

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

6th November	10.30am	Informal Worship 3rd Before Advent <i>Stumbling Blocks – 1 Cor 8:1-13</i> Leader: Tony Shields Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Lisa Verman Prayers: Chris Shields
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life changing Encounters – the Storm</i> <i>Acts 27: 13-26</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
7th November	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
8th November	9.00am 10.00-12noon 7.00-7.30pm 7.15pm	Prayers in Church Rock of Ages Café Prayers in church Living Well in the End Times
9th November	10.00 for 10.30 7pm 7.00-7.30pm	Oasis Small Group Marriage Course Prayers in church No midweek communion
10th November	6.30-8.00pm 8.15-9.15pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i> Band practice
11th November	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
12th November	10.00-12noon	Church Builder workshop
13th November	10.30am	Interactive Worship 2nd Before Advent <i>Remembrance</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Robert Jackson Reading: Interactive Team Prayers: Karen Stoddart
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life changing Encounters – Publius</i> <i>Acts 28:1-10</i> Leader: Lonah Hebditch Preacher: Roger Winson



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
email to receive either of these.
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 6th
November
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.

Katie Jenkinson writes:

“Jesus gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’” (Acts 1:4)

I wonder how you feel about waiting? Perhaps today you are waiting for something in your life - for your job, for your family or a promise God has given you.

At Pentecost, the disciples were obeying Jesus' command to wait in Jerusalem and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Soon in Bicester, I believe we are going to see many changes brought about by the Spirit. I sense we are in a new

season, where changes will happen quickly and we will see extraordinary things happen that will be both inexplicable and undeniable.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6)

But for now, God is asking us to wait, watch and pray. This is not easy in a culture that tells us we must be busy with many tasks. To stop and listen is counter-intuitive for us. The disciples as they were apprenticed by Jesus 'did' lots of things. But for the season after the ascension of Jesus through until Pentecost, they were commanded by Jesus to stay where they were and to wait to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Christmas time approaches, we tend to get busier and busier. This year, if you can, make some time to wait, watch and pray. You might be surprised by what you experience as you stop and open yourself to God.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:1-4)



Blessings Katie

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or send an email to the church office on a Monday to be included in Tuesday morning prayers.

Living Well in the End Times

A short seminar series on logistics around the end of life. The second of the four sessions is on Tuesday 8th Nov starting at 7:15pm. Flyers available or contact Carol Hill. Carolghill@hotmail.co.uk.

CHRISMONS for church Christmas decorations

Lyndie Spolander is teaching us how to make Chrismons, Christ themed Christmas decorations. We are making crosses, angels and crowns on Thursdays in November at Lyndie's house. Please speak to Lyndie or myself for directions.

Debbie Winson, email drwinson@msn.com

Need help with Church Builder?

Come to an open workshop on Saturday 12th November 10am to 12 noon in church.

Abundant Life Conference – 18th- 20th November 2016

Details of the programme for the weekend coming soon.

Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abundant-life-conference-18th-20th-november-2016-tickets-27931115719> or speak to Karen in the office.

Advent Quiet Day – 26th November 10am to 4pm

See flyers or contact Chris Shields for more details. christinashields01@gmail.com

Men's Curry night

The monthly curry night will take place at Anika's in Deans Court on Tuesday 15th November from 7:30pm. *Contact Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart for details.*

Midweek Communion – November

This will take place on Weds 30th November. There will be no midweek communion in December.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

6th November Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
13th November Tony Shields & Nathan Argyle
20th November John Thompson & Debbie Winson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

6th November Oasis & Living Waters
13th November More & Men's Group
20th November Hilarious

Sunday Club

6th November
13th November
20th November

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Vicky W & Sophie
Interactive Worship
Sophie & Lonah

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Heidi & Mike
Interactive Worship
Claire & Qi

Sunday Club

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Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jackie & Liz W
Interactive Worship
Sam B & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

And & Maureen
Interactive Worship
Sandy A & Ceri

Youth

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The Grid (School year 7+)

Sam G & Debbie
Interactive Worship
Karl & Fleur

Finance Team

6th November James Dunne & Ian Brown
13th November Roger Winson & Ian Brown
20th November Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott

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