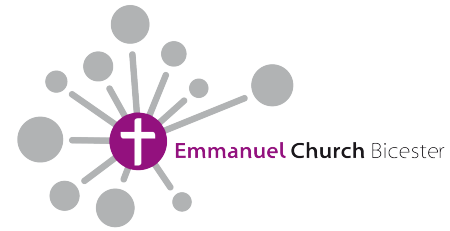


## ECB NOTICE BOARD

10th December	10:30am	<b>Cafe Church</b> Leader: Autumn Hunt Preacher: Chris Hunt
	6:30pm	<b>Evening Service - Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 2nd Advent Leaders: Ian & Erika Biscoe
11th December	3:10-4:15pm	<b>After School Club (school years 4-6)</b>
12th December	9:00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10-noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers in church
13th December	7:30pm	<b>Mid-Week Communion</b>
14th December	7-8:30pm	<b>Youth group (Years 7-11)</b>
15th December	7:30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
17th December	10:30am	<b>Informal Worship- Carol Service</b> The True Light - John 1:6-9 Leader: Sam Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Sandy Addison Intercessions: Dora Potter
	6:30pm	<b>Evening Service (Lessons &amp; Carols)</b> 3rd Advent Safe?- The Holy Spirit Galatians 5:22-23 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe

Prayer Chain: [prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) (email to receive  
Notices: [notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) either of these)  
Website: [www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)



10th December, 2017

**WELCOME!**

To the church at the heart of the  
community.

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors  
alike!

If you are new to ECB, or visiting, please  
do come introduce yourself to our  
Welcome Team...



*A message from our  
contributing writer...*

For Isaac,  
Sorrow at the loss of a child is one of the hardest hurts to bear. When the child is only 15 the burden is all the greater on the family. Our love, affection, and support go out to the D'Amon family in this troubled time for them.

Last Sunday was a sorrowful time for me and I found myself reflecting on the shortness of life and the importance of valuing each other while we are together. We do not know when we will be parted, but parted we will all be at some point. For death is a natural part of life. With sorrow at parting there must also be celebration for what we had. For the Christian death is not a finality but a parting of relationship, which will be restored in a more perfect form at the resurrection. Knowing that hope, we turn to face our current

sorrow. We know that God our Father understands what it is to lose a son. Those of us who have lost a loved one unexpectedly early, know that though time heals and God restores, there is always an element of sorrow in our hearts at the loss we have experienced. In Psalm 23 the writer speaks of walking through the valley of death, but has the conviction that even there, God's love, goodness, and mercy will follow him and be with him. In the Book of Job, we see Job lose family, health and wealth, yet in the end God is able to restore him. We therefore know that in time God is able to restore the D'Amon Family. For now there is sorrow and tears. We uphold the family in our prayers and stand ready to offer the emotional and practical support they may need.

*Blessings, James Dunne*

**Providers At Christmas**

Blessing those in mental health hospitals, away from family & friends at Christmas. We'd like to help donate shoebox's full of treats- we are currently taking donations for the boxes. Contact KatieBrunwin @ [katiejbrunwin@outlook.com](mailto:katiejbrunwin@outlook.com) or contact the office.

**Prayer Requests**

Would you value prayer for yourself or a loved one? Please email ECB's prayer chain! [prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) You're also very welcome at Tuesday prayers which happen at 9am in the Community Room.

**Volunteers Needed** for assembling sweetie sticks and joining the Christingle assembly line on the 23rd December. Let Debbie know [drwinson@msn.com](mailto:drwinson@msn.com)

**Giant Christmas Card!** As an alternative to sending cards to ECB members, how about giving a donation to the Children's Society and putting your Christmas message on the big card instead?

**New Years Eve Party!**

Join us for our first Emmanuel Church New Year Party  
31st December: 9.30pm - 12.30pm Music and dancing till the new year!  
Bring and share food and drinks!

*Any notices for next week to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday  
[newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)*

