

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

4th January 10.30am **Informal Worship - Epiphany**
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Erika Biscoe
Journeys 2 *Matthew 2:12*
Reader: Youth **Prayers:** Hugh White

7.00pm **Prayer Evening**
Led by the Prayer Team

6th January 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
 10.00 to 12.00 **Seniors' Café**
 11.00am **Standing Committee**

7th January 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room**

8th January 8.00-9.00pm **Band practice**

11th January 10.30am **Interactive Worship – Epiphany 1**
Leader: Karen Stoddart **Preacher:** John Bentley
Reader: TBC **Prayers:** Mandy Bentley

7.00pm **Evening Service**
Led by Youth Team

12th January 3.10–4.15pm **After school club** for school years 4-6

13th January 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
 10.00 to 12.00 **Seniors' Café**
 7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13**

14th January 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room**
 7.15 for 7.30pm **Church Meal**
 7.30pm **Mathetes starts**

15th January 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**

18th January 10.30am **Informal Worship – Epiphany 2**
Leader: Dorothy Williams **Preacher:** John Williams
Hypocrites! *Matthew 23:1-39*
Reader: Sandy Addison **Prayers:** John Innes

7.00pm **Evening Service**
Led by Worship Team



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

4th January 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.

John Williams writes:



Who can you trust?

In 2015 who can you trust?

We have an election coming, every party will make promises, can we trust them to keep them?

What about world statesmen, sports governing bodies? How far can we trust them?

A Mori poll in February 2013 found those who are most trusted to tell the truth were 1st Doctors, then Teachers, Scientists, Judges, TV news readers and Clergymen. The three at the bottom of the poll were: - last Politicians, then journalists and bankers.

Without integrity we cannot trust. One

definition of integrity is the state of being whole and undivided.

An old saying was “His word is his bond” i.e. what he says he will do. A bit like a stick of seaside rock where the good name runs right through the whole, where there is consistency right through.

Society in every part, whether social, financial, political, personal or corporate needs integrity to function properly, you cannot divide personal morality from public morality.

Is the world going to get better or worse in 2015? The answer is probably “Yes”. For the world to function well there needs to be integrity, because where there is integrity there is wholeness.

When I was a young minister in Norfolk many years ago I met a Godly old man who told me fascinating stories of his life, he was a fearless witness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

One day he told the story that Nicky Gumbel recounts on the Alpha Course. When he was young, he worked as a clerk at Selfridges, the London department store.

One day, when the owner Gordon Selfridge was there, the telephone rang and he answered it. The caller asked to speak to Gordon Selfridge.

He passed on the message and Selfridge replied, 'Tell him I'm out.' he held out the receiver to him and said, 'You tell him you're out.' Gordon Selfridge took the call, but was furious with him.

Afterwards he said this, 'If I can lie for you, I can lie to you.'
From that moment Gordon Selfridge had the highest regard for and trust in this man who over the years he promoted ultimately to the position of Chief Cashier.

The question is not just who can I trust?

But closer to home can we be trusted as church to live up to our values and personally can I be trusted? Is my life one of integrity, whole in Christ?

Blessings for the New Year.
John Williams

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.

Small Groups

If you are not a member of a small group and would like to be then please speak to Ian. A group has recently started again on a Tuesday evening and another will be starting in January on a Wednesday evening.

Church Meal

The first church meal of 2015 will be on Wednesday 14th January – 7.15 for 7.30. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we know how many to cater for. (Form at back of church or email Karen in the Church Office).

Banner Making Workshop

Saturday 17th January from 10am to 2.00pm

ECB Fitness Club

Coming Soon, a new fitness club to be held in the church. Sessions will include time for mini Bible study before getting down to some good physical fitness.

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

4th January Chris Shields
11th January Christine Thompson
18th January Katie Jenkinson

Sunday Club

4th January Helle & Dave
11th January *Interactive Worship*
18th January Jo & Jane

Bubbles

Helle & Dave
Interactive Worship
Jo & Jane

Splash

Sandy & Kate
Interactive Worship
And & Beckie

Sunday Club

4th January Grid in church
11th January *Interactive Worship*
18th January Karl & Debbie

The Grid

Grid in church
Interactive Worship
Karl & Debbie

Crèche

Doyin & Nicola
Interactive Worship
Jane & Tosin

Welcome Team

4th January Heather Hindmarsh & Tony Shields
11th January Nathan Argyle & Sue White
18th January Andrew Collett & Dave Bambrook

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

4th January Heather
11th January MSG (Clare B)
18th January Debbi

Finance Team

4th January James Dunne & James Sheppard
11th January Roger Winson & Ian Brown
18th January Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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