

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

6th March	10.30am	Informal Worship LENT 4 <i>Mothering Sunday</i> Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Robert Jackson <i>Jesus' Trial</i> <i>Luke22:16-23:25</i> Reading: John Thompson Prayers: Lonah Hebditch
	7.00pm	"What about the Trinity" Speaker: Roger Winson
7th March	3.10-4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
8th March	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 -12.00	Rock Of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
9th March	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Midweek Communion
	7.30-9.30pm	Connect small group
10th March	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
11th March	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
13th March	10.30am	Interactive Worship LENT 5 Leader: Karen Stoddart Preacher: Sam Williams <i>Fear & Courage</i> Reading: Interactive Team Prayers: Mandy Bentley
	7.00pm	"Why are Christians so old fashioned about sex?" <i>Transgender</i> Speaker: John Bentley



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 6th
March 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.

Sam Gould writes:

As I sit here writing, I am conscious that the deadline for submitting this newsletter article is rapidly approaching. The ladies in our congregation would probably all agree that we men are not often that familiar with prioritising our time brilliantly.

Whether we put 'Match of the Day' higher up the list than the washing up, or maybe we put off fixing that shelf until the last minute (when it falls down) in favour of checking the rugby results.

Recently we learnt in church through the book of Daniel about God's timing, but often we forget to look at our own time and how we manage it, especially in our church life.

Today is a unique chance to not only reflect on the time we spend with our families especially with the women as we celebrate Mothers' Day, but as we are now half way through Lent, a chance to reflect on how we have spent our time talking to or listening to God.

I spoke to a Muslim taxi driver I know during the festival Ramadan, where Muslims fast in order to spend more time contemplating their faith. During lent, as Christians we tend to fast from something such as chocolate or television, with the same idea, to spend more time in conversation with God.

I asked my friend did it work, to which he said yes, he then replied with the same question to me and I have to admit I was stumped slightly, I found myself realising that with all that we have going on in our busy lives it can be hard to just stop and assign a regular time to have dialogue with Jesus. In fact sometimes that thing

we give up can easily get replaced by something else that detracts from us having that time in prayer or reading the Bible.

So as we enter the last two weeks of this amazing period in our church year, my prayer is that we will all be able to put aside that time each day, small as it may be for some and that through that period God will speak to us and show us amazing things both personally and for our church community, and as spring approaches that it will be a time of great growth for us all.

I also pray that all the ladies in our congregation either single, married, with children or grandchildren, have a great time of joy today.

And guys, let's record the footie today, today's all about the girls!!

Blessings Sam



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 at Tuesday prayers.

Electoral Roll

The church Electoral Roll is being revised between 28th Feb and 3rd April. To be able to vote at the APCM on 24th April you will need to be on the Electoral Roll. Forms available in church to be returned to Michelle Blackwell-Baker.

Small Groups

If you are not in a small group and are interested in joining one, then pick up a list of groups meeting on different evenings or during the day. Speak to Ian, Erika, Pete or Carol for more details.

GETTING READY FOR EASTER

Passover meals – This year it's hoped that these will take place in small groups (details to follow) but if you would like to come to a Passover Meal & are not in a small group then please let Ian & Erika know or email the church office.

Volunteers needed: welcomers and craftspeople. For the **Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt** on Saturday 26 March 4-6pm. Please chat to me or email. *Debbie Winson*, drwinson@msn.com

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

6th March Debbie Winson & Tony Shields
13th March Jeanette Collett & Hugh White
20th March Karen Stoddart & Tony Shields

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

6th March Connect
13th March MSG & Men's Group
20th March Oasis & Living Waters

Sunday Club

6th March Vicky W & Rowan
13th March *Interactive Worship*
20th March Elizabeth A & Sophie

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

6th March Vicky W & Rowan
13th March *Interactive Worship*
20th March Elizabeth A & Sophie

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Qi
Interactive Worship
Dorothy & Doyin

Sunday Club

6th March Peter & Liz W
13th March *Interactive Worship*
20th March Jackie & Ken

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Peter & Liz W
Interactive Worship
Jackie & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Andy & Maureen
Interactive Worship
Sandy & Nicola

Youth

6th March
13th March
20th March

The Grid (School year 7 +)

Sam W & Debbie
Interactive Worship
Sam G & Sandy

Finance Team

6th March Roger Winson & Steve Willott
13th March Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
20th March James Dunne & Geoff Saunders

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