

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 11th May** **10.30am 4th of Easter – Doing it Differently. Jamie’s Baptism**
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Nigel Crook
Subject: ‘Gain the whole world’. Matthew 16:21-28
Reader: John Thompson **Prayers:** Jackie Meek
7.00pm Evening Service – Mission / Community & Baptisms
Leaders: Hans & Nicola Cooper **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: ‘It’s all about Grace’ Matthew 20:1-16
- 12th May** 7.30pm **Class on Bereavement, Loss & Grief** – in Church
 Led by Peter Hill
- 13th May** 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
 10.00am **Seniors Café** – in Church
- 14th May** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
- 15th May** 6.00-7.30pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7-9
 7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10-13
 8.00pm **Worship Group** Practice – in Church
 7.45-8.00pm **PCC Meeting** – in Church
- 17th May** 4.00-6.00pm **TWIST Family Fun Church**
 at Bicester Methodist Church
- 18th May** **10.30am 5th of Easter – Informal Worship**
Leader: Al Bowen **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: ‘Transformed’ Matthew 17:1-13
Reader: Sandy Addison **Prayers:** Ian Brown
7.00pm Worship Central – in Church
 Session 6 – “How to play together” Rach Bowen
- 20th May** 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
 10.00am **Seniors Café** – in Church
- 21st May** 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
- 22nd May** 6.00-7.30pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7-9
 7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10-13
 8.00pm **Worship Group** Practice – in Church
- LOVE BICESTER WEEK BEGINS**
- 23rd May** 7.00-9.00pm **Opening Celebration Love Bicester** – in Church
- 25th May** **10.30am 6th of Easter – Holy Communion**
Leader: Tony Shields/Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Scott Dalton
Subject: ‘Nothing is Impossible’ Matthew 17:14-23
Reader: Sue White **Prayers:** Lonah Hebditch
7.00pm Evening Service – Discipleship – in Church
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Scott Dalton
Subject: Discipleship



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

11th May 2014

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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.

tragic death produced a huge wave of appreciation from all who had known her. Both rightly inspire us with their concern for and service for others.

Roger Winson writes this week about lives that count: -

In recent weeks we have heard two stories – both of them sad and yet inspirational. Mr Stephen Sutton, aged 19, was diagnosed with terminal cancer, but uses his situation as an opportunity to raise a huge sum of money for a cancer charity. His desire to help others at a time when his own life seems close to its end inspired so many to give that he has raised more than £3M. Inspirational in a different way, Ann Maguire might never have received any publicity for her good work had she not been tragically killed in her own classroom. As teacher at the Corpus Christi Catholic College in Leeds she inspired generations of pupils to give of their very best. Her

Yet the One we worship went further still, facing death *voluntarily* in order to bring us new life. Jesus said of himself, “*I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself*”. (John 12:32) Jesus meant by this that his being lifted up and dying on the Cross and rising from the dead would be the means of many finding new life – “*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full*”. (John 10:10). Yes, life to the full, a life that counts, is ours if we come to Him. Such a life finds its true fulfilment in the service of Christ and, through Him, in the service to others just as Jesus “*did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many* (Mk.10:45)”.

A life that counts is in prospect for all those who offer themselves for Baptism at our services today and who promise to follow Christ wherever He leads. They all deserve the encouragement, support and prayers of those of us who have been on this journey rather longer, in my case for nearly fifty years, for others of us at ECB even longer still.

We, for our part, are privileged to witness their commitment and also to renew our own as we seek to live out our days to the glory of the One who *“along with Him graciously gives us all things”*. Rom 8:32.

Blessings

Roger Winson

Gentle Walking Group

***On Thursdays we meet at 10 am at the Church Café.
If you are interested, please contact Sue or Hugh White
for more details.***

This week, **we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us** who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including:-

>>**Adrian and Charlotte Stone** and baby **Ruby**

>>**Yvonne and Steve Willott** Yvonne is in the Horton Hospital

>>**Ken and Dora Potter**

>>**Sue Lewis** (Lisa's mother), **and also Lisa and Mark Verman.**

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

A Gardeners' Get Together on Tuesday 13th May 7.30pm at the Bure Farm Pub. All gardeners welcome.

There is no Sunday Morning Service at ECB on Sun 1st June
Instead at 10am - 11.30am a **Celebration service** -
Churches in Bicester joint service in [Garth Park](#)
12noon onwards **Bicester's Big Lunch** – in Sheep Street
bring your lunch and enjoy music, dancing and a community spirit
<http://www.lovebicester.co.uk/event-calendar.html>

ROTAS

Prayer Ministers

11th May Chris Thompson
18th May Katie Jenkinson
25th May Anointers – (Communion) John & Dorothy Williams

Sunday Club Bubbles

11th May ***Doing it Differently***
18th May Helle & Jane
25th May Doreen & Jackie

Splash

Doing it Differently
Kate & Dave
Sandy & Vera

Sunday Club The Grid

11th May ***Doing it Differently***
18th May Karl & Debbie
25th May Hannah & Sandy

Crèche

Claire & Tammy
Doyin & Nicola
Jane & Tosin

Welcome Team

11th May Jacqui Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh
18th May Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett
25th May Dave Bambrook, Jeannette Collett, Peter Hill

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

11th May Clare Bean's Small Group
18th May Debbi Pardoe's Sunday Team
25th May 'Spirited'

**Any notices for next week please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at
rogerwinson@btinternet.com**
