

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

10th January	10.30am	Interactive Worship EPIPHANY 1 <i>Baptism of Matthew & Daniel Thorpe</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Mandy Bentley <i>Baptism of Jesus</i> Prayers: Karen Stoddart
	7.00pm	"Why does God allow suffering" Preacher – Ian Biscoe
11th January	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
12th January	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 -12.00	Rock Of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.15pm	Church Meal
13th January	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Midweek Communion
14th January	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
15th January	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
16th January	9.30-12noon	Safeguarding Training
17th January	10.30am	Informal Worship EPIPHANY 2 Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe <i>The ram and goats</i> <i>Daniel 8</i> Reading: Andy Roberts Prayers: Chris Shields
	7.00pm	"Why are Christians so old fashioned about sex?" Preacher – Robert Jackson



Welcome!

to the church
at the heart
of the community

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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
email to receive either of these.
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 10th
January 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.

Phil Trout writes:

The Christmas season is a time of preparation and rejoicing, but increasingly I had felt unsettled by events and what I saw of the excesses and a world view that misses the point of Christmas. That Christ was given to man to bring peace to all mankind and to the world.

John 14.27 The Gift of His Peace.

These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

For me I was struggling to restore a place of peace. Interestingly, it is often the very thing that is being challenged

in us that God wants to strengthen and build.

It's often the case that the same fruit of the Spirit is challenged and highlighted by several means. I desperately sought His Peace and as our Christmas celebrations unfolded with several housefuls of excited (and often noisy) children and adults passing through – I knew then this was a growing time.

We only grow when we face challenges or adversity. I had no opportunity to withdraw and pray - so the challenge was to walk in His inner peace amongst the noise and chaos... I learned His peace that surpasses all understanding, whilst a gift, is also a discipline - a choice to seek and remain in it. Col 3 speaks of Peace ruling in our hearts and give clues in how to keep it.

Col 3.15 Let the Peace of God rule in your hearts.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

My Prayer for 2016 is that the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all richly to bless each other and those around us.

Blessings Phil

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk. Tuesday morning prayers will restart on 5th January after the Christmas break.

Church Meal

There will be a church meal on 12th January, starting at 7:15. A sign-up sheet is now available or email Karen if you would like to attend. Please let us know any dietary requirements.

Diary dates

Copies of the Sunday Worship Calendar for Jan-April and the Spring 2016 Church Events list are both available. Let Karen know if you would like an electronic copy.

Safeguarding Training

Sat 16th Jan & Tues 26rd Jan. For all children/youth workers who have not done safeguarding training in the past 3 years. Check with Karen if you need to do it.

Mens Breakfast

Saturday 30th Jan from 8am to 11am. Organised by Highway Christian Church on behalf of Churches in Bicester. Register via Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-tickets-20454802866>

Volunteers needed

We are looking for people to join the Welcome Team and Lesson Readers rota for both the morning and evening services. Also if anyone not in a small group would be willing to assist with Sunday hospitality duties. Please let Karen know if you are able to help.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

10th January Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson
17th January Debbie Winson & Hugh White
24th January Jeanette Collett & Steve Willott

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

10th January Hilarious
17th January Connect
24th January Potting Shed & MSG

Sunday Club

10th January
17th January
24th January

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Interactive Worship
Vicky W & Jude
Lindsey & Sophie

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Interactive Worship
Helle & Tosin
Claire & Doyin

Sunday Club

10th January
17th January
24th January

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Interactive Worship
Jo W & Steve F
Jackie & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Interactive Worship
Sandy & Ellie
Nicola & Beckie

Youth

10th January
17th January
24th January

The Grid (School year 7 +)

Interactive Worship
Sam W & Debbie
Sam G & Sandy

Finance Team

10th January Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
17th January James Dunne & James Sheppard
24th January Roger Winson & Ian Brown

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