

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

4th September	10.30am	Informal Worship (<i>Summer pattern</i>) Trinity 15 <i>Mission & Outreach – Acts 1:4</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Prayers: John Thompson
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Vision Sunday – Mission & Outreach</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
6th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
7th September	8.45-12.00	Café reopens after summer break
	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
8th September	10-12noon	Standing Committee
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
9th September	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
10th September		Ride & Stride
11th September	10.30am	Interactive Worship Trinity 16 <i>Father's House</i> Leader: Jo Withers
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Challenging Questions</i> Led by <i>Nigel Crook</i>
12th September	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
13th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church



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

**Sunday 4th
Sept 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.

From the New Bishop of Oxford Steven Croft



Dear Friends and Colleagues

Thank you for your various messages of welcome and for your prayers following the announcement of my nomination as the Bishop of Oxford. It's an enormous honour and privilege to be appointed to this role and I look forward very much to serving the communities of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire in the coming years.

Ann and I hope to move to the new See House in Kidlington at the end of August and I will be working to a normal diary in the diocese from early September.

There will a welcome Eucharist at which I will preside and preach, at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 9 October at 15.30 - you would all be very welcome to attend, no tickets needed.

You can discover something about me in advance from the Diocesan website, should you wish to do so. I was formed as a parish priest in Halifax. I was shaped as a thinker and writer in Durham and through travelling the country as Archbishops' Missioner. I have been forged as a Bishop in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, seeking to recall the Church here and elsewhere to the mission of God.

I'm conscious I will have a much to learn in my early years in Oxford. Please pray for me: for the gifts of humility, wisdom and gentleness for this new ministry. Pray in the words of the ordinal that my heart may daily be enlarged to love this great Diocese to which God has now called me.

I'm looking forward very much to working with Bishop Colin, Bishop Andrew and Bishop Alan in the coming years and with the rest of the senior team. I'm conscious

that the Diocese owes a particular debt to Bishop Colin for his care and leadership during the long vacancy.

Based on the listening I have done so far, I will focus my ministry across the whole Diocese in three areas in the early years: on engagement with children, young people and young adults; on enabling lay discipleship in the world and on engaging with the poorest communities across the Diocese.

These priorities are not a new Diocesan strategy. That may emerge over time. They are initial themes for my own engagement with the whole Diocese and I look forward to taking them forward with you.

I believe that the Christian faith and the Christian Church will become ever more central in the life of our nation and the world in the 21st Century as people seek again for meaning, for values, for purpose and for hope.

God has called the Church to be a community of mercy and kindness, reflecting the nature of Jesus Christ and telling the good news of his love. Together we are called to be a community of missionary disciples: faithful, united, hopeful, creative and rejoicing in God's grace.

Yours in Christ,



PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk. Tuesday morning prayers re-start this week on 6th Sept.

Wanted – Dolls House

The Children's groups will be using material called "Father's House" next term and have asked if anyone has a wooden dolls house (or 2) that they could lend to the groups. Alternatively, if you regularly visit charity shops please look out for one at a reasonable price. Contact Jo Withers for more information.

Marriage Course

Introductory meal on 17th September, with course starting on 5th October. Further details from Nick & Rose Hunt or Andrew Collett.

Book via the Church Office for the meal and course.

Ride & Stride – 10th September 2016

Have fun cycling, walking or horse riding to churches and raise funds for ECB and Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Details & sponsor forms from the office.

Welcomers also needed to join a rota – speak to Karen if you can spare an hour or two.

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

4th September Steve Willott & Jeanette Collett
11th September Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
18th September Andrew Collett & Karen Stoddart

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

4th September More
11th September Hilarious
18th September 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

4th September
11th September
18th September

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Summer Activities
Interactive Service
Jane G & Elizabeth A

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Summer Activities
Interactive Service
Claire & Qi

Sunday Club

4th September
11th September
18th September

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Summer Activities
Interactive Service
Vicky H & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Summer Activities
Interactive Service
Nicola & Maureen

Youth

4th September
11th September
18th September

The Grid (School year 7+)

Summer Activities
Interactive Service
Karl & Fleur

Finance Team

4th September Roger Winson & Geoff Saunders
11th September Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
18th September Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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