

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

10th July	10.30am	Interactive Worship Trinity 7 <i>Holy Spirit – John 16:12-15</i> Leader: Karen Stoddart Preacher: Mandy Bentley Reading: Interactive Team Prayers: John Bentley
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Lydia</i> <i>Acts 16:11-15</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Hannah Shipman
11th July	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
12th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
13th July	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Midweek Communion
14th July	7.00pm	Youth Group End of Term BBQ & Party <i>For youth members & their families</i> <i>(£1 donation per person to cover food)</i>
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
15th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
17th July	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 8 <i>Apostolic Status – 1 Cor. 4:1-13</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Carol Hill
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Slave Girl</i> <i>Acts 16:16-21</i> Preacher: Ian Biscoe



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 10th
July 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.

Katie Jenkinson writes:

"Make Yourself Small"

God has been saying this to me a lot recently, and it cuts against the grain. Maybe it's just me, but I do find that I like my own way – a lot!

The Bible talks about a different way of being. Jesus lived a life of submission to God – and was willing to go to the cross – even though, humanly speaking, it was the worst thing that could have happened to him. But thanks be to God, he did, or we would all be lost.

John the Baptist also makes himself small, when he says of Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

How many of us today are really willing to decrease in order to allow Jesus to increase in our lives? Just think what a difference that would make to our world, and to our country at this troubled time. God is calling us to pray for our land. God wants to heal us and revive us. But are we willing to take the time, to make the effort, to pray and to serve God and other people? And are we willing to lay aside our own needs, and seek God first?

Jesus says: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Many of us in churches today are seeking to have our needs met. But our first duty is to seek God's kingdom. This is really hard, especially if we are struggling. I know I so often look for God's provision first, rather than seeking His face.

We are facing troubled times. Many people do not know where to turn. As Christians, we know that we need to turn

first to God. I have prayed all my life for revival in this land – and I have yet to see it. I believe it is now close. But we need to pray earnestly and fervently for the Spirit to move in Bicester and across the UK.

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves,

pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14)



Blessings Katie

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 on Tuesday.

Men's Curry Night

The first men's curry night is to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th July at Anica in Deans court. The cost for the curry is £10.00 plus what you wish to drink. This will be an informal time of fellowship. Please feel free to join us - if you require any more information please speak to Colin Arter or email colin@colinarter.co.uk

Holiday Club – 25th – 29th July Please pray for the week and if you are able to help in any way then please speak to Ian & Erika or complete a volunteer form available from the office. The club is now full, but there are spaces at the Methodist Church venue.

Holiday at Home – 16th-18th August Crafts, Games, Museum experience, Film, Tea Dance, and much more for those who are retired and can't get away on holiday. Helpers needed. *Contact Elizabeth on 01869 243479*

HARVEST SUPPER, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER - Preparations

We are preparing for the third “Grown in Bicester” Harvest Celebration in October. Debbie might need some help with picking and preserving soft fruit in July and Steve Willott has freezer space to store any produce for the event.

Dates for your diary – Autumn Term

November 18th-20th **Conference at ECB led by Scott Dalton** (*more details to follow*)

November 26th **Advent Quiet Day**

December 10th **Family Christmas Party** for our community

December 14th **Comedy & Carols** with Paul Karensa

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

10th July Willows Sunday Club group
17th July Andrew Collett & Doreen Thompson
24th July Tony Shields & Nathan Argyle

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

10th July Oasis & Living Water
17th July More
24th July Spirited

Sunday Club

10th July
17th July
24th July

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Interactive Service
Vicky W & Rowan
Lindsay & Sophie

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Interactive Service
Erika & Doyin
Claire & Sam B

Sunday Club

10th July
17th July
24th July

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Interactive Service
Jackie & Ken
Ian & Ceri

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Interactive Service
Nicola & And
Ellie & And

Youth

10th July
17th July
24th July

The Grid (School year 7+)

Interactive Service
Sam G & Sandy D
Remain in Church

Finance Team

10th July Roger Winson & Steve Willott
17th July Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown
24th July James Dunne & Geoff Saunders

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