

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 9th November 10.30am Remembrance Sunday** (Doing it Differently)
Leader: Andrew Collett **Preacher:** Robert Jackson
Subject: *The Tenants* Matthew 21:33-46
Reader: John Thompson **Prayers:** Dora Potter
12.45 – 2.30pm **Welcome Lunch**
7.00pm Evening Service – *Faith at work*
Leader: Ian Biscoe
- 10th November 3.10pm – 4.15 pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
11th November 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
12th November 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course
7.30 – 9.30 pm **Mathetes** course
13th November 8.00 pm-9.00 pm **Band practice**
6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11
14th November 7.30pm **20's & 30's curry night** @ Jaflong
15th November 1.00pm **Rosie & JJ's wedding** @ ECB
4.00pm-6pm **TWIST Family Fun Church**
At Bicester Methodist Church
- 16th November 10.30am 2nd before Advent**
Leader: Peter Hill **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: *Wedding Banquet* Matthew 22:1-14
Reader: Debbi Pardoe **Prayers:** Helle Angeleri
7.00pm Worship Training Evening
- 17th November 3.10pm – 4.15 pm **After school club** for school years 4-6
18th November 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13
19th November 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
7.30 – 9.30 pm **Mathetes** course
20th November 8.00 pm-9.00 pm **Band practice**
6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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9th November 2014

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.

James Dunne writes:

Last Sunday Matt Shipman preached a thoughtful and insightful sermon on Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 11 :-

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

He also incorporated Romans Chapter 4 verses 4 and 5 :-

“but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope”

The end of both verses is hope and not a flimsy hope but a strong and sure hope built on the foundation of Christ and the sure knowledge that God fulfils his promises.

Later in Jeremiah Chapter 33 the prophet is declaring God's judgement on Jerusalem for their wrongdoing but he breaks off to promise;

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

Even at a time of punishment God brings Hope. In Romans chapter 8 the Apostle Paul contrasts the many elements we have to contend with because of our faith and states:

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

So God is always bringing us hope not just for the next life but for this life as well.

But to get to the reality of that hope we may have to go through tough times and we must seek to support each other in this process.

As in our individual lives, so in our lives as part of a family of believers we go through times of great joy and

closeness and other times of struggle for meaning, and looking to belong. This is particularly the case when we go through a period of change. As a community it will soon be 2 years since we stepped out of the school hall and crossed the road into the new building. In those two years our community has grown and we have embarked on many new initiatives.

For some the change has been exciting and for others difficult, but we have grown as individuals and a community during it. It is likely that we will continue to grow and change in the coming years. Let us also persevere in growing our love for, and understanding of, each other.

James

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: -

Sue Lewis Lisa's mother, and also **Lisa** and **Mark Verman**. Those who are living with bereavement.

WEDDING - Rosie and JJ are getting married at 1pm on Saturday 15th November and they would love their ECB church family to celebrate with them and join them for some cake afterwards.

ADVENT QUIET DAY – Saturday 29th November 10am to 4pm at church

Take some time out in the run up to Christmas.

Give yourself some time to wait upon God and to revisit the true meaning of Christ's birth. Details from Chris Shields or Katie Jenkinson.

ECB 20s/30s GROUP - Find our Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119625861561623/> . Upcoming events include a curry night at Jaflong - 7.30pm on **14th November**, a New Wine event in January as well as the regular pub gathering on the first Thursday of each month.

ADVENT CALENDARS - These are now available to buy for £3.99 each. They are made from Fairtrade chocolate and share the Christmas story. Each calendar contains an advent activity book for children and donations from every sale go to help equip the Funzi baby clinic in South Africa.

SHOEBOX APPEAL – Boxes need to be brought to church next Sunday so that they can be delivered in time for Christmas. Instructions and labels available online <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

EBOLA CRISIS – there will be a special collection next Sunday (16th November) and envelopes will be available to gift aid your donation.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – contact Chris Bean for details

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

9th November Christine Thompson
16th November Chris Shields
23rd November John & Dorothy Williams (Anointing)

Sunday Club

9th November Doing It Differently
16th November Jo & Sarah
23rd November Jackie & Peter

Bubbles

Splash

Doing It Differently
Sandy & Kate
Andy & Vera

Sunday Club

9th November Doing It Differently
16th November Karl & Sandy
23rd November Hannah & Sandy

The Grid

Crèche

Doyin & Nicola
Jane & Tosin
Claire & TBC

Welcome Team

9th November Tony Shields & Doreen Thompson
16th November John Thompson & Del Hindmarsh
23rd November Debbie Winson & Hugh White

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

9th November Debbi
16th November Spirited
23rd November Sandy

Finance Team

9th November Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
16th November Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
23rd November James Dunne & James Sheppard

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