morning!

It says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." We are all transformed when we accept Christ.

The theme has been about "transformation " and we have looked at how we have a God who transforms nothing into something (creation), water into wine, darkness into light, death to life and sadness to joy. There has also been an environmental aspect to the week as we have looked at what humans have done to God's amazing world and what we can do to take better care of His creation.

But God doesn't stop working on us when we become a Christian, He continues to transform us daily, weekly, monthly, yearly into the likeness of Jesus.

Sometimes this is obvious to all, it may be a dramatic change of behaviour, prioritising our time, talents or money in a different way or a sacrifice we make for God's Kingdom.

At other times only we know what God is doing in our lives, although eventually the fruits of His work will become obvious to others.

Sometimes this transformation can be painful, and difficult or we may feel that we are going over the same ground again and again. But in allowing God to change us from the inside out we can truly know what it is to become a new creation.

As I gaze at the slightly chaotic scene that is Holiday Club and look at the rubbish tip that is being transformed into a beautiful park with flowers and butterflies everywhere I'm really excited that we have an amazing God who is doing a similar transformation in each one of us.

God Bless
Karen

Summer is Here!

During the Summer holidays (27th July to 31st August) there will be a shorter service with craft activities arranged for the children during the sermon. We still need DBS checked volunteers to supervise these.

Many people will be away in August so extra help will be needed by the teams on Sunday duty. Please offer to help them out if you are able.

Please pray for all those children and families who have been involved in Holiday Club this week; that they may continue getting to know the amazing God who transforms.

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: -

Steve Willott in his loss of **Yvonne**.

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

John Innes in the loss of his mother.

Dave and Sharon Bambrook

All those who have been mentioned on the prayer chain this week

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Prayer Ministers

Summer Break – Ministry from available pool of prayer ministers

Sunday Club

3rd August

10th August

17th August

Bubbles

Summer Activities

Summer Activities

Summer Activities

Splash

Summer Activities

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Sunday Club

3rd August

10th August

17th August

The Grid

Summer Activities

Summer Activities

Summer Activities

Crèche

Available for parents

Available for parents

Available for parents

Welcome Team

3rd August

Mark Verman , Jacquie Finney

10th August

Hugh White, Heather Hindmarsh

17th August

Nathan Argyle, Sue White

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

3rd August

Debbi Pardoe's Sunday Team plus "Holiday Helpers"

10th August

Sandy Addison's Team plus "Holiday Helpers"

17th August

Heather Hindmarsh's Sunday Team plus "Holiday Helpers"

Karen is on leave from 1st August until 2nd September and the administrator role will be covered by Elizabeth Taylor. This will be reduced hours as many activities are finished for the summer.

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