

ECB NOTICE BOARD

5th August 10:30am Summer Service/Informal Worship
John 10:9-10
Leader: Helen Collier
Preacher: Clive Collier
Reader: Tamara Downs
Prayers: Heather Hindmarsh

7pm Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)
Philippians: Real Stars and True Celebrities
Leader: Carol Hill
Preacher: Sam Williams

Heads Up- This Week!

- * No After School Club
- * No Prayer meetings this week/ECB @ New Wine....
- *No Oasis/Cherish meetings this week.

8th August 8:45am Café re-opens

12th August 10:30am Baptism Service- Infant/Child Baptisms
Passage: John 10:11-16
Leader: Erika Biscoe
Preacher: Ian Biscoe
Reader: Faith McLachlan
Prayers: Ian Brown

7pm Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)
Full-Immersion Baptisms
Theme: Testimonies

*Note ***Café is closed *** on the following dates*

15th-17th (Holiday at Home)

22nd-24th

.....5th September back to usual schedule!

*All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
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5th August



*From our contributing
writer....*

It has been the driest summer I can remember – and no, I was not here in 1976. That feeling of waking up thinking we must be abroad somewhere...? Parched grass, humidity, watering plants every evening, no longer needing to take a coat anywhere, and no rain breaks in Wimbledon. Then the more serious consequences, farmers having to use their winter food supplies for livestock and serious fires!

Our family began to follow the advice of staying inside during the hottest part of the day and venturing outside again later on when temperatures finally dropped.

A little detail from John 4 which describes Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan women at the well is that it takes place at midday (the sixth hour.) This means she had chosen to go to the well at the hottest part of the day. Perhaps she was reluctant to meet others?

We are currently looking at various passages from John's gospel that reveal more about Jesus, and I think this passage certainly highlights more about *who* this Jesus is that we follow. He does not associate with people he is expected to associate with. This lady is a female Samaritan who has had five husbands and is currently unmarried. Religious teachers often did not speak to women in public. Her life would have been considered immoral, and he knows about her mistakes without her telling him, but he does not avoid her. Jews were not expected to associate with Samaritans and in fact often travelled a completely different way so that they did not have to go through Samaria. He asks her for a drink when a Jew would have been considered to be ceremonially unclean if he used a cup touched by a Samaritan.

He wants this lady to know that he is able to give 'living water' that 'whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.' It will become 'a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' In these dry, parched conditions this imagery of water, welling

up, conveys the life Jesus wants to give to those who do not know him, to those who society may consider immoral or best avoided, to those who are tired and burnt out and searching for life in the wrong places, to all of us. It is a refreshing life, an abundant life, and ultimately eternal life.

*Blessings,
Jane Mitchell*

~Notices~

Garden Talk

Saturday 1 September c/o St Edburg's Church coffee morning
Further information from Jo Morey or Debbie Winson email:
drwinson@msn.com

Holiday at Home

Come and join us for a Holiday at Home- August 15th to 17th
10am to 3.30pm @ Emmanuel Church Bicester
To book: 01869 600299 or email home4ew@gmail.com
Places are limited so please book asap!
For more details phone 01869 243479

Women's Breakfast, "One Life"

September 29th From 9:30 until....
"Belonging through being an inclusive and generous community
and making a real difference as ordinary people living extraordinary
lives!"
Practical and user friendly so women of faith and even no faith will
feel envisioned.

**deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays!!*

