

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

4th June		No morning service at ECB
	11am	Churches in Bicester Service in Sheep Street
	12noon – 5pm	Bicester Big Lunch
	7.00pm	Evening Service
		<i>Pentecost</i> <i>Joel 2</i>
		Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
5th June	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
6th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
7th June	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30 pm	CAP Money Course
8th June		Church being used as Polling Station
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	8.00pm	Standing Committee
9th June		No Compline this week
11th June	10.30am	Café Church Trinity Sunday <i>Dedication of Joshua Cranston</i>
		Leader: Ben Biscoe Preacher: Sam Williams
		Reading: Lisa Verman Prayers: Mike Watermeyer
	7.00pm	Evening Service
		<i>Natural Evangelism – My story</i>
		Leader: Jadon Cuin-Wilson Preacher: Erika Biscoe
12th June	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
13th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**4th June
2017**

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.

Some thoughts from Archbishop Justin Welby

"On the understanding that nobody will pass this around I confess that I am less and less cynical about politics.

Elections are, I admit, times when the journey away from cynicism sometimes slows down a bit.

We know that a certain level of exaggeration and manipulation is going on, but beneath the shouting and spin, I rather think on the whole that there are very decent human beings trying to find a way to be effective in making our country better. Even, making the world better.

They want a country where we or our children or grandchildren can go safely to concerts.

They want a society where people are valued even if they can't, for one reason or another, make a huge economic contribution.

They want a country where those I saw on the streets of London late last night have a different option than sleeping rough.

They want our country to contribute significantly in the world so that we can go on being proud of it.

They want many more things, and generally they do not ask a huge amount in return, beyond a chance to come to the end of life feeling they have used their time well.

We all want our life to count. A sense of it having been worthwhile. Not in terms of recognition but in terms of a contribution that makes a difference. Yet in ourselves, in our communities, in our country and world we too often sense the forces of disruption and chaos that defeat the good we long to see.

For me as a Christian rather than this being hopeless it engages me with the God who makes all the difference.

What gives me inescapable hope is the trust, energy and vision that we believe God calls us to engage with for the sake of others.

This week churches around the globe are praying together for God's difference to be known, for God's healing and presence in our society, drawing on one line from the Lord's Prayer, "thy Kingdom come". Some people will think "oh, more sky fairy stuff", but around the world, in places of peace or trouble, in suffering and security, in wealth and poverty, Christians will be praying this as they seek to live God's purpose for them. In the wake of so much sorrow - the tragic attack in Manchester, the Coptic Christians killed as they travelled to pray - it would be easy, or perhaps even natural, to despair.

But as Christians we believe we are called to hope. Praying Thy Kingdom Come is a statement of hope, a declaration of our belief in the difference that only God can make. It's not open to most of us to make decisions that heal the nations, or even our local communities. But it is open to all of us to live lives and pray prayers that bring purpose and hope."



PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

The **CAP Money Course** is a money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. Running on Weds evenings 7th, 14th & 21st June from 7:30pm. Book via the Church Office or speak to *Roger Winson*.

MENS BREAKFAST – 8am on 17th June at ECB. Speaker – Craig Westhoff Book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-with-craig-westhoff-tickets-34744640154?aff=es2>

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT – Tues 20th June at Anica in Dean's Court. Please let Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart know if you are planning to attend.

FATHERS DAY PICNIC at Manor Farm – June 18th 1pm to 4pm Bring a picnic and something to sit on and spend some time with the ECB family at Andrew & Jeanette's home.

Starship Discovery Holiday Club 24th – 28th July 2017

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

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

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Welcome Team

4th June *No Morning Service – BIG LUNCH*
11th June Andrew & Jeanette Collett
18th June Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

4th June *No Morning Service – BIG LUNCH*
11th June Alpha Plus and Cherish
18th June Connect

Sunday Club

4th June
11th June
18th June

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

No Morning Service
Café Church
Jane & TBC

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

No Morning Service
Café Church
Heidi & Mike

Sunday Club

4th June
11th June
18th June

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

No Morning Service
Café Church
TBC & Nicole

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

No Morning Service
Café Church
And & Liz W

Youth

4th June
11th June
18th June

The Grid (School year 7+)

No Morning Service – BIG LUNCH
Café Church
Karl & Fleur

Finance Team

4th June *No Morning Service – BIG LUNCH*
11th June Roger Winson & Steve Willott
18th June James Dunne & James Sheppard

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