

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

9 th October	10.30am	Interactive Worship Trinity 20 <i>Food for All – Matt 14:13-21</i> Leader: Andy Roberts Preacher: Karen Stoddart Reading & Prayers: Interactive Team
	7.00pm	Evening Service Testimony of a Gap Year Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Jacob Newby
10 th October		NO After school club
11 th October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7:30pm	Men's Curry night @ Anika in Deans Court
12 th October		NO Oasis this week
	7pm	Marriage Course
13 th October	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10+
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
14 th October		NO Contemplative Compline
16 th October	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 21 <i>Married Life - Cor 7:1-16</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sue White Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Lord Have Mercy – Prisons week service</i> Leader: Dennis Niziol Guest speaker: Caroline Stevens from New Leaf



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 9th
October 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.

Debbie Winson writes:

This is our Harvest Celebration weekend when we have a meal together, and rejoice in the provision God makes for us. This year we expect to have fruit and vegetables grown by our team of local gardeners, eggs from Holly and Caroline, and local cheeses.

Jesus uses a number of farming and gardening pictures in his teaching. One of my favourites is that of the vine and the branches. At home, we have a vine that is not in a good position, so it gets hacked back rather than pruned! A properly looked-after vine has a trunk which is permanent, and fruit-bearing branches which are cut back each year so each branch bears a few bunches of big grapes rather than lots of little ones.

Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I

remain in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5).

The picture here is of the intimate connection between the vine, Jesus, and the branches, us as his followers. Jesus tells us that God the Father is the gardener, and He not only cuts away dead and fruitless branches but He looks after the fruit-bearing branches making them just right. The sap, rising from the roots into the trunk, and from there to the branches, is like the Holy Spirit, given by Jesus to his disciples. The close connection of the vine trunk and its branches is a lovely way of thinking of us being "nestled in" to God.

Let's enjoy our meals together, delighting in the "fruit" of our labour and the labour of farmers and growers throughout the world. But let's remember too that there are many in UK and elsewhere that don't have enough to eat.

There will be a collection of tinned and dried food for Bicester Food Bank at the services today. At the interactive service

there will be a focus on Tearfund's worldwide work to reduce food poverty.

That way there will be a harvest of people for God's kingdom

Safe in our close connection to God through Christ, let's bear fruit for God's kingdom in lives full of "love, joy, peace; patience, kindness, goodness; faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" Gal 5:22-23.

*Blessings,
Debbie*



PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or send an email to the church office on a Monday to be included in Tuesday morning prayers.

Men's Curry night –October 11th

The monthly curry night will take place at Anika's in Deans Court on Tuesday 11th October from 7:30pm. *Contact Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart for details.*

Crafting Decorations for Christmas

Lyndie Spolander is running a workshop to show us how to make Chrismons, Monograms of Christ. It will be on Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm at her house. Please contact her or me if you would like to join us. *Debbie Winson*

Prisons Week – 9th-15th October

Please take a prayer leaflet to help you pray for those whose lives are touched by prison. There will also be a service on 16th Oct at 7pm here at ECB (flyers available).

Living Well in the End Times (not the apocalypse!)

We are pleased to announce a short seminar series on logistics around end of life, which you may find helpful. They run for 4 weeks at 7.15 on a Tuesday evening. Flyers available with details at the back of church or if you would like to sign up please let me know – Carolghill@hotmail.co.uk.

Abundant Life Conference – 18th- 20th November 2016

Scott & Hilary Dalton will be leading this conference being held at ECB. There will be sessions on the Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday. More details and booking via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abundant-life-conference-18th-20th-november-2016-tickets-27931115719> or speak to Karen in the office.

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

9th October Children's Groups
16th October Steve Willott & Heather Hindmarsh
23rd October Hugh White & Jeanette Collett

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

9th October More & Men's Group
16th October Hilarious
23rd October 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

9th October *Interactive Worship*
16th October Sophie & Lindsay
23rd October Jane G & Rowan

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Interactive Worship
Sophie & Lindsay
Jane G & Rowan

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Interactive Worship
Claire & Qi
Helle & Doyin

Sunday Club

9th October *Interactive Worship*
16th October Dorothy & Ken
23rd October Erika & Steve

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Interactive Worship
Dorothy & Ken
Erika & Steve

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Interactive Worship
Nicola & Maureen
Sandy A & Ceri

Youth

9th October
16th October
23rd October

The Grid (School year 7+)

Interactive Worship
Karl & Sandy D
Sam W & Fleur

Finance Team

9th October Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
16th October James Dunne & Geoff Saunders
23rd October Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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

