

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

12th March	10.30am	Interactive Worship Lent 2 <i>We are on a Journey - Luke 4:1-13</i> Leader: Jo Withers Preacher: Gemma Wilkinson Prayers: Karen Stoddart
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Just Ten – Take God Seriously</i> <i>Exodus 20:7</i> Preacher: Ian Biscoe
13th March	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
14th March	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.15pm	ALPHA course (meet in Bure Farm)
	7.30pm	Men's Curry club meets at Anica
15th March	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.45 for 8pm	Lent Course in church
16th March	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
17th March	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>Women Jesus met - Martha</i>
18th March	8.00am	Men's Breakfast (please book) <i>Speakers Stephen Rand & Jeff Lothamer</i>
	10.00-1.00	Emmanuel Café open
19th March	10.30am	Informal Worship Lent 3 <i>Body of Christ - 1 Cor 12:12-31</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Robert Jackson Reading: Dave Bambrook Prayers: Lonah Hebditch
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Just Ten – Know God</i> <i>Exodus 20: 4-6</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Geoff Saunders



Welcome!

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

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
 Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
 email to receive either of these.
 Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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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.

Andy Roberts writes:

For the last few weeks some members of ECB and Highway Church have been attending a church planting course in London. We are the largest group on the course and I am truly thankful for the commitment of our Churches in Bicester family to joint endeavours to spread the Message of Christ locally. I have found it an amazing experience to go on the course. It's been a privilege to join with people from different parts of the country and to receive encouragement and grounding from experienced and blessed people.

They are often in very different situations to ours here in Bicester but we are all unified by the common purpose of planting churches. Our focus is on planting a church community on the Eco Town. We don't know how things are going to turn out ultimately, but we are stepping out in faith; putting

our trust in God. In the First Letter of Corinthians 3:5-8, Paul clearly brings out the truth that it is God who gives growth to the church and that He uses people as His instruments for the fulfilment of His plan.

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labour."

It is God who nurtures the Church, and causes it to grow both numerically and spiritually.

God's hand is at work in many places. Last Sunday we heard about FLTR coffee on Langford Village, another example of Churches in Bicester stepping out in faith. We often seem doing things out of our "comfort zone", which we could never do relying on our own strength alone. God stretches us, encourages us, asks us to be alive to possibilities and to do things we never thought we could or would do.

However, at the same time, He blesses us so that with wisdom and obedience, we can bring and be Good News to those around us and transform lives. The Great Commission in Matthew 28 says:- *When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the*

Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am always with you always to the very end of the age."

So, sister and brothers in Christ, let's put doubt aside, let's be bold and grow God's Kingdom and when we do this in faith and love we know the blessed assurance that we have in Jesus.

Blessings Andy

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

Men's Curry Club – Tuesday 14th March, 7:30pm at Anica's in Deans Court. Please let Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart know if you are coming.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 18th March. Booking via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-tickets-32259714675>

Ladies Breakfast for Mothering Sunday – 26th March. Book via Church Builder https://emmanuelbicester.churchbuilder.org.uk/pjp/activitybookingtemplate/booking_page?abtid=14

Volunteers needed to assemble posies for Mothering Sunday. Meeting in church from 3-5pm on Sat 25th March. Speak to *Debbie Winson* or *Heather Hindmarsh*.

GARDEN TALK - The next Garden Talk is on Saturday 1st April at Emmanuel Café. Come and join us. *Jo Morey and Debbie Winson.*

Getting ready for Easter. We are planning a **Family Easter Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday 15th April, 4-6pm to bless the families in our community. Please let me know if you can volunteer. *Debbie Winson.* drwinson@msn.com

Prison Fellowship – Angel Tree for Mothering Sunday. The Bicester Prison Fellowship will be raising funds for this project over the next few weeks – please support this project if you can.

Electoral Roll - The Church Electoral Roll is being revised between 5th March and 9th April. To be able to vote at the APCM on 30th April you will need to be on the Electoral Roll. Forms available in church to be returned to Karen Stoddart.

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

ROTAS

Welcome Team

12th March Debbie Winson & John Thompson
19th March Hugh White & Liz Winson
26th March Heather Hindmarsh & Tony Shields

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

12th March Alpha plus & Cherish
19th March Connect
26th March Hilarious & More

Sunday Club

12th March
19th March
26th March

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Interactive Worship
Vicky W & Rowan
Kate & Elizabeth A

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Interactive Worship
Heidi & Qi
Claire & Sandy A

Sunday Club

12th March
19th March
26th March

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Interactive Worship
Jo & Mike W
Jackie & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Interactive Worship
Ceri & And
And & Liz W

Youth

12th March
19th March
26th March

The Grid (School year 7+)

Interactive Worship
Sam G & Sandy
Sam W & Debbie

Finance Team

12th March Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
19th March Roger Winson & Steve Willott
26th March James Dunne & Steve Willott

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday at administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk