

ECB NOTICE BOARD



9th Dec	10:30am	Café Church Leader: Claire P. Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7pm	(Café open from 6:30pm) Lessons & Carols! Leader: April Beckerleg
10th Dec	3:10pm	After School Club
11th Dec	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers
12th Dec	10:30am	Oasis small group
14th Dec	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline
16th Dec	10:30am	Carol Service Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Carol Hill Reader: Steve Willott Intercessions: Jackie Meek
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Ben Biscoe



9th December, 2018

*From our contributing
writer...*

In Ephesians 4:1-3, Paul writes "...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Nigel spoke brilliantly from this passage on Sunday evening, encouraging us to "bear with each other" and to forgive each other. It was part of our series looking at the "each other" verses in the Bible (other talks have been on serve, love, spur on, pray for, encourage each other), challenging us to be a caring and united community of believers in Bicester. It is our love and compassion for others that will make us distinctive as disciples of Christ. And how awesome it is to be part of a community where we look out for and humbly value each other. It is so easy to unintentionally upset or offend someone, but let's react in love and be honest with each other,

especially as we approach the busy-ness of Christmas. I would really recommend listening on the website if you missed some of the talks in the series, and maybe try googling "each other verses in the Bible".

The Message version of the Ephesians passage says "I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel... And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences."

That version mentioned the word "run" which got me thinking. Recently, I have taken up "running". Well I call it running, but it is more a very slow jog! One of the main reasons I started and have kept going is because of the support and encouragement from the parkrun community. Having people smiling and cheering for you as you run makes you want to keep trying. And there's always a tail walker, so you know you won't come last! I should also mention Al, who

who sometimes runs alongside me when I am getting tired, motivating me to keep going. He hasn't yet had to carry me!
Let's keep looking out for each other, running alongside each other and cheering each other on.

Blessings,

Rachel Bowen

Notices

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER, 5PM

Help is needed for two parts of the Christingle assembly process.

1. Something that can be done at home- assembling the sweetie sticks, please take a box with sweets and instructions.
2. Christingle assembly line: please join us:

23RD DECEMBER 7-9PM

Encounter @ ECB this month!

An evening of worship, prayer, prophecy, and soaking...

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER

3pm Nativity

4pm Christingle

11.30pm Midnight Service

25TH DECEMBER

Christmas service 10:30am

Deadline for newsletter entries Wednesdays @ 7pm