

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

5 th Jan	10.30am	Epiphany – All Age Service Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: 'Epiphany' Matt 2:1-12 Reader: Youth Group Prayers: Youth Group
	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting in Church Leader: Ian Biscoe – prayer for appointment of new Rector to Bicester benefice
7 th Jan	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00am-12	Seniors Café – in Church
8 th Jan	8.45am-12.00	Cafe starts again
	10 for 10.30am	Oasis – Small Group in the Church prayer room
9 th Jan	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
12 th Jan	10.30am	Epiphany 1 – Informal Service Leader: Tony Shields Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: 'Good Fruit' Matt 12:22-37 Reader: Hugh White Prayers: Jackie Meek
14 th Jan	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00am-12pm	Seniors Café – in Church
	7.15 for 7.30pm	CHURCH MEAL in Church – suggested donation £3 per head. Please sign up in advance!
15 th Jan	10 for 10.30am	Oasis – Small Group –the Church Prayer room
16 th Jan	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
17 th Jan	9.00am	Standing Committee – in Church
18 th Jan	4-6pm	TWIST – Family Fun Church @ Methodist Ch
19 th Jan	10.30am	Epiphany 2 – All Age Service Leader: / Preacher: Dorothy & John Williams Subject: 'The Will of the Father' Matt 12:38-50 Reader: Jeannette Collett Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Love Bicester event – No 2 Speaker: Chris Duffett – Bicester Methodist Ch.
	7.00pm	Worship Central – No 3 Subject: "Leading Worship" – in Church



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

5th January 2014

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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.

Al Bowen writes:-

Happy New Year! At this time of year, many of us will look back on the last 12 months or think about the year ahead. For some people the last year has been a very hard one, whilst for others it has been great. As we stop to reflect on what's in store for us in 2014, we may already have made resolutions, and there may be things in our lives that we're already hoping or planning to turn around.

Whilst our plans might well be right, proper, and worthwhile things to aim for, it's important to remember that God also already has exciting plans for each and every one of us! Often those plans will fit in with our plans, but not always. Often they will be easy, but not every time. Often they

will be things which excite and enthuse us, but sometimes they'll be scary and we'll feel inadequate or out of our depth. God doesn't always promise us an easy ride, but He does say that His plans are "plans to prosper and not to harm us". His plans are the best for us.

So, whilst it might well be good for us to make plans for our year, it's always important that we look to God, remain open to Him, and keep on looking and listening out for His plans for us. He may well have things in store for us in 2014 that we know nothing about yet, and He might want to use us in ways or places which we can't even imagine right now.

I hope that 2014 is a great year for every one of us, but also that it's a year during which we live in God's strength and follow His plans and ways. That way, whether the year turns out to be hard or easy, it will

be a year lived for Him. And that in turn will be the best for us and for those around us. I know that God has used some of us during 2013 in ways we hadn't even imagined this time 12 months ago, and I'm sure He's got just as many plans in store for people in 2014.

So, as we look ahead to 2014, we don't need to fear what's ahead. God has a plan, and He will see us through! His way is the best way for us – we just need to follow that way, relying on His strength not ours to get us there.

Al Bowen



Join in preparing for the forthcoming **Mission to Bicester**

Also **19th Jan 7.00pm (in Church)** the **Worship Central** course continues with session 3 – the topic is *“Leading Worship”*. The cafe will be open from 6.30pm

Bicester Food Bank has moved to 4 Minton Place, Victoria Road, Bicester OX26 6QB and is open Monday – Friday 10am to 12 noon

Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at rogerwinson@btinternet.com

This week, **we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us** who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including:-

>>**Ken & Dora Potter**, Ken is in Bicester hospital.

>>**Jadon Cuin-Wilson** who has a brain infection

>>**Tammy and Ben Stephens** facing problems including health and bereavement

>>**The Prayer Chain** has more details of people to pray for and their needs

ROTAS

Prayer Ministry

5th Jan Katie Jenkinson
 12th Jan TBA
 19th Jan TBA

Sunday Club *Bubbles*

5th Jan **All-Age service**
 12th Jan TBA
 19th Jan TBA

Splash

All-Age service
 TBA
 TBA

Sunday Club *The Grid*

5th Jan **All-Age service**
 12th Jan TBA
 19th Jan TBA

Crèche

All-Age service
 TBA
 TBA

Welcome Team

5th Jan Jacquie Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh
 12th Jan Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett
 19th Jan Rachel Matheson, John Innes

Sunday and Christmas Team Duties (Refreshments, offering, the reading)

5th Jan Sue White's Sunday Team
 12th Jan Heather Hindmarsh and members of Pete & Carol's Small Group
 19th Jan Clare Bean's Small Group
