

## ECB NOTICE BOARD

6th May	10:30am	<b>Informal Worship</b> "Learning about prayer from the Master" Matthew 6:5-15 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reader: Tamara Downs
	7pm	<b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b> Series: Prophecy/Dangers & Misuse of... Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe
8th May	9am	<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>
	10am	<b>Rock of Ages</b>
	7pm	<b>Prayers</b>
9th May	10am	<b>Oasis small group</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Mid-week Communion</b>
10th May	7pm	<b>Safe-guarding Training</b>
	7:45pm	<b>Standing Committee</b>
12th May	10am	<b>Who Let the Blokes Out?</b>
	8am-8pm	<b>Quiet Day Prayer Stations</b>
13th May	10:30am	<b>Café Church-</b> "The journey of Jesus in 3.5 minutes" Leader: Helen Davies Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	6:30pm	<b>Informal Worship (Café open from 6:30)</b> Prophecy: Growing In Prophecy Leader: Erika B. Preacher: Katie J.

\*All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday [newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)  
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*6th May, 2018*



*A note from our contributing writer....*

'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV.

With summer exam season approaching, everything is becoming very busy at work and it can be easy to rush around manically, trying to juggle everything that is thrown in my direction. I'm sure it isn't just me who always seems to be rushing from one thing to another. Recently as a church we have been learning about seeking God and Mark spoke brilliantly last Sunday about practising silence and solitude - something I really am not very good at! It can be so hard to set aside time to just "be" in God's presence, with no agenda or distractions.

I woke up last Sunday morning, after a busy week, feeling very inadequate about standing up front and leading worship. God is moving so powerfully amongst is at the moment, and I felt that I really had nothing to give. I had prayed and

prepared some songs, but felt that there were plenty of others much better equipped to lead than me. As I walked to church, God reminded me of the verse above. The Message version says "My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness." His grace is all that we need - it is when we reach the end of ourselves and have to rely totally on Him, that His power is most at work. As an independent and self-reliant person, it is scary to let go, but what better place is there to be? Admitting our weakness and then completely trusting our heavenly Father who loves us recklessly and always fights for us.

So that's what I did. And at the evening service too. The thought of it was scary, but how amazing just to let Him take over, not getting in the way of what He wanted to accomplish. And what a privilege to worship our awesome God freely with the amazingly talented members of the worship team.

A massive thank you to them and to all of the church family at ECB for coming on this journey with us. John 3:30 says "He must increase, I must decrease." This isn't just true at church - God is interested in every part of our lives - at work, at home, out with friends. The more we "let go and let God" be in control, the more His power is at work within us. We can live in freedom knowing that, no matter what, He is for us, and that we are loved unconditionally by our heavenly Father. Let's keep seeking Him.

*Blessings,  
Rach*

### Notices:

Kingsmere Celebration Sunday, 13th May -4pm

Everyone's invited to Kingsmere gathering@ St. Edberg's school to celebrate the work on Kingsmere and to welcome the Stoddart's followed by food and fellowship

RSVP (for catering) Karen [administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

### Churches in Bicester Week of Prayer

Friday 11th May to Sat 19th May as part of the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative running from Ascension Day to Pentecost. See flyer for details of all the events

Plant Swap Friday 18 May and Garden Talk Saturday 2 June,

10.30-12noon, both at Emmanuel Church café, all welcome.  
Debbie Winson. Email: [drwinson@msn.com](mailto:drwinson@msn.com)

Gill Gifford Special Event- 9th June

"The Message of the Cross"

9:30-3:30 pm

See Flyer for details

*\*deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays*