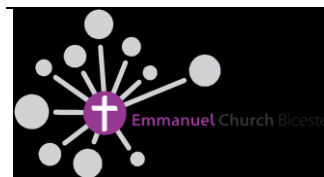


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 8th March** 10.30am **Interactive Worship & Baptism (Lily Dallas) – Lent 3**
Leader: John Bentley **Preacher:** Mandy Bentley
Lord's Supper *Matthew 26:17-30*
Prayers: Karen Stoddart
- 7.00pm - **Evening Service**
How should Christians engage with politics?
- 9th March** 3.10–4.15pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
- 10th March** 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
10.00 - 12.00 **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
- 11th March** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room**
7.30pm **Mathetes**
- 12th March** 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 March** 9.00 – 12.00 **Schools Ministry Meeting**
2.00 – 4.00pm **Posy making for Mothering Sunday**
7.00 – 9.30pm **You Are Not Alone** (youth event)
- 15th March** 10.30am **Informal Worship – Mothering Sunday**
Leader: Jackie Meek **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Peter's Denial *Matthew 26:31-35*
Reader: Debbi Pardoe **Prayers:** Helle Angeleri
- 7.00pm - **Evening Service**
Encounter God – led by the Worship Team
- 16th March** 3.10–4.15pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
- 17th March** 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
10.00 - 12.00 **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
- 18th March** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room**
7.30pm **Mathetes**
8.00pm **PCC meeting**
- 19th March** 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**



Welcome!

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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

8th March 2015

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:

Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving kindness as the flood...

Pondering these words of the famous Welsh hymn a few weeks ago, I began to think about an ocean of God's love, and what this is like. I realised that while in my mind, love is associated with 'positive' words such as kindness, joy, strength, trust, hope and patience – it also has a cost to it – a very high cost, if we look at Jesus' sacrifice on the cross:

"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain." (Isaiah 53:3)

The cost of love includes: loss, grief, disappointment, suffering and sorrow.



And then I perceived that in the midst of God's ocean of love, many of us choose to live on small desert islands, isolated and on our own. Perhaps we have been hurt by people in church, or by relationships that went wrong, or by so much trouble in our lives that we have not been able to go on loving, so we retreat to where we feel safe – our own desert islands, if you will.

If this is where you feel you are living today, then God is calling you to leave the safety of self-protection, and enter once again the vast ocean of His love. This is the love that Jesus entrusted himself to fully on the cross, when he spoke his dying words:

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

God may not be calling us to die for Him today – but he is certainly calling us to live for Him. So for those of us whose homes have been individual desert islands, he is now calling us to:

JUMP!

Blessings Katie



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.

Healing Ministry course - April to July this year on six Sunday evenings 5pm to 7pm at the Salvation Army Hall. It is being organised by Orchard Baptist church and delivered by Rev Paul Springate, former director at Harnhill Healing Centre. Please register with: lesleytaylor1960@hotmail.com.

SCHOOLS MINISTRY MEETING – Sat 14th March 9am to 12 noon

Do come along if you are involved in schools in any way – teacher, teaching assistant, Governor, dinner lady, after schools club, assemblies, reading etc. *Details from Robert Jackson or Mandy Bentley*

YOU ARE NOT ALONE – Sat 14th March 7.00 – 9.30pm

Come and meet with young people from churches across Bicester
Theme – How can Jesus help my life?

Real Easter Eggs

If you ordered eggs they are now available from Karen. Also, we have a few extra milk or plain ones if anyone is interested.

Ladies Breakfast – Sunday 15th March from 9.15am

Come along for breakfast before the morning service. Sign-up sheet available.

Southwold Craft Fair & Egg Hunt 14th March – As part of building links with Southwold, ECB will be running a Fair Trade Stall at this event. Extra hands always welcome. *Details from Peter Hill or Karen Stoddart.*

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

Sunday Club

8th March
15th March Jo & Sarah
22nd March Jackie & Dave

Bubbles

Interactive Worship
Jo & Sarah
Jackie & Dave

Splash

Interactive Worship
Sandy & Kate
Nicola & Nathan

Sunday Club

8th March
15th March Sam W & Debbie
22nd March Sam G & Sandy

The Grid

Interactive Worship
Sam W & Debbie
Sam G & Sandy

Crèche

Interactive Worship
Jane & Tosin
Claire & Toeni

Welcome Team

8th March Nathan Argyle & Sue White
15th March Dave Bambrook & Rachel Woods
22nd March Peter Hill & Amanda Beaumont

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

8th March Spirited
15th March Connect
22nd March Potting Shed

Finance Team

8th March James Dunne & Jo Withers
15th March Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
22nd March Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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