

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 11th August 10.30am** **Trinity 11 – Shorter Service**
Leader: Erika Biscoe
Preacher: Ian Biscoe
Subject: 'Don't Worry' Matt 6:25-34
Prayers: John Thompson
- 18th August 10.30am** **Trinity 12 – Shorter Service**
Leader: Dorothy Williams
Preacher: John Williams
Subject: 'Judging Others' Matt 7:1-6
Prayers: Jackie Meek
- 25th August 10.30am** **Trinity 13 – Shorter Service**
Leader: Tony Shields
Preacher: Roger Winson
Subject: 'Ask, Seek, Knock' Matt 7:7-12
Prayers: Chris Shields

Take a break!

The next worship practice will be in September

The church cafe is closed during the School Summer Holidays

There are no further Tuesday prayer meetings until September

Thursday night Youth Groups start again in September



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

11th August 2013

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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.

This week a number of you have been at the New Wine Summer Conference and others are away on holiday elsewhere. We wish everyone a great time. Particularly we pray for Ian and Erica and their family as, after a brief visit home this Sunday, they take off for their family holidays. We thank God for them and wish them every possible blessing.

All that said, I would like to dedicate this short article to those who are "minding the gap" whilst others are away. Like the gap on the underground between train and station it naturally occurs when the train moves away from the platform – usually on a curve. Similarly, as some move away for some much needed rest and relaxation we who remain

need to step a bit further than usual in covering the gap. I have been reminded again this week that church life can be demanding during holiday periods but, on the positive side, it can also be a blessing as we find ourselves trusting God to help us do things that are outside the scope of our normal activities.

So we are grateful to the kind-hearted people who fill our rotas, helping in areas where they are not usually involved. It reflects our friendship for each other in Christ and it enables our worship and fellowship to continue through the summer. Jesus said I am amongst you as one who serves. He is our example in this. If you can, find someone serving in this way and say a big 'thank-you' to them in the course of the next few weeks. Their service for you and for God's work is likely to be particularly costly at this time. Please pray too for your leaders in August. We will value

your support and, at times, your forgiveness too when we (especially I!) get things wrong.

provided a second Bicester site with about 30-40 children attending.

Despite the holiday season – in fact because of it – *extra* things have been going on. I am thinking of the Holiday Club – it was great to see so many children participating in the Celebration Service on Sunday and to welcome many of their mums and dads. I'd like to repeat the thank-you I said on Sunday to all those who led and helped at Pyramid Rock during that busy week.

Across the piece, there were helpers and leaders from Elim, the Methodist Church, Orchard Baptist Fellowship, St Edburg's and the Salvation Army as well as ECB. Apologies if I missed any! It is so encouraging to see this joint outreach. Please continue to pray for the children and their families, some of whom had no prior links with church.

Blessings,
Roger

This was the first time the holiday club had been run at ECB, which



Please take a moment to check what duties you have been asked to do during the holiday period. If you are down to do something whilst you are away please make arrangements to cover the gap. Thank you, Roger

Great news!

It's a girl! Revd. Becky and Shemil and Thomas Mathew are pleased to announce the arrival, on 30th July of Catherine Sarah Mathew weighing 6 pounds 2½ ounces.

“I am amongst you as one who serves”

Prayer Ministry

11th Aug **John Williams:**
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool

18th Aug **Chris Shields:**
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool

25th Aug **Christine Thompson:**
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool

Sunday Club	Bubbles	Splash
11 th August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>
18 th August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>
25 th August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>

Sunday Club	The Grid	Crèche
11 th August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>
18 th August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>
25 th August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>

Welcome Team

11th Aug Dell Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Paul Seston, Mark Verman
18th Aug Jacque Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh
25th Aug Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett

Small Group Duties

11th Aug Rach Bowen & Jackie Meek
18th Aug Rach & Sven Jolly
25th Aug Peter & Carol Hill

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