

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

10th September	10.30am	Café Church Trinity 13 <i>New Beginnings</i> Leader: Claire Palman-Brown Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: John Thompson Prayers: Jo Withers
	7.00pm	Evening Service Safe? – <i>Gods Solution. Romans 3:21-24</i> Leader: Lonah Hebditch Preacher: Ian Biscoe
11th September	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
12th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
13th September	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Midweek Communion
	7.30pm	CAP Money course
14th September	7:00-8:30pm	Youth Group for Years 7-11 <i>(note new time)</i>
	8:00pm	Standing Committee
15th September	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>The Mystical Reality – Ephesians 4:17-23</i>
16th September	9am-11am	Women's Wellness Workshop
17th September	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 14 <i>The Resurrection Body – 1 Corinthians 15:35-58</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Hugh White
	7.00pm	Evening Service Safe? – <i>Justification. Romans 4:6-8</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Geoff Saunders



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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2017**

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.

Called to be Christ-like: contemplative, compassionate and courageous

Bishop Stephen Croft writes,

Dear friends,
I am writing to invite every church, chaplaincy, small group and school in the diocese to do something very simple but life changing over the next year.

I am asking the whole Diocese of Oxford to read, study and dwell in the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes in Matthew 5.1-10.

We are a large and complex diocese: a living, growing network of more than a thousand churches, chaplaincies and schools in one of the great crossroads of the world.

We have a common calling and vision: to become a more Christ-like church in this critical moment of history so that

we can better serve the communities of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Bucks and Milton Keynes and our fragmented world.

To be more Christ-like in this place at this time means to catch a fresh vision of Jesus Christ.

The Beatitudes are a self-portrait of Jesus. They show us that to be more Christ-like means to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

For Christians, being contemplative means simply to spend time with God. A contemplative church spends time with God. To be contemplative is to be poor in spirit, meek and pure in heart.

Compassionate people feel and show sympathy and concern for others. A compassionate church laments or mourns with the suffering in the world and is full of mercy which leads to action.

Courageous people are whole-hearted. To be a courageous church

means to put our heart and soul into everything we are and do. A courageous church will be hungry and thirsty for justice, seeking peace and reconciliation and willing to bear the cost of our discipleship and offer a bold witness to our faith.

The Beatitudes are all about the kingdom of heaven: God's vision for human life.

They are a self-portrait of Jesus, the one who brings life in all its fullness. Let's take this good yeast in the coming year and mix it and work it and knead it through the church to bring renewal and hope and fresh vision and joy.

Your servant in Christ,

Bishop Steven Croft

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

CONTEMPLATIVE COMPLINE Services on a Friday evening from 7:30pm comprise Liturgy, Scripture reading, reflection on scripture and 30 mins of quiet, private meditation/contemplation. All welcome.

Team Confirmation – 24th September at St Edburg's

There will be no morning service at ECB as everyone will be encouraged to attend the confirmation. The ECB café will be open for any visitors.

Men's Curry Night – Tues 19th September. 7:30pm at Anica in Deans Court. Let Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart know if you are coming so they can book a table.

YOUTH GROUP for school years 7-11 restarts on Thursday 14th September at the new time of 7:00pm, finishing at 8:30pm.

CAP MONEY COURSE - Running at ECB on Wednesday evenings– 13th, 20th and 27th September. Book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cap-money-course-tickets-36436229744> or via the office.

Women's Wellness Workshop Saturday 16th September - 9am to 11am - only £5 including light refreshments and beauty treatments - to book your place contact Jackie@futurepathlifecoaching.co.uk

ALPHA COURSE - We are planning to run an ALPHA course on a Tuesday evening starting in October. If you are interested in joining or know someone who is then please contact the office or speak to Ian.

HARVEST WEEKEND – 7th & 8th October. Visit from evangelist Roger Murphy and his team. Harvest Celebration is on Saturday 7 October 4-6 pm - sign up via Church builder or the office. Please email Steve Willott if you have fruit or vegetables that need freezing for the event (stevewillott@yahoo.com). More details of the weekend to follow. *Debbie Winson* - drwinson@msn.com

ROTAS

Welcome Team

10th September Heather Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
17th September Andrew & Jeanette Collett
24th September *No Service at ECB*

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

10th September Connect
17th September Hilarious
24th September *No Service at ECB*

Sunday Club

10th September *Café Church*
17th September *Vicky & Elizabeth A*
24th September *No Service at ECB*

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Café Church
Vicky & Elizabeth A
No Service at ECB

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Café Church
Helle & Doyin
No Service at ECB

Sunday Club

10th September *Café Church*
17th September *Nicole & Erika*
24th September *No Service at ECB*

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Café Church
Nicole & Erika
No Service at ECB

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Café Church
Susan & Liz W
No Service at ECB

Youth

10th September *Café Church*
17th September *TBC*
24th September *No Service at ECB*

The Grid (School year 7+)

Café Church
TBC
No Service at ECB

Finance Team

10th September James Dune & James Sheppard
17th September Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders
24th September *No Service at ECB*

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