



**3RD NOVEMBER 2019**

*Ian Biscoe writes...*

### Emmanuel Church Bicester vision

Let me remind you about our vision here at ECB.

**Our vision is to lead people to a place where they can experience fullness of life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ**

*John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I have come that they may have life and have it to the full**".*

Often life can feel more like the first part of the verse with things being stolen from us and our dreams being destroyed but Jesus' promise remains true. He has come to bring us fullness of life. Let us not give up on that journey to discover fullness of life in and through faith in Christ.

*Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.*

**Discover healing and wholeness in the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11).**

It has been my experience that the greatest healing comes through powerful encounters with the living God. This often means receiving God's goodness and mercy through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12 - *Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.* And nor do I! The gifts of the Spirit bring both healing and wholeness.

Paul continues *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."* God wants to give good gifts to us not something that will harm us.

*Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*

**Preparing for Revival through personal holiness, and by understanding and expecting encounters with the living God.**

Since returning from our sabbatical Erika and I have been really challenged about being prepared to encounter God in powerful and new ways. This Sunday we are beginning a new series entitled 'Preparing for Revival'. We have our friend Scott Dalton speaking at both the morning and evening services. In the coming weeks we will be thinking about our spiritual lives, and hearing about previous Revivals to see what we can learn from them.

If you want to know more about what this word 'Revival' really means I would encourage you to read, Arthur Wallis's book 'In the Day of thy Power' which sets out a very challenging picture of a church without any vision or hope for Revival.

*Blessings, Ian*

# Notices

**THE DAD DIFFERENCE** - the second of our parenting evenings for this term and a chance for Dads to get together and share their experiences and to encourage and inspire them in this most important role. "Pies and Pints" are involved so book your places now through the church office.

Led by **Clive & Helen Collier**  
in ECB Cafe as part of the **SHAPE** parenting initiative.  
Refreshments provided. Donation of £3 on the day.  
Book your place NOW through ECB: 01869 320021  
email: [ministrysupport@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:ministrysupport@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

Thursday 14th  
November, 8-10pm.  
An evening for dads raising kids.  
**the dad difference**



## ADVENT QUIET DAY

10-4 Saturday 30th November—a date for your diary. More details to follow.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Party is on Saturday 7th December at 4pm. Put the date in your diary today.



## ECB FACEBOOK PAGE

We have updated our ECB Facebook page and we now announce daily and forthcoming events on this forum.

<https://www.facebook.com/emmanuelchurchbicester/>

## PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Please pray for both prisoners and their children involved in the Angel Tree Programme. If you would like to buy gifts this year then contact Karen Stoddart for more details:



[kaz.stoddart@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kaz.stoddart@yahoo.co.uk) All gifts need to be at Emmanuel Church Bicester by 24th November.

## Ladies Pamper, Craft & Chat and Who Let the Blokes Out!

Both on Saturday 9th November 10-12noon here at Emmanuel Church.

**ROTAS:** If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

# ECB DIARY

SUN 3rd NOVEMBER	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship, Preparing for Revival</b> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> (Refreshments at 6.30pm) <b>Preparing for Revival</b> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton
TUES 5th NOVEMBER	9.00am	<b>Prayers</b>
	7.00pm	<b>Prayers</b>
WED 6th NOVEMBER	8.45-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
	10.30am	<b>Oasis Small Group</b>
THURS 7th NOVEMBER	8.45-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
FRI 8th NOVEMBER	8.45-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
	7.00pm	<b>Prayers</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
SAT 9th NOVEMBER	10.00 am	<b>Ladies Pamper, craft and chat</b>
	10.00am	<b>Who Let the Blokes Out!</b>
SUN 10th NOVEMBER	10.30am	<b>Café Church, Remembrance Sunday</b> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> (Refreshments at 6.30pm) <b>Preparing for Revival</b> Leader: Peter Hill Preachers: Ian & Erika Biscoe

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