

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

10th April	10.30am	Interactive Worship Easter 3 Baptism of Louis Sansome <i>Superheroes - Everyone has a part to play</i> <i>1 Peter 4: 7-11</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Karen Stoddart Reading: Interactive Prayers: John Bentley
	12.45-2.30pm	Welcome Lunch
	7.00pm	Evening Service Leader: Lonah Hebditch Preacher: Geoff Saunders <i>"Our Calling"</i> <i>2 Timothy 1 v 9</i>
11th April	1.00-2.30pm	Parents small group in church
	3.10-4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
12th April	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Cafe
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
13^h April	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Midweek Communion
	8.00-9.30pm	Listening to God's Voice course
	7.30-9.30pm	Connect small group
14th April	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 April	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
17th April	10.30am	Informal Worship Easter 4 <i>Youth</i> Leader: Sam Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Ellie Dommett Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Evening Service - Pioneering Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Erika Biscoe



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 10th
April 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.

Howard Dunn writes:

Along with many others in ECB our family has been going through difficult times. Reflecting on our journey to date a number of emotions have shown up along the way including: pain, anger, sadness, rejection, resentment, frustration and some resignation.

We put our trust in God for restoration and, supported by others we prayed for healing and justice. Counselling and loving pastoral support have included hours of listening - for us and by us. We can now say we are witnessing green shoots of healing and restorative justice that gives us new hope.

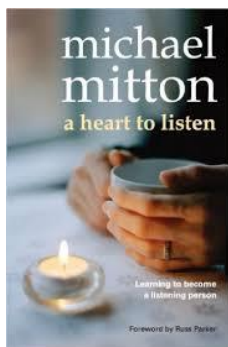
During some of the darkest periods on this journey we have stood on God's faithfulness to us over the years and his promises in scripture. My reading

during this time has provided a number of scriptures and statements that have struck home for me:

- Richard Rhor believes 'transformation comes through adversity; real relationship is born out of it'
- Wikipedia informs the Biblical meaning of the word love; its primary meaning in scripture is, a purposeful commitment of sacrificial action for another
- 'Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34)
- Richard Rhor states 'The right spiritual decisions come from the heart, not the head'
- 'Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and then I will heal them' (Mathew 13:5)
- Catherine de Hueck's ministry developed houses of hope including 'listening houses' that ministered to loneliness, according to Catherine, the greatest poverty of our time. I recall Mother Teresa making the same assertion
- Bridgett Plass observes 'There is a huge need for places where people can get

patched up in order to go on - we meet them every day, everywhere hurting people. What they need is a good listening to'

• Brother Andrew of Taize Community states 'The first duty of love is to listen'



Following on from our church away day with Michael Mitton (author of a Heart to Listen) we will have the opportunity to start training to become a 'listening church' with Acorn Healing Trust; June (Module one) and September (Module two).

Do you have a heart to listen - are you called to be a listener for our Church, our community, your family, your friends and colleagues?

Every Blessing Howard

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

APCM – 24th April (after the morning service - Bacon Rolls will be served)

Nominations for PCC (4 vacancies) and Church Wardens need to be in by Thursday 21st April if possible. Forms available in the church office. Please pray for those standing and consider if it is something God is asking you to do.

A request - Because of Steve Willott's hearing problem he has requested that his home telephone number should be deleted from your copy of the church directory and no longer used, and that his mobile should only be used for text messages. Best of all, email him. Thank You.

New small group – Mondays 1.00-2.30pm in church.

Aimed at parents with young children who may find it difficult to get to evening small groups. If you would like to know more then please speak to *Sophie Moys*.

ALPHA course starting on Mon 18th April in the Bure Farm. Think about who you know that would be interested – flyers available.

Grave Talk – Tuesday 19th April at 2pm

A café space to talk about Death, Dying and funerals using Grave Talk conversation cards. Tea, coffee and cake provided. Flyers available or for more details, speak to *Carol Hill*.

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

Pre-church social bike rides on Sundays 10th and 17th April. Leave ECB at 8:15am return about 9:30am. 12mile loop around the lanes - helmets must be worn.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

10th April Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson
17th April Amanda Beaumont & Hugh White
24th April Debbie Winson & Dave Bambrook

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

10th April Spirited
17th April Hilarious
24th April 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

10th April
17th April
24th April

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Interactive Service
Lindsay & Jude
Vicky w & Sophie

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Interactive Service
Claire & Doyin
Amanda & Matt

Sunday Club

10th April
17th April
24th April

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Interactive Service
Jackie & Ken
Jo & Gary

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Interactive Service
Nicola & Beckie
Ellie & Sandy

Youth

10th April
17th April
24th April

The Grid (School year 7+)

Interactive Service
Sam G & Sandy
Karl & Debbie

Finance Team

10th April James Dunne & James Sheppard
17th April James Dunne & Ian Brown
24th April Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott

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