



10TH NOVEMBER 2019

Rachel Jolly writes...

Since returning from their sabbatical, Ian and Erika have shared several times that if we want to see a move of God within our church, we need to be seeking personal holiness. Last week Scott Dalton preached on the need to be aware of our idols, which are anything we seek to put before God. These are two big challenges – a call to be holy and a call to renounce our idols. But what does this look like in real life?

We are called to be holy in our homes. We are called to be holy in school. We are called to be holy in the office. We are called to be holy on the commute. We are called to be holy with our young children. We are called to be holy with our teenagers. No matter what our age or circumstance, we will all be required to give account to God of how we spent our days. And all these places have challenges in the form of idols which we must repeatedly step away from if we are to meet God on the mountaintop, face to face.

The call to holiness coupled with love is one that often happens behind closed doors. Our God who sees all sees our hearts when nobody else does. For those of us who feel overwhelmed by the thought that we will never achieve this there is good news – the perfect holy one, Jesus Christ, is our doorway to holiness. In 2 Corinthians 12:9, we have the assurance that “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” So, let us not be overwhelmed but persevere in our pursuit of personal holiness coupled with love for God and others. What a worthy cause to set our hearts upon.

Blessings, Rachel

Notices

THE DAD DIFFERENCE - the second of our parenting evenings for this term and a chance for Dads to get together and share their experiences and to encourage and inspire them in this most important role. "Pies and Pints" are involved so book your places now through the church office.

Led by **Clive & Helen Collier**
in ECB Care as part of the **SHAPE** parenting initiative.
Refreshments provided. Donation of £3 on the day.
Book your place NOW through ECB: 01869 330021
email: ministrysupport@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Thursday 14th
November, 8-10pm.
An evening for dads raising kids.
the dad difference



ADVENT QUIET DAY

10-4 Saturday 30th November—a date for your diary. More details to follow.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Party is on Saturday 7th December at 4pm. Put the date in your diary today.



ECB FACEBOOK PAGE

We have updated our ECB Facebook page and we now announce daily and forthcoming events on this forum.

<https://www.facebook.com/emmanuelchurchbicester/>

PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Please pray for both prisoners and their children involved in the Angel Tree Programme. If you would like to buy gifts this year then contact Karen Stoddart for more details:



kaz.stoddart@yahoo.co.uk All gifts need to be at Emmanuel Church Bicester by 24th November.

COFFEE MORNING WITH KIDS

Monday 11th December 9.00am here at Emmanuel Church. All welcome!

ROTAS: If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

ECB DIARY

SUN 10th NOVEMBER	10.30am	Café Church, Remembrance Sunday Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Preparing for Revival Leader: Peter Hill Preachers: Ian & Erika Biscoe
MON 11th NOVEMBER	9.00am	Coffee Morning with Kids
TUES 12th NOVEMBER	9.00am	Prayers
	7.00pm	Prayers
WED 13th NOVEMBER	8.45-12noon	Café open
	10.30am	Oasis Small Group
THURS 14th NOVEMBER	8.45-12noon	Café open
	8.00pm	The Dad Difference
FRI 15th NOVEMBER	8.45-12noon	Café open
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline
SUN 17th NOVEMBER	10.30am	Informal Worship, Preparing for revival Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Roger Winson
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Preparing for Revival Leader: Jimmy Martin Preachers: Sharon Martin

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All notices to Admin Team by 7pm Wednesday