

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

6th September	10.30am	Informal Worship– TRINITY 14 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe <i>Vision Sunday The Way Ahead</i> Reader: Peter Hill Prayers: Carol Hill
	7.00pm	Evening Service Preacher: Ian Biscoe <i>I didn't know the Bible said that</i>
7th September	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
8th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Crafts)
9th September	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
	7.15 for 7.30	Church Meal (please sign up)
10th September	10.00 – 12.00	Standing Committee
	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
13th September	10.30am	Interactive Worship– TRINITY 15 <i>Dedication of Merrian Moys</i> Leaders: John Bentley & Carol Hill Preacher: Mandy Bentley Prophecy 1 Corinthians 12 v 8 - 10 Prayers: Karen Stoddart
	7.00pm	Evening Service Preacher: John Williams <i>I didn't know the Bible said that</i>
14th September	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
15th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café
16th September	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
17th September	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



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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 6th
Sept 2015**

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.

As the cafe re-starts, the small groups and youth work re-group after the summer, what lies ahead for us as a church?

Erika Biscoe writes:

THE WAY AHEAD..... What does that look like for you? Just take a few moments before you read on to think about those three words 'The Way Ahead' and what image and thoughts that conjures up for you. I guess it will be very different for each of us. The immediate way ahead may be one of relief for many parents that have had to keep children occupied through the long summer break. For those with older children leaving home for ongoing education this may bring a feeling of concern on how they will cope and indeed how you will cope without them! For others, going back to work after a restful holiday..... The list is endless.

At New Wine this summer we were asked in the opening session whether we were desperate for the hope of God? Referring to Ezekiel 37 and the Valley of dry bones our everyday lives can often feel like dry bones – tired and ready to give up. Like the people of Israel we can so quickly forget that God creates life and He does that through His Spirit – 'I will put my Spirit in you and you will live...' Ezekiel 37: 14.

At Emmanuel this morning we will be thinking about the way ahead as a church.

Maybe the way ahead for us as a church is to forget the former things of the past and to see that God is doing a new thing...Isaiah 43:18-19. The Lord makes all things new but we need to follow him and we need to keep focused. To see God's kingdom grow and our lives transformed we need to take risks. Risks can hurt us personally but we need to learn to be open and vulnerable. Our thinking must align with what God says.

Our minds must come under the submission of Jesus Christ.

SO..... Are you ready for the way ahead?

We need to learn to listen to the promptings of the Spirit. A prompting is a 'knowing' deep down inside you telling you what to do. For Elijah this was the still small voice – 1 Kings 19:11-12. Sometimes the prompting is not necessarily a voice; it can be God's wisdom giving you direction in that moment.

Listening to hear God's voice will guide us as a church into a new season.



Blessings Erika

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.

CHURCH MEAL – 9th September

Ian will be setting out the Vision for Emmanuel Church at the meal on Wednesday 9th September. Sign-up sheet available after the Sunday service or email Karen to book (please advise of any dietary requirements).

RIDE & STRIDE – 12th September

Volunteers are needed to welcome people to ECB & provide refreshments during the day – let Karen know if you can spare an hour to join the rota for this. Also if anyone is planning to take part please get a sponsorship form from Karen.

CHURCH AWAY DAY – 3rd October 2015

Please sign up for the away day which will be held at CMS in Cowley. Our speaker is Rev Michael Mitton. Please book via Eventbrite or speak to Karen.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ecb-away-day-registration-18114549104>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sat 10 Oct** 4-6pm Harvest Supper - **“Grown in Bicester”**
Speak to Debbie Winson if you would like to be involved
- Sat 14 Nov** 10am-4pm **“Be-Loved”** - Ladies' craft and ministry day

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

- 6th September Heather Hindmarsh & Dave Bambrook
13th September Doreen Thompson & Daniel Deng
20th September Amanda Beaumont & Del Hindmarsh

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

- 6th September Hilarious
13th September Connect
20th September Potting Shed

Sunday Club

- 6th September Vicky & Jude
13th September *Interactive Worship*
20th September Parents

Crèche

- 6th September Vicky & Jude
13th September *Interactive Worship*
20th September Parents

Pre-School

- Helle & Tosin
Interactive Worship
Claire & Doyin

Sunday Club

- 6th September Jo W & TBC
13th September *Interactive Worship*
20th September Lesley & Sam

Infants

- 6th September Jo W & TBC
13th September *Interactive Worship*
20th September Lesley & Sam

Juniors

- Andy & Maureen
Interactive Worship
Sandy & Ellie

Youth

- 6th September Karl & Sandy
13th September *Interactive Worship*
20th September Sam W & Debbie

The Grid

- Karl & Sandy
Interactive Worship
Sam W & Debbie

Finance Team

- 6th September Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
13th September James Dunne & James Sheppard
20th September Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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