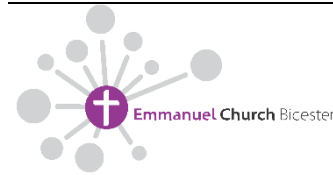


## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	<b>All-Age Worship</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <i>Dedication of Joshua Cranston</i> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Sam Williams <b>Reading:</b> Lisa Verman <b>Prayers:</b> Mike Watermeyer
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> <i>Holy Spirit</i> <b>Leader:</b> Jadon Cuin-Wilson <b>Preacher:</b> Scott Dalton
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club for school years 4-6</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00-12noon	<b>Rock of Ages Café</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.00 for 10.30	<b>Oasis Small Group</b>
	7.00-7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>
	7.30-8.30pm	<b>Midweek Communion</b>
	7.30 pm	<b>CAP Money Course</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.30-8.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Contemplative Compline</b> <i>Abraham – Alternative Plans</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8am	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> (book via Eventbrite) <i>Speaker Craig Westhoff</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship</b> <b>Trinity 1 – Fathers' Day</b> <i>Orderly Worship</i> <i>1 Corinthians 14:26-39</i> <b>Leader:</b> Andrew Collett <b>Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Reading:</b> Debbi Pardoe <b>Prayers:</b> Carol Hill
	1pm – 4pm	<b>Father's Day Picnic</b> at Manor Farm
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> <i>Natural Evangelism - Being Good News</i> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Tim Howard



# Welcome!

*to the church  
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of the community*

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**11<sup>th</sup> June  
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.

### Denise Crook writes:

As I look back over the past 50 years I wonder have I done/ been all that God has called me to do/be? Have I followed in all the purposes and plans He has had for my life? The answer, a big resounding NO! Frequently I have fallen off the path going my own way and doing my own thing- sometimes spectacularly.

My life certainly hasn't been what I thought it would be, BUT, I know with all my heart that God has been my constant, never failing rock and like the prodigal & the woman caught in the act of adultery (literally!), I have known God's unending, never failing love through the kindness of Jesus.

I know that as it says in Romans 8, "there is no condemnation through Christ Jesus." I am determined to live in

God's forgiveness and certainly not dwell on those experiences but hopefully learn from them.

Isaiah 43 "Forget the former things" or, "Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands."

What about the future? I think that sometimes we can look too far ahead and miss out on what God has for us in the present. As we've seen recently, we don't know when our final day here will be so it's important to strive for the right things, not being consumed by our own wants but to look out for one another, making a stand for truth and justice etc.

Matthew 10:28 "Don't be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life-body and soul- in his hands."

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So, in my year of jubilee I won't try but I will aim not to be a slave to the things of this world (especially fear!) and to keep my eyes fixed on my Saviour and all that he has in store for me eternally, using Philippians 4:8.

Thankfully for Bicester I don't have a ram's horn to blow! (Leviticus 25) Ending with words from 'Granchester'; We waste so much of our life, which is a gift from God, worrying about our past and our present.

We have grand dreams; make great plans, but how many of us get to see them? This is the life we were made for, not yesterday, not tomorrow. We owe it to ourselves (& God) to live it!

## Blessings Denise

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

The **CAP Money Course** is currently running on Weds evenings. If you are interested in joining a future course please speak to *Roger Winson or Karen Stoddart*.

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**MENS BREAKFAST** – 8am on 17<sup>th</sup> June at ECB. Speaker – Craig Westhoff Book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-with-craig-westhoff-tickets-34744640154?aff=es2>

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**MEN'S CURRY NIGHT** – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June at Anica in Dean's Court. Please let *Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart* know if you are planning to attend.

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**SAFEGUARDING training** – 24<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12.45pm at St Edburg's. This is essential for those working with children and young people and needs to be renewed every 3 years. *Book via the church office.*

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**FATHERS DAY PICNIC** at Manor Farm – June 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 4pm Bring a picnic and something to sit on and spend some time with the ECB family at Andrew & Jeanette's home.

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### Starship Discovery Holiday Club 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. If you are unable to take part then please pray for all those involved during the week.

Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

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### HOLIDAY AT HOME - 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August

Volunteers needed to help this event for seniors run smoothly. More details from *Elizabeth Taylor* – 01869 243479 or email [home4ew@gmail.com](mailto:home4ew@gmail.com)

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**Social badminton.** Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.  
*Speak to Clare Bean if interested.*

### ROTAS

#### Welcome Team

11<sup>th</sup> June Andrew & Jeanette Collett  
18<sup>th</sup> June Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson  
25<sup>th</sup> June Debbie Winson & Liz Winson

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

11<sup>th</sup> June Alpha Plus and Cherish  
18<sup>th</sup> June Connect  
25<sup>th</sup> June Hilarious

#### Sunday Club

11<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
25<sup>th</sup> June

#### Mustard Seeds (crèche)

*All-Age Church*  
Jane & TBC  
Kate & Sophie

#### Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

*All-Age Church*  
Heidi & Mike  
Helle & Doyin

#### Sunday Club

11<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
25<sup>th</sup> June

#### Willows (School yrs 1-3)

*All-Age Church*  
Jo & Nicole  
Jackie, TBC & Issy

#### Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

*All-Age Church*  
And & Liz W  
Susan & TBC

#### Youth

11<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
25<sup>th</sup> June

#### The Grid (School year 7+)

*All-Age Church*  
Karl & Fleur  
Sam W & Debbie

#### Finance Team

11<sup>th</sup> June Roger Winson & Steve Willott  
18<sup>th</sup> June James Dunne & James Sheppard  
25<sup>th</sup> June Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders

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