

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 8th February** 10.30am **Interactive Worship – 2nd before Lent**
Leader: Mandy Bentley **Preacher:** Karen Stoddart
Oil in your lamp *Matthew 25:1-13*
Reader: Splash **Prayers:** John Bentley
- 7.00pm **Evening Service** – Focus on Prison Ministry
Guest Speaker: Rev Andrew Foran – Chaplain at HMP Bullingdon
- 9th February** 3.10–4.15pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
- 10th February** 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
 10.00 to 12.00 **Seniors' Café**
 7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
- 11th February** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room**
- 12th February** 6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
 7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11
 8.00-9.00pm **Band practice**
- 14th February** 10.00-4.00pm **Quiet Day** - Preparation for Lent
Valentines Meal – *All places now filled*
- 15th February** 10.30am **Informal Worship – 1st before Lent**
Leader: Al Bowen **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Talents *Matthew 25:14-30*
Reader: John Thompson **Prayers:** Libby Brown
- 7.00pm **Evening Meeting** - led by the Worship Team
 Musical Arrangements
- 17th February** 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
 10.00 to 12.00 **Seniors' Café**
- 19th February** 8.00-9.00pm **Band practice**
- 22nd February** 10.30am **Informal Communion –Lent 1**
Leader: Robert Jackson **Preacher:** Tim Howard
Sheep and Goats *Matthew 25:31-46*
Reader: Sue White **Prayers:** Dora Potter
- 7.00pm DVD - Evening led by the Discipleship Team



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

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email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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.

Holly Howard writes:

Have you ever heard of Luke Cameron? He was the young man in Cheltenham who spent 2014 doing a good deed every day in tribute to a friend who had died of cancer. An Act of Random Kindness (courtesy of the ARK in Evan Almighty). In that year he was able to bless over 365 people - a lot more actually as on the last day he handed out a £5 note to 73 random people. What a wonderful thing to do!

Matthew 25: 35-40 says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and

give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you.' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'".

Now Lent in fast approaching (18th). Traditionally people give something up for Lent - chocolate, alcohol, TV to name but a few. Now not meaning to be difficult, I always try to take something ON for Lent. Last year it was cleaning (much to Tim's delight) - 15 minutes every day. Now that was a hardship! Now if you happen to be wondering what to do this year, may I suggest that you take on doing an Act of Random Kindness every day, for the 40 days of Lent!

It can be as simple as smiling and saying good morning when you hold the door open for someone, taking your neighbours bin in after collection or not crossing the road when you see people on Sheep Street with clipboards (make

a bee-line for them!). If you are feeling flush, come to our Cafe and buy the person next to you their coffee. Help an old man across the road (but please check first that they want to go!).



If we can approach every day with Jesus' heart then those people that cross our paths will be truly blessed and so will we. It is amazing how surprised people can be to be shown kindness. But it is infectious. And with so many nasty bugs around, wouldn't it be nice to spread a positive one instead?

Blessings Holly

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.

Angel Tree for Mothering Sunday

At the evening service tonight there will be a chance to hear about and donate towards this Prison Fellowship scheme which enables Young Offenders to send a card and small gift to their mother or other female relation on Mothering Sunday. *Speak to Karen for more details*

Preparation for Lent – Quiet Day on Saturday 14th Feb.

This will run from 10:00am to 14:00pm and be in the meeting rooms upstairs. Tea and coffee will be provided. *Speak to Chris Shields for more details.*

Parenting course

Mike & Vicky Watermeyer will be running a parenting course starting in March. If you are interested please contact them for details.

Men's Breakfast – Sat 21st February at 8 am

Tickets available from Karen at £3.00 each. There are limited numbers as this is open to all churches in Bicester.

Guest speaker is Geoff Lanham, a Pioneer minister from Birmingham

Bucknell Hotpot supper – Sat 21st Feb at 7pm

Come and join the fun at Bucknell Village Hall, bring your own drinks & glasses. Entertainment by Charlie Ross and friends. Tickets £10 adult and £3 child available from Pat Brain (01869 322562) or Kate Hedges (01869 212169)

ECB Fitness Club

The start date for this has been delayed. *Speak to Sam Gould for more details.*

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – starts again in the Spring (watch this space)

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

8th February Katie Jenkinson
15th February Christine Thompson
22nd February Chris & Tony Shields – Anointing at Communion

Sunday Club

8th February
15th February
22nd February

Bubbles

Interactive Worship
Jackie & Dave
Jo & Jane

Splash

Interactive Worship
Sandy & Kate
Nicola & Nathan

Sunday Club

8th February
15th February
22nd February

The Grid

Interactive Worship
Sam W & Sandy
Sam G & Debbie

Crèche

Interactive Worship
Jane & Tosin
Claire & Toeni

Welcome Team

8th February Tony Shields & Doreen Thompson
15th February John Thompson & Heather Hindmarsh
22nd February Debbie Winson & Hugh White

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

8th February Potting Shed
15th February MSG
22nd February Oasis & Debbi

Finance Team

8th February Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
15th February James Dunne & James Sheppard
22nd February Roger Winson & Ian Brown

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