



7TH JULY 2019

## Denise Crook writes...

I've been thinking more about the spiritual realm lately and how I can often be a bit complacent that there's a battle going on around us. I happened upon a talk on spiritual warfare by John Paul Jackson, who had, when he was alive, an incredible gift of interpreting dreams. He spoke about there being more than one heaven (God created the **heavens...**). The third heaven, which is mentioned in the bible, is the place where God and His angels reside. The 1<sup>st</sup> heaven which runs in a dual reality with the earth, is where demonic powers have influence, and John argues a 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven (not mentioned in the bible but implied) where higher principalities inhabit (Daniel 10:13), this being God's battlefield.

He was saying that sometimes we can encroach on territory that isn't ours, thus opening ourselves up to spiritual attack by how we pray. We were made by God to subdue the earth and he wants us to ask for His help. We were made a little lower than the angels and need to be mindful of the extent of our authority in the first heaven, which is the territory around us, and any further than that we need to ask God to intervene because otherwise we violate God's order and authority structure.

We also need to make sure we "put on" the armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-17) as these things are our spiritual tools for the battle and with these on and being filled continually with the Holy Spirit the Devil has to rethink his battle plan. I encourage you to read that passage again. The passion version is good.

**Lord we come to you with repentant hearts for the times when we have made ourselves greater than the order that you have ordained. We ask for you to move in power in our church to bring about healing, reconciliation & your miracles in our finances. We ask that you would bring revival in our hearts and in this town.**

**Thankyou that we can make a difference to the people around us by being continually filled with the Holy Spirit and that when we walk into a room like this, the enemy has to rethink his battle plan. Thank you that you allow us to join in with the Angels in worship.**

*1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*Blessings, Denise*

# Notices

## **MEN'S CURRY EVENING AT SHAKIL'S**

Coming up on Tuesday 16th July at 7.45pm. If you would like to book, please contact Colin Arter: [colin@colinarter.co.uk](mailto:colin@colinarter.co.uk)

## **HOLIDAY AT HOME AT EMMANUEL CHURCH**

If you are retired or unable to go away on holiday then come and join us for a holiday at home. Come and enjoy crafts, games, historical Bicester, film, tea dance, and much more. August 20th—22nd. 10am—3.30pm. To book, please call **01869 600299** or email: [home4ew@gmail.com](mailto:home4ew@gmail.com) Booking forms also available at one of the churches in Bicester. For more details call **01869 243479** **Volunteers needed! Please use the contacts above or call Emmanuel Church office: 01869 320021**

## **COFFEE MORNING WITH KIDS**

Meeting up again here at Emmanuel Church on Monday 15th July at 9.00am.

All welcome!

## **ISRAEL—MAY 2020**

Join Helen and Clive as they lead a 9 day tour of Israel in the footsteps of Jesus.

Places are limited to 35 and you can reserve your place from now on. For more info talk to Clive and Helen, visit: [www.israel2020.co.uk](http://www.israel2020.co.uk) or come to the information evening on Thursday 18th July 7.30pm here at Emmanuel Church.

## **GARDEN TALK**

Join us to chat about our gardening joys and sorrows over a cup of coffee. Saturday 20th July, 24th Aug and 28th Sept. 10.30-12noon here at Emmanuel Church.

## **THE GREATEST SHOW HOLIDAY CLUB**

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August for ages 5-11. Booking open.

Please visit: [www.lovebicester.com/children's-holiday-clubs](http://www.lovebicester.com/children's-holiday-clubs) or contact Karen Stoddart at Emmanuel Church office for more details. **Volunteers needed! If you can offer some time then please contact Karen in the office here at Emmanuel Church: 01869 320021** Please pray for all involved in this important outreach.

**ROTAS:** If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

# ECB DIARY

SUN 7th JULY	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship</b> <b>Holy Spirit Week 7, Working through us in ministry</b> Leader: Helen Collier Preacher: Clive Collier
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> (Refreshments at 6.30pm) <b>Prayer and Worship Evening</b> Leader: Rachel Bowen
TUES 9th JULY	9.00am	<b>Prayers</b>
WED 10th JULY	8.45am-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
	10.30am	<b>Oasis Small Group</b>
THURS 11th JULY	8.45am-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
FRI 12th JULY	8.45am-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
	9.30am	<b>Cherish Group</b>
	7.00pm	<b>Prayers</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
SUN 14th JULY	10.30am	<b>Café Church</b> <b>Are You a Mary or a Martha?</b> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Tim Howard
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> (Refreshments at 6.30pm) <b>Prophetic series 1</b> Leader: Helen Collier Preacher: Clive Collier

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