

**ECB's NOTICE BOARD**

<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.30am <b>Interactive Worship – Epiphany 1</b> <b>Leader:</b> Karen Stoddart <b>Preacher:</b> John Bentley <i>Prepare to follow Jesus</i> <i>Matthew 8:18-22</i>
	7.00pm <b>Evening Service</b> <i>Led by Youth Team</i>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	3.10–4.15pm <b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6
<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am <b>Prayers in Church</b> 10.00 to 12.00 <b>Seniors' Café</b> 7.30-9.00pm <b>Youth Small group</b> – Yrs. 12 & 13
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00 for 10.30 <b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b> 7.15 for 7.30pm <b>Church Meal</b> 7.30pm <b>Mathetes starts</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6.30-8.00pm <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 7.30-9.00pm <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10 & 11 8.00-9.00pm <b>Band practice</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.30am <b>Informal Worship – Epiphany 2</b> <b>Leader:</b> Dorothy Williams <b>Preacher:</b> John Williams <i>Hypocrites!</i> <i>Matthew 23:1-39</i> <b>Reader:</b> Sandy Addison <b>Prayers:</b> John Innes
	7.00pm <b>Evening Service</b> <i>Led by Worship Team</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	3.10–4.15pm <b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6
<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am <b>Prayers in Church</b> 10.00 to 12.00 <b>Seniors' Café</b> 7.30-9.00pm <b>Youth Small group</b> – Yrs. 12 & 13 8.00pm <b>PCC Meeting</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	10.00 for 10.30 <b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b> 7.30pm <b>Mathetes</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	6.30-8.00pm <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7,8 & 9 7.30-9.00pm <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10 & 11 8.00-9.00pm <b>Band practice</b>



**Welcome!**

*to the church  
at the heart  
of the community*

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Notices: [emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk](mailto:emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk)

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Website: [www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> January 2015

*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.*

**Sam Gould writes:**

So the other week, “The wife” had an inset day at the school she works at. This meant that “The Boy” (my four year old) was to spend a few hours with me at my work.

After helping one of my customers out in the front of the store, I returned to find that he (James) had located one of the Android Tablets we have as demo models. (For the less tech-savvy amongst you, it’s like a diary with a mini T.V screen built into it).

He had managed to use the camera facility a staggering 90 times (some interesting pictures to say the least) and download a Peppa Pig episode from the BBC’s website. I remind you he is four!

Previously I came downstairs at home once to find he had switched on the

television, pressed the Red Button option and was enjoying the games available on the CBeebies section.

My point is this, there are so many things these days that offer amazing accessibility or (as the Oxford Thesaurus also suggests) interaction for people of all ages, or backgrounds. But can we say the same of our faith?

Today is an interactive Worship Service. A chance for us, whatever age or wherever we are in our faith, to engage in worship, and hopefully glimpse a little bit of what Jesus sees when he looks at us his children.

One year at the New-Wine Christian conference, it was amazing to see one of the young children’s groups (there was about 30 under 5 year olds) about in the campsite holding their hands up and praying/blessing us bigger people as we walked past!

Last week it was amazing for some of the youth to be able to stay and

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invite God to show them His heart for the church and their lives. During the period when we were waiting on the Lord I felt this phrase ringing in my ears, "Such grace and loveliness, that it overwhelms." I felt it was like God showing us not only what he has done, but how he sees our church and what the local community will see, and be drawn to, as we allow God to shine through us.

My prayer for us today is that we can go out and show Bicester that our faith is not only accessible but that anyone can press "the red button" and enjoy everything that God has for them.

*Blessings*

*Sam*

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#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain [ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk) or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

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#### **Small Groups**

If you are not a member of a small group and would like to be then please speak to Ian. A couple of groups have recently started and have space for new members – one meets on a Tuesday evening and the other on a Wednesday evening.

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#### **Church Meal**

The first church meal of 2015 will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 7.15 for 7.30. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we know how many to cater for.

Mathetes will join us for the meal and then meet upstairs.

(Form at back of church or email Karen in the Church Office by Mon 12th)

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#### **Banner Making Workshop**

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 2.00pm*

A group of ECB members are working on a new banner for the church. Anyone interested in joining in can come along at any point during the workshop. Some of the sewing can be completed at home with materials provided. For more details contact Sharon Martin on 07765 920734.

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#### **ECB Fitness Club**

Coming Soon, a new fitness club to be held in the church. Sessions will include time for mini Bible study before getting down to some good physical fitness.

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**Badminton** every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre  
**ECB Cycle Club** – starts again in the Spring (watch this space)

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#### **ROTAS**

##### **Prayer Co-ordinator**

11<sup>th</sup> January Christine Thompson  
18<sup>th</sup> January Katie Jenkinson  
25<sup>th</sup> January John & Dorothy Williams – Anointing at Communion

##### **Sunday Club**

11<sup>th</sup> January *Interactive Worship*  
18<sup>th</sup> January Jo & Jane  
25<sup>th</sup> January Jackie, Tom & Angharad

##### **Bubbles**

*Interactive Worship*  
Jo & Jane  
Jackie, Tom & Angharad

##### **Splash**

*Interactive Worship*  
And & Beckie  
Nicola & Nathan

##### **Sunday Club**

11<sup>th</sup> January *Interactive Worship*  
18<sup>th</sup> January Karl & Debbie  
25<sup>th</sup> January Sam W & Sandy

##### **The Grid**

*Interactive Worship*  
Karl & Debbie  
Sam W & Sandy

##### **Crèche**

*Interactive Worship*  
Jane & Tosin  
Claire & Toeni

##### **Welcome Team**

11<sup>th</sup> January Nathan Argyle & Sue White  
18<sup>th</sup> January Andrew Collett & Dave Bambrook  
25<sup>th</sup> January Jeanette Collett & Peter Hill

##### **Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)**

11<sup>th</sup> January MSG (Clare B)  
18<sup>th</sup> January Debbi  
25<sup>th</sup> January Spirited

##### **Finance Team**

11<sup>th</sup> January Roger Winson & Ian Brown  
18<sup>th</sup> January Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell  
25<sup>th</sup> January James Dunne & Jo Withers

Any notices for next week please to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday  
at [administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)