

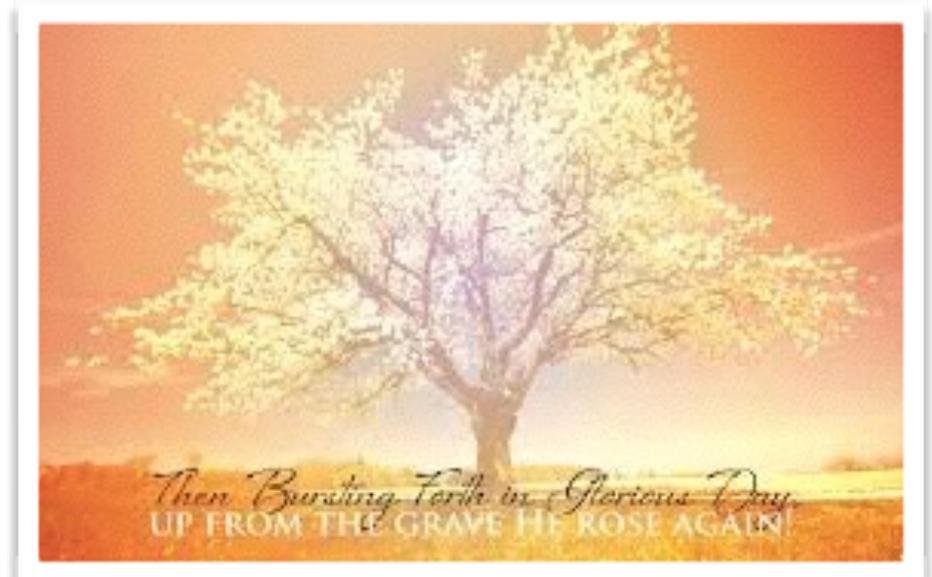
ECB NOTICE BOARD

10th June	10:30am 7pm	Big Lunch! No service at ECB Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) "The Cross" Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Gill Gifford
11th June	3:10pm	* No after-school club/Peter Hill away
12th June	9am 10am 7pm	Church Prayer Meeting Rock of Ages Café Prayers
13th June	10am	Oasis small group
15th June		*No Contemplative Compline/Carol away
16th June	10am	Who Let the Blokes Out?
17th June	10:30am 7pm	Father's Day! Informal Worship w/ guest Marcelo Vargas: Mission Partner Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Marcelo Vargas Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Liz Winson Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) Mission Partner Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Marcelo Vargas

*All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk



10th June, 2018



*From our contributing
writer....*

'Crazy Love'

Do you ever worry about your loved ones?stupid question!

Do you think that God worries about us, each of us, you and me, as individuals? Surely he's got more important people to worry about? The answers to these two questions are emphatically yes, and no, in that order!

On the one hand, God breathed life into billions of us with apparent effortless and yet so save just one of us, you, me, he was prepared for and even planned the horrific death of his own Son, Jesus. He briefly turned his back on Jesus when he needed him the most, hanging on the cross. Imagine the person you love the most, and doing all that to them so that another might be saved, what does that tell you about how much he loves you? Yes, You!

We think we have the capacity

to love deeply, but how reassuring to know that however much we love someone dear to us, God's love for them goes so much deeper, with a passion and intensity that is beyond description, this is way past the abandonment of all traces rationality; it's 'Crazy Love'. Through our own eyes and understanding it can sometimes seem like God has abandoned us, as if he has turned his back on us. This is so far from the truth. Whatever the circumstances, nothing bad comes from God. But if you find yourself in a difficult or painful situation, you have a choice! You can either turn your back on God, or you can lean into him, because he's there just waiting for you to take the opportunity.

If that feels too difficult, or you've tried hard in the past, persevere, try again, involve your friends in that prayer. It isn't always easy to feel engaged with God, everyone struggles with this at times (or most of the time), but you belong to a church family whose delight is to help.

Others are blessed when you ask them for help, it's not a selfish act, you are giving them an opportunity as well as seizing one yourself, and you are doing exactly what God is crying out for you to do. God's love for you is completely off the scale for 'Craziness!'

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Blessings, Tim

-Notices-

16-17th June Marcelo and Silvana Vargas!

We are looking forward to the visit of Marcelo and Silvana Vargas, our mission partners from Bolivia 16/17 June! We hope to hear more about the way they have been training Christians to share their faith @ the morning/evening services on Sunday, 17 June. James and Jo Dunne are very kindly opening their home for us to have a barbecue after the morning service, with an opportunity to meet them informally. Please sign up or contact the office if you would like to attend! Or talk to Debbie Winson.

New CAP Course starting!

20th June, 27th June, 4th July @ 7.30 pm.

Anyone interested can contact Karen Stoddart 01869320021