

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

7th August	10.30am	Informal Worship (<i>Summer pattern</i>) Trinity 11 <i>Anguish of the heart – Psalm 38</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Christine Thompson Prayers: Katie Jenkinson
	7.00pm	Evening “Open Church” Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
<i>There will no evening prayers or Friday Compline during August</i>		
14th August	10.30am	Informal Worship (<i>Summer pattern</i>) Trinity 12 <i>Cry out to God for help – Psalm 77</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Sam Gould Reading: Ellie Dommett Prayers: Chris Shields
	7.00pm	Evening “Open Church” <i>Psalm 1.1-4 “The blessed man planted by streams of water”</i> Preacher: John Williams
16th-18th August	Holiday at Home – 10am to 3pm each day	
21st August	10.30am	Informal Worship (<i>Summer pattern</i>) Trinity 13 <i>The God who saves me – Psalm 88</i> Leader: Roger Winson Preacher: Andy Roberts Reading: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Jackie Meek
	7.00pm	Evening “Open Church” <i>Mission & Outreach</i> Leader: Debbie Winson



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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 Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
email to receive either of these.
 Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 7th
August 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.

Rachel Bowen writes:

Greetings from sunny Somerset - I am writing this just outside my tent at New Wine.

If you haven't been to one of the various Christian camps or festivals, I would thoroughly recommend it – not only do you get to camp with fellow ECB-ers, but you hear some great Bible teaching and get to join with thousands of others, all worshipping our holy and awesome God. Many of us come back feeling refreshed, challenged and focussed, on fire to serve God in our towns and work places.

Jadon challenged us the other week in his sermon to respond to God's "nudges". I've been thinking... how good am I everyday at listening to God's prompts and "nudges" – maybe to speak to someone or to offer to pray for

them? Could I actively be asking God to “nudge” me in this way?

It can be really easy to be a Christian when we're surrounded by other believers, all together with a common purpose. However, even at New Wine, it still takes courage to go up to a stranger and offer to pray for them or share a picture that I feel God has given me for them. How much more so when we're back in Bicester, or at work. It is often fear that holds us back. But we need to remind ourselves that being obedient to God is far more important than us feeling out of our comfort zone.

I was particularly challenged by something Pete Greig (24-7 prayer guy) wrote on Facebook recently, reflecting on how we often pray 'Come Holy Spirit' and how willingly and faithfully he has come to countless meetings, conferences and prayer rooms.

“But now the tables seem to be turning. Everywhere I go in the world I sense a new day dawning. Perhaps it's time for the renewal of the church to overflow into

*the renewal of the earth. Maybe the Spirit is saying, 'Come, holy people. Come to **my** meetings. Come to the streets. Come to the schools. The clubs and bars. Come to the marketplaces, the messy places, the prisons. You've seen the wonderful things that can happen when I attend your meetings, but you really ain't seen nothin' yet! If you will just attend **my** meetings, you'll find out what my power, my presence, my advocacy and gifts can do.'*

And so the question we must ask ourselves is this: 'Will we stay in our safe environments being renewed and blessed, or will we go out and become a blessing to renew nations?'"

God challenges us in Romans 12 (Message version) "Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering... Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God." And I pray that, as we do this, God will equip us with boldness to follow his nudges and be a blessing to others.

Blessings

Rach

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk. Tuesday morning prayers stop over the summer but re-start on 6th Sept.

Holiday at Home – 16th-18th August Crafts, Games, Museum experience, Film, Tea Dance, and much more for those who are retired and can't get away on holiday. Helpers needed. *Contact Elizabeth on 01869 243479*

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested

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Welcome Team

7th August John Thompson & Heather Hindmarsh
14th August Children's Group – Cherry Blossoms
21st August Hugh White & Amanda Beaumont

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

7th August 20's & 30's
14th August Connect
21st August MSG & Men's Group

Sunday Club

7th August
14th August
21st August

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Summer Activities
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Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Summer Activities
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Sunday Club

7th August
14th August
21st August

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Summer Activities
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Summer Activities
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Youth

7th August
14th August
21st August

The Grid (School year 7+)

Summer Activities
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Finance Team

7th August Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown
14th August James Dunne & James Sheppard
21st August Roger Winson & Ian Brown

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