

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

5 th June	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 2 <i>I Corinthians 2:1-5</i> <i>Spirit's Power</i> Leader: Phil Trout Preacher: Nigel Crook Reading: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Libby
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	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – The Ethiopian Eunuch</i> <i>Acts 8:26-40</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson
6 th June	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.15 for 7.30	Alpha course at the Bure Farm
7 th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
8 th June	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-9.30pm	Connect Small Group
	7.30-8.30pm	Mid-week Communion
9 th June	10.00-12.00	Standing Committee
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10+
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
10 th June	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
11 th June		Alpha Course – Holy Spirit Day
12 th June		NO MORNING SERVICE AT ECB
	11.00-12noon	Churches in Bicester Service at Bicester Big Lunch
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Conversion of Saul</i> <i>Acts 9:1-19</i> Preacher: Erika Biscoe



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
email to receive either of these.
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 5th
June 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.

Chris Shields writes:

I wonder if you were at the Sunday evening service where Nigel Crooks introduced us to Brother Lawrence and his 'Practice of the Presence of God'. I strongly advise you to listen to the pod cast for some wonderful and inspiring teaching on this subject.

In my endeavours to come into God's presence I try to follow the discipline of Morning Prayer which is part of the Daily offices from the Northumbria Community, part of which follows below.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life;

To behold the beauty of the Lord
And to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

I seek the Lord my God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen, Lord have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Amen, Lord have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Amen, Lord have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Amen, Christ have mercy.

The challenge that I face is this, do I really mean what I say? Do I really seek the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind and strength? What does it mean to 'seek' the Lord our God, and how can we begin this exploration?

Jeremiah 29:12-14 says;

'Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity'.

How can we refuse this wonderful invitation He offers us or follow the example of Jesus himself:

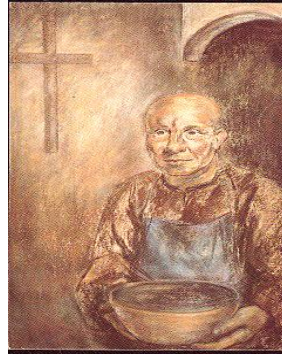
Matthew 14:23'.....he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,.....'

Like Jesus, we need to withdraw to seek God's face in stillness and quietness, allowing God into our lives in a way that is pleasing to Him. With strength in our hearts, souls and minds we can release ourselves to the wonder of God as we soak in His presence.

Brother Lawrence was able to live his life continually in God's presence and these were his final words:

'I am doing what I shall do in all eternity. I am blessing God, praising Him,

worshipping Him, and loving Him with all my heart. That is all our profession, brothers, to worship God, to love Him, without troubling ourselves with anything else'



May this also be our prayer.

Blessings Chris

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 on Tuesday.

BICESTER BIG LUNCH – Sunday 12th June. (No morning Service at ECB)

Churches in Bicester service 11-12, followed by lunch, music, entertainment & various stalls from 12 noon to 5pm. If anyone would like to help with outreach activities for adults & children, please let us know.

Father's Day Picnic – 19th June

Former ECB vicar Chris Boyce and his wife Lyn will be joining us for the morning service on 19th June and then for a Picnic Lunch at Manor Farm, Poundon – the home of Andrew & Jeanette Collett. Everyone Welcome.

Holiday Club – 25th – 29th July

Plans are well underway for the "Adventure Cruise" Holiday Club at ECB and 2 other venues. Please pray for the week and if you are able to help in any way then please speak to Ian & Erika or complete a volunteer form available from the office. Forms for children will be going out through the schools soon.

HARVEST SUPPER, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER - Preparations

We are preparing for the third "Grown in Bicester" Harvest Celebration in October. We might need some help with picking and preserving soft fruit in July. *Debbie*.

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

ROTAS

Welcome Team

5th June John Thompson & Hannah Shipman
12th June **No service at ECB**
19th June Hugh White & Amanda Beaumont

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

5th June Hilarious
12th June **No service at ECB**
19th June 20's and 30's

Sunday Club

5th June
12th June
19th June

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Rowan & Elizabeth
No service at ECB
Vicky W & Lonah

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Qi
No service at ECB
Lesley & Doyin

Sunday Club

5th June
12th June
19th June

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jo & Liz
No service at ECB
Vicky H & Sam

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

And & Maureen
No service at ECB
Sandy & Ellie

Youth

5th June
12th June
19th June

The Grid (School year 7+)

Grid remain in church
No service at ECB
Sam W & Debbie

Finance Team

5th June Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
12th June **No service at ECB**
19th June Roger Winson & Tom Mitchell

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