

**ECB's NOTICE BOARD**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Advent 2 – All Age Service</b> <b>Leader:</b> Karen Stoddart <b>Preacher:</b> Sunday Club <b>Subject:</b> Nativity Tableau <b>Prayers:</b> Sunday Club
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Sri Lanka Evening</b> – In Church Come to learn more about Sri Lanka, the Christian community, and <b>Sriyamal</b> (includes Sri Lankan Christian music, presentation and Q&A, prayer stations for Sri Lanka).
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	<b>Prayers</b> in Church
	10.00am-12	<b>Seniors' Café</b> – in Church
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.00-7.30pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10-13
		<b>Worship Group cancelled because of meal</b>
	7.15 for 7.30pm	<b>MEAL IN CHURCH</b> – advance sign-up essential.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Advent 3 – Informal Service</b> <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hill <b>Preacher:</b> Andrew Collett <b>Subject:</b> 'Sending Out' Matt 10:1-42 <b>Prayers:</b> Carol Hill
		<b>After Church Carol Singing at Bure Farm pub</b> – all welcome
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	<b>Prayers</b> in Church
	10.00am-12	<b>Seniors' Café</b> – in Church
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.00-7.30pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	<b>Worship Group</b> Practice – in Church
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	4-6pm	<b>TWIST</b> – Family Fun Church in Bicester Methodist Church
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Advent 4 – CAROL SERVICE</b> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe, <b>Preacher:</b> Erika Biscoe <b>Subject:</b> 'The Good News' Matt 11:1-19 <b>Prayers:</b> Mark Verman
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service – ALL AGE TEAM</b> Refreshments afterwards
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve – Communion</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Christmas Day – Shorter All Age Service</b>



**Welcome!**

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

8<sup>th</sup> December 2013

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Website: [www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk](http://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.*

**Ian Biscoe writes:-**

As many of you will know we have the privilege of hosting Pastor Sriyamal with us here in Bicester for two weeks. This is the first time I have met him in person, we have spoken a number of times over the phone. Jan Butter who has known him for many years put it like this;

*"My experience of Sriyamal is one of a committed, faithful, motivated Christian leader who sacrificially pours himself out for those inside and outside the church. Over the years we've all marvelled at how he has extended his ministry beyond the church to Bible schools, prison ministry, children's work and much more."*

After hearing stories of his life and ministry I would have to agree with Jan. If you would like to know more about Sri Lanka and Pastor Sriyamal's ministry do please join us at 7pm this evening here at Emmanuel Church. There will be an opportunity to see pictures of Sri Lanka, learn some new songs and hear about the work in Negombo. Hebrews 10: <sup>22</sup> *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* <sup>23</sup> *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.* <sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.*

If you have a chance to, do please speak to Sriyamal and take the opportunity to spur him on in his ministry towards love and good

deeds. You will also find that his sincere heart and full assurance of faith will encourage you and draw you nearer to God.

As we move towards Christmas with all its celebration and the giving and receiving of presents let us pray for those who live in parts of the world where clean water and medical supplies would be an amazing present at any time of the year.

*Blessings,*

*Ian Biscoe*

I know for many people things are tough at the moment but when I heard Sriyamal, his wife Doreen and their three sons lived in a house with no electricity for 18 months that put things into perspective.

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**Men's warm winter clothing**, including Jumpers, trousers, hats, gloves boots and shoes are needed by the Salvation Army for the homeless in Bicester.

**Please call Heather** on 07939 404741 if you can help. Thank you.

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**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1-4pm Helle invites you to join her**  
for Winter Soup and Apple Tart  
at 1 South View, Piggy Lane OX26 6HT

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This week, **we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us** who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including:-

- **Sharon & Dave Bambrook**, pray that Sharon continues to improve after her operation and that Dave keeps well.
- **Ken & Dora Potter**, Ken is still in hospital and daily visiting is very tiring for Dora.

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### **CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS**

15th - Carol singing at the Bure Farm - all welcome. After morning service.

22nd - Carol service at church in the morning. If anyone is interested in joining an informal 'choir' please email [worship@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:worship@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

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**Pastor Sriyamal is with us until Wednesday 11 December.**

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**Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at**

[rogerwinson@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerwinson@btinternet.com)

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### **ROTAS**

#### **Prayer Ministry**

8<sup>th</sup> Dec Chris Shields  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec John Thompson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Christine Thompson

#### **Sunday Club *Bubbles***

8<sup>th</sup> Dec **All-Age Service**  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec Karen & Jane  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec **Carol Service**

#### ***Splash***

**All-Age Service**  
Claire & Hannah  
**Carol Service**

#### **Sunday Club *The Grid***

8<sup>th</sup> Dec **All-Age Service**  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec Karl & Debbie  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec **Carol Service**

#### ***Crèche***

**All-Age Service**  
Jane & Vicky  
**Carol Service**

#### **Welcome Team**

8<sup>th</sup> Dec Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Mark Verman  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec Jacque Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett

#### **Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering, the reading)**

8<sup>th</sup> Dec **Youth Team**  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec Clare Bean's Small Group  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Debbi Pardoe's Sunday Team

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