

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

7th May	10.30am	Informal Worship <i>Prophecy</i> Leader: Al Bowen Reading: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Liz Winson	Easter 4 <i>1 Corinthians 14:1-5</i> Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Why Evangelism (new series)</i> Matt 28:18-19 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe	
8th May	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6	
9th May	9.00am	Prayers in Church	
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30pm	Men's Curry club meets at Anica	
10th May	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30pm	Midweek Communion	
11th May	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>	
12th May	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>Abraham: Hero of the Faith – Fear Factor</i>	
14th May	10.30am	Café Church Leader: Erika Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison	Easter 5 Preacher: Ian Biscoe Prayers: Jo Withers
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Good News!</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson	



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**7th May
2017**

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.

Erika Biscoe writes:

We have just been away for a couple of days to the HTB leadership conference held at the Royal Albert Hall, London. The theme of the conference hosted by Nicky and Pippa Gumble was 'Leading in love'.

We are all leaders in one situation or another in our lives so we all have a responsibility to lead with love. Jesus modelled this throughout his life showing humility and compassion and always leading with love, being the greatest role model for this type of leadership. Even at the point of his death he led with love.

One of the criminals that were crucified with Jesus said, '*Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus answered him, 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in*

paradise.' (Luke 23:42,43).

Jesus showed us how it is possible to love the unlovable.

During the conference, we saw a video interview of Jean Vanier the founder of L'Arche. These are Christian communities now across 35 countries that provide care and accommodation for people with developmental disabilities. As Jean talked to a severely disabled man he told him, "you are beautiful, you are beautiful". It was a powerful example of leading in love and how we must love the unlovable.

Another speaker at the conference was Simon Sinek. He made the comment that in book shops there are always lots of books about self-help but none about helping others! And yet we can find many verses in the Bible that encourage us and indeed command us to help others;

'God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his

people and continue to help them.'
Hebrews 6:10

'And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.' Hebrews 13:16

'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.' John 15:12

'Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.'
Philippians 2:4

Leading in love means helping others unconditionally, no strings attached, not expecting anything in return, loving those who have nothing to offer you in return.
So let's pray today....

Father make us one,

Jesus make us one,

Holy Spirit make us one.

Blessings Erika

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
Tuesday morning prayers are at 9am in the Community Room.

Safeguarding Training Courses being held on 23rd May (ECB) and 24th June (St Edburg's). Essential for all working with children. Speak to Karen or Ian for details.

TRIO responses - Please can all responses be returned to the Finance Team in the Confidential envelopes by **Sunday 7th May**.

CAP MONEY course - Running on Weds evenings 7th, 14th & 21st June from 7:30pm. Book via the Church Office or speak to *Roger Winson*.

BICESTER FOOD BANK

Required items are tinned fruit, tomatoes and rice pudding plus cartons of long life fruit juice. Please do not give baked beans or pasta as they have a surplus of these items. Many thanks.

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR – these are now available in church, with dates for your diaries between now and the end of August. If you would like an electronic version then please speak to Karen in the office.

Starship Discovery Holiday Club 24th – 28th July 2017

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

Social badminton. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

7th May Andrew & Jeanette Collett
14th May Del Hindmarsh & Steve Willott
21st May Debbie Winson & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

7th May Hilarious & More
14th May Tues 20's & 30's
21st May MSG and Mon 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

7th May
14th May
21st May

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Vicky W & Kate
Café Church
Elizabeth & Rowan

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Claire
Café Church
Heidi & Mike

Sunday Club

7th May
14th May
21st May

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jo & And
Café Church
Jackie, TBC & Issy

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

And & Maureen
Café Church
And & TBC

Youth

7th May
14th May
21st May

The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Fleur
Café Church
Sam W & Sandy

Finance Team

7th May Roger Winson & James Sheppard
14th May Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders
21st May Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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