

**ECB's NOTICE BOARD**

**5<sup>th</sup> October** **10.00am Team Confirmation at St Edburg's**  
**10.30am Trinity 16**  
**Leader:** Dorothy Williams **Preacher:** John Williams  
**Subject:** The Blind See Matthew 20:29-34  
**Reader:** Heather Hindmarsh **Prayers:** Christine Thompson  
 12.45 – 2.00pm **Newcomers Lunch**

**7.00pm Prayer Central Evening**

**6<sup>th</sup> October** 3.10pm – 4.15 pm After school club for school years 4-6

**7<sup>th</sup> October** 9.00am **Prayers** in Church

10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs 12 & 13 (Rosie's house)

**8<sup>th</sup> October** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

7.30pm **Mathetes** course in church

7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course starts

**9<sup>th</sup> October** 8pm-9pm **Band practice**

6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11

**11<sup>th</sup> October** 4.00-6.00pm **Harvest Celebration Meal** (please sign up)

**12<sup>th</sup> October** **10.30am All Age Harvest Service**

**Leader:** Karen Stoddart **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe

**Subject:** Jesus the Bread of Life

**7.00pm Focus on Nepal** – Katie Jenkinson

**13<sup>th</sup> October** 3.10pm – 4.15 pm After school club for school years 4-6

**14<sup>th</sup> October** 9.00am **Prayers** in Church

10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs 12 & 13 (Rosie's house)

**15<sup>th</sup> October** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

7.30pm **Mathetes** course in church

7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course

**16<sup>th</sup> October** 8pm-9pm **Band practice**

6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11

**18<sup>th</sup> October** 4.00pm-6pm **TWIST Family Fun Church**

At Bicester Methodist Church



**Welcome!**

*to the church  
at the heart  
of the community*

5<sup>th</sup> October 2014



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Website: [www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

*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.*

**Ian Biscoe writes:**

Over the last few months the PCC and team leaders of Emmanuel church have been looking again at the vision, purpose and values we hold as a church.

A verse that really spoke to a number of us was *2 Chronicles 13:12a* 'God is with us, he is our leader!' Our church is called Emmanuel which means God with us but with God as our leader we can be assured of His ongoing wisdom and guidance. That is not to say life will always be easy, far from it, but we can be sure that God will sustain us throughout all situations.

What does the word vision mean? It is the mountaintop view, the big picture, an aspirational and inspirational picture of the future, for example;

'Emmanuel Church Bicester is growing in our heart for God, and our heart for people.'

While exploring our purpose as a church we have come to believe it needs communicating in various different ways, for those in the church and for those in the community. Our purpose as a church could be described in this way;

'Emmanuel' means 'God with us' and that's fundamental to who we are as a church: Jesus Christ is the foundation of everything we do and everything we are. Our aim is to show people both inside and outside the church how amazing God's Kingdom really can be, and enable them to experience healing, restoration and new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Currently we're doing that by focusing on worship, prayer and mission; by helping people be better disciples of Jesus Christ; by celebrating the diversity and unity of our church family and those around us; and by doing our best to be at the heart of our local community.

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To communicate our purpose to the wider community we have created a 'word cloud' that includes various words to describe people's experience of Emmanuel Church Bicester.

Finally we have been thinking about the values that underpin what we do as a church community, here is the list so far;



**WORD AND SPIRIT**  
**EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY**  
**WELCOME TO ALL**  
**NOT DEPENDANT ON ANY ONE PERSON**  
**STRONG RELATIONSHIPS &**  
**APPROPRIATE STRUCTURES**

Do let me know your thoughts on our developing vision, purpose and values by emailing me at [ian.biscoe@gmail.com](mailto:ian.biscoe@gmail.com)

### *Blessings Ian*

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*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: -*

**Sue Lewis**, Lisa's mother, and also **Lisa** and **Mark Verman Nathan** and **Jo Argyle** in the loss of Jo's brother **Darren Erika Biscoe** recovering from back spasms

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**Harvest Celebration**, Saturday 11 October 4-6pm.

Sit down meal with fruit and vegetables grown by our gardeners here in Bicester and cooked by our superb chefs, activities for children, chilli tasting and more!

**PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, limited number of places!

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**ALPHA COURSE** – Would you like to explore more about Christianity, whether you are just curious or have been a Christian for many years. The Alpha course starts on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> October. Sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Christine Thompson.

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**Invite your friends to watch Paul Karenza**

Stand-up comedian and writer for "Miranda" & "Not going out" is coming to ECB on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5.00 (£2.50 concessions) available from the church office and café

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**October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Come and hear how God is working in Nepal**

Earlier this month Katie Jenkinson travelled to Nepal on a CMS Encounter trip. The Nepalese church is believed to be the fastest growing church in the world today. Katie will be telling stories about what she saw and heard and the people she met during her time in Nepal. Come along and be encouraged!

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### **ROTAS**

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#### **Prayer Co-ordinator**

5<sup>th</sup> October Christine Thompson  
12<sup>th</sup> October Katie Jenkinson  
19<sup>th</sup> October John Williams

#### **Sunday Club**

5<sup>th</sup> October Helle & TBA & Angharad  
12<sup>th</sup> October *All Age Service*  
19<sup>th</sup> October Jo & Jane

#### **Bubbles**

5<sup>th</sup> October Helle & TBA & Angharad  
12<sup>th</sup> October *All Age Service*  
19<sup>th</sup> October Jo & Jane

#### **Splash**

Andy & Jo  
*All Age Service*  
Sandy & Vera

#### **Sunday Club**

5<sup>th</sup> October Karl & Debbie  
12<sup>th</sup> October *All Age Service*  
19<sup>th</sup> October Hannah & Sandy

#### **The Grid**

5<sup>th</sup> October Karl & Debbie  
12<sup>th</sup> October *All Age Service*  
19<sup>th</sup> October Hannah & Sandy

#### **Crèche**

Claire & Tosin  
*All Age Service*  
Doyin & Nicola

#### **Welcome Team**

5<sup>th</sup> October Mark Verman & Tony Shields  
12<sup>th</sup> October Heather Hindmarsh & Hugh White  
19<sup>th</sup> October Nathan Argyle & Sue White

#### **Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)**

5<sup>th</sup> October Debbi P  
12<sup>th</sup> October Spirited  
19<sup>th</sup> October Sandy

#### **Finance Team**

5<sup>th</sup> October Peter Stoddart, Tom Mitchell  
12<sup>th</sup> October James Dunne, James Sheppard  
19<sup>th</sup> October Roger Winson & Ian Brown

Any notices for next week please to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday at [administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)