

ECB NOTICE BOARD

5th November	10:30am	Informal Worship (4th before advent) Stewardship- Faith & Prayer Eph 6:10-20 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Katie Jenkinson Reading: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Susan Cuin
	7:00pm	Evening Service Safe? -Into All Blessing Isaiah 64: 5-9 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Robert Jackson
6th November	3:10-4:15pm	After School Club (school years 4-6)
7th November	9:00am	Prayers in Church
	10-noon	Rock of Ages Cafe'
	7:00pm	Prayers in church
	7:00pm	Death and Cake (final session)
8th November	7:30pm	Mid-week Communion
9th November	6:30pm	Youth group
	7:00pm	Youth group (Years 7-11)
11th November	8:00am	Men's Breakfast
12th November	10:30am	Cafe' Church (3rd before advent) Remembrance Sunday Leader: Jo Withers Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Ian Brown
	6:30pm	Evening Service Safe? - Hope 2 Cor 4:16-18 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Peter Hill
Prayer Chain:	prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk (email to receive	
Notices:	notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk either of these)	
Website:	www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk	



Emmanuel Church Bicester

WELCOME!

To the church at the heart of the community.

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors alike!
If you are new to ECB, or visiting, please do come
introduce yourself to our Welcome Team.

5th November 2017

Rose Hunt
writes-

I don't know about you, but my life seems to get so busy that often, God gets squeezed out by the pressures of life and by all the stuff I have to do! I still manage to pray and read the Bible each day, but somehow, I have lost my priorities amongst the busyness of life. God has been challenging me for a while now to pray more and to spend more time in His presence and I have desperately wanted to do this but it has been hard! Last weekend Scott and Hilary Dalton came to ECB and Scott preached a powerful sermon on Sunday evening from a passage from Hebrews about Jesus, our High Priest. Jesus died once and for all and because of Jesus, we are able to enter God's presence. How amazing is that! We were invited to 'draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings...' and it was wonderful just to rest in God's

presence and be filled with His Spirit. On Monday evening, some of the Emmanuel Church leaders met with Scott and Hilary, and Scott gave a reflection on the story of Martha and Mary, and how Jesus told Mary that, by spending time with Him, she 'has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.' We were told that spending time with Jesus is the most important thing we can do, over and above our ministries and church duties. As we spend time in God's presence and as we have our spiritual tanks filled up by His Holy Spirit, we are equipped and ready to go out and do whatever he calls us to do in His strength and with His love burning inside us. Our identity is in Christ and not in what we do, or what others think of us. Our motivation comes from time spent with our Heavenly Father, not from any worldly desires or needs.

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This will impact not only our church life and ministries in which we are involved, but also our times with families, neighbours, work colleagues and within our communities. I really needed to hear this and I am looking forward to some precious times with Jesus in the days and weeks ahead! So, 'let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.' Hebrews 4:16

Blessings,
Rose

Prayer Requests

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain! prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
You are also very welcome at Tuesday morning prayers which happen at 9am in the Community Room.

Bicester Foodbank

Janet has reported that the Foodbank shelves are now full :) Would you please consider giving financially or some "treats" ready for Christmas rather than the usual items! Sweets or colouring books would be great! She is also *urgently* looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside of Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov - 2nd December. Contact the office if you can help!

Death and Cake

Weekly presentations and discussions about End of Life & Ending Well. If you have elderly relatives or if you are elderly and want to put your affairs in order, or if you are just 'interested' - please do come and join us.
Tuesday evening 7-9pm (Nov 7th being the final one!)
Pick up a flyer for more information or speak to Carol Hill.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 11 November 8-10:30am

Speaker: Jimmy Martin

Book via: Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-tickets-38866184805>

Men's Bowling Night

(organised by one of Churches in Bicester (CIB))

Saturday 18 November 7-9pm

This is an opportunity for the men to have some fellowship and fun! Come and bring your non-church friends. Speak to Ian for more details.

Advent Calendars & Candles

If you would like to order a "Real Advent Calendar" with the Christmas Story and Fair-trade chocolate, please let Karen know before 6th November! £3.99 each, we can also order advent candles at £3.20 to help you countdown to Christmas!

Angel Tree Programme

The Bicester Prison Fellowship Group will be involved in supporting prisoner's families by buying Christmas gifts for children whose fathers are in prison locally. If you would like to donate money towards this, please speak to Peter Hill or Karen Stoddart.

Volunteers always needed! We need all skills to help things run smoothly! Where do you love to serve?! Speak to Ian or contact Karen in the office :)

Any notices for next week to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday
at newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

ROTAS

Welcome Team

5th	Nov	Sandy Addison & Jeanette Collett
12th	Nov	Doreen Thompson & Steve Willow
19th	Nov	Debbie Winson & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, Offering)

5th	Nov	Tuesday 20's & 30's
12th	Nov	MSG and Monday 20's & 30's
19th	Nov	Oasis, Super Small Group

Sunday Club

Mustard Seeds (cre'che)

Cherry Blossom

(pre-school/foundations)

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12th	Nov	Cafe Church
19th	Nov	Jane & Lindsay

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		Helle & Sam

Sunday Club

Willows (Yr 1-2)

Silver Birches(Yr3-6)

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12th	Nov	Cafe Church
19th	Nov	Autumn, Nicole,Issy

		Ceri & Mike
		Cafe Church
		Susan & Liz

Youth

The Grid (Yr 7+)

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19th	Nov	Sam & Sandy

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