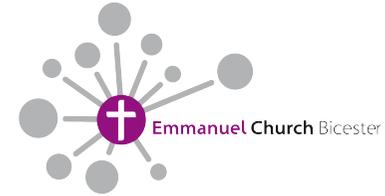


ECB NOTICE BOARD

Nov 4th	10:30am	Informal Worship/ Dedication of Miriam & Evelyn Hunt Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) One Another: Forgive one another Passage: Colosians 3:12-17 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Clive Collier
5th Nov	3:10pm	After School Club
6th Nov	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers
7th Nov	10:30am	Oasis small group
8th Nov	7:30pm	Board Games Evening
9th Nov	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline
10th Nov	9am	Men's Breakfast
	9:30am	Cherish
11th Nov	10:30am	Cafe Church- Remembrance Sunday Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Helen Davies
	7pm	Evening Service (Cafe open from 6:30) Serve one another in love/ Gal 5:13-26 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Roger W.

*All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk



*From our contributing
writer...*

Faith – What is it?

I have found myself reflecting on the nature of faith for much of this year and thought it might be useful to share some of my thoughts.

If you ask a range of people what faith is, they would probably start at belief and have little to say after that. For the Christian, belief is only one aspect of faith. In the New Testament book of James, the point is made that 'demons believe', but there is no suggestion that they have faith in God.

The book of Hebrews defines faith as 'confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see'. Here we see belief in confidence, but we also see a response of assurance to the initial belief. That assurance comes from knowing and understanding the purposes of God and an inner awareness that we can put our trust in him.

But where does faith come from? The apostle Paul writes in two places (Ephesians and 1 Corinthians) that faith itself is a gift of God. He also writes in Romans 12 that God assigns a measure of faith to each of us and that we should conduct our life according to that measure. It seems to me that the purpose of these passages is to draw our minds to God rather than beat ourselves up on our own perceived failings in the area of faith.

What is the impact of faith in our life? In the parable of the Talents of Gold, Jesus teaches us that when God gives us a gift he expects us to use it wisely. In the Book of James, the writer makes it clear that you can observe the reality of his faith through what he does and how he lives his life. In Romans 12 Paul makes clear that faith is the basis of our exercising our gifts within the church. So, if faith is at work in us then there is a discernible impact in our lives.

What does this impact or outworking of Faith look like? From the context of the passages referenced above we have to look for involvement with fellow Christians. We have to look for growth and development in our own lives and in our understanding of God. We also have to look for Faith's two close companions, Hope and Love.

*Blessings,
James Dunne*

Notices

10TH NOV – MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 10th november

9-11am

guest speaker: Clive Collier

Book via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mens-breakfast-tickets-51327124812>

12TH NOV

Parent's coffee morning

9-11AM

SATURDAY 24TH NOV- ENCOUNTER

Come and enjoy an evening of worship and prayer at Gaglebrook primary school 7-9m

HEADS UP FOR ANGEL TREE

Bicester Prison Fellowship will be running Angel Tree again this year. We want to give those who enjoy giving this way time to pray about involvement!

Deadline for newsletter entries Wednesdays @ 7pm