

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

12 th May	10.30am	Easter 7 – Doing it differently Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Revd. Canon Theresa Scott Subject: ‘Salt and Light’ Matt 5:13-16 Prayers: John Innes
	7.00pm	Evening Celebration – Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Hans Cooper
14 th May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
16 th May	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
	8.00pm	PCC meeting – in Church
17 th May	9.00pm	Prayer for Youth Work in Church
18 th May	4-6pm	TWIST – family fun church at Bicester Methodist Church
19 th May	10.30am	Pentecost – Healing Service Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: ‘Jesus heals the sick’ Matt 4:23-25 Prayers: Libby Brown
21 st May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
23 rd May	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
24 th May	9.00pm	Prayer for Youth Work in Church
26 th May	10.30am	Trinity – Holy Communion Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: John Williams Subject: ‘Fulfilling the law’ Matt 5:17-20 Prayers: John Thompson
	7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer – in Church



Welcome!

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

12th May 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.

Nicola Cooper writes this week:

I recently attended a worship conference run by New Wine. It was a great and challenging time, spent learning and worshipping our God. One particular speaker really challenged me. They were speaking about stepping out in faith, dreaming the impossible. If you're anything like me I want to believe that God can do 'anything' but if I'm honest, sometimes I put him in a box. I limit him because of my unbelief; "God could do that... BUT... I can't see how they'll ever change their mind... we'd never be able to get that amount of money... it's just not possible!".

Those dreams and desires that God has put in your heart, they're from

the creator of our world! I think sometimes we can all lose sight of just how mighty and powerful God is. "The word became flesh and blood and moved in to the neighbourhood". (John 1:14, The Message). Our Holy God made himself a man, lowly like us, and moved into the neighbourhood, where his people were. Imagine if Jesus was living in Bure Park right now; if we were seeing his miracles face to face – would we dare to believe that nothing is impossible? Well, for us as believers, we have the creator of the universe living inside us! I think that's pretty good reason to believe that anything is possible through God.

For me, hearing the message again that our God is ABLE, brought me back to my knees. I had to give up and surrender my control. He is our maker and when we love him we can't deny that he is Lord over our life. It can be hard to surrender our

plans and dreams to God, we are 'limited' humans, therefore it is hard for us to grasp that we have a God who loves us and is 'limitless'. We must ask for God's help with our faith, God even knows it is hard, that is why he made faith a gift; *"For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God"* (Ephesians 2:8, NIV). We can ask for more faith!

It has made me want to dream BIG in God's will, for his Kingdom. We have hope and a promise that *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:6)

I wonder, what are your big dreams? Are you surrendering and letting God do the impossible in your life?

Blessings, Nicola

TODAY - DOING IT DIFFERENTLY

Please could any 5-11 year-olds go straight to Bure Park School rather than to church this morning? The Grid will be helping to lead the activities in the school today.

Next week - Pentecost – Guest Service – Sunday 19th May 10.30

Do come, and invite your friends and relatives.

*This will be a special service with **prayers offered for healing** for any who are sick or seeking a blessing from God.*

The God Particle?! Find out more 21st June

St Mary's Church, Launton - Open Day

Saturday May 18th 10-12noon 2-4pm

To celebrate Pentecost a birthday themed event!

Children's craft activities, birthday refreshments and the opportunity to sign our giant birthday card! Also the bell tower will be open for viewing (unsuitable for those with mobility problems).

Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at

rogerwinson@btinternet.com

"Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"

Prayer Ministry

12th May **Katie Jenkinson:**
Hugh White & Chris Thompson; Peter Hill & Chris Shields

19th May **Chris Shields:**
Roger Winson & Tina Dunn; Howard Dunn & Katie Jenkinson

26th May **Katie Jenkinson:**
Chris Shields & John Williams; Tony Shields & Dorothy Williams

Sunday Club *Bubbles*

12th May Doing it differently -
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19th May Helle Angeleri & Andrea
Pena

26th May Andy Coleman &
Sue Perks & Ellen

Splash

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Andy Matheson &
Vera Spaenij

Erika Biscoe &
Nathan Argyle

Sunday Club *The Grid*

12th May Doing it differently -
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19th May Nicola Cooper &
Debbie Winson

26th May ?? &
Karen Stoddart

Crèche

Claire Palman-Brown &
Nathan Hill

Liz Newby &
Nicola Collison

Jane Gould &
Rachel Coleman

Welcome Team

12th May Lisa Higginson, Tony Shields, Doreen & John Thompson

19th May Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Paul Seston, Mark Verman

26th May Jacquie Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh

Small Group Duties

12th May *Embrace* (Roger & Debbie's group's new name)

19th May Rachel Bowen & Jackie Meek

26th May Rach & Sven Jolly