

ECB NOTICE BOARD

12th August 10:30am **Baptism Service- Infant/Child Baptisms**
Passage: John 10:11-16
Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
Reader: Faith McLachlan Prayers: Ian Brown

7pm **Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)**
Full-Immersion Baptisms / Theme: Testimonies

Heads Up- Thru the Month of August

- * After School Club on break until 10th September
- * Tuesday Prayer meetings on break until 4th September
- * Compline on break until 7th September
- * Oasis on break until 5th September
- * Cherish on break until 8th September

19th August 10:30am **Summer Services/John 11:1-44**
Leader: Dorothy Williams
Preacher: Geoff Saunders
Reader: Judy Saunders Prayers: Heather H.

7pm **Evening Service- Revised Balance Sheet**
(Philippians Series)
Leader: April Beckerleg
Preacher: Roger Winson

26th August 10:30am **Communion/ John 14:1-11**
Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Carol Hill
Reader: Jeannette Collett Prayers: John T.

7pm **Evenings Service (Café open from 6:30)**
(Philippians series) Resident Aliens
Leader: Annie Croxford Preacher: Phil Croxford

*Note ***Café is closed *** on the following dates*

15th-17th (Holiday at Home)

22nd-24th

.....5th September back to usual schedule!



*12th & 19th
August*



*From our contributing
writer....*

This week I have been reflecting on some lessons that come from both ends of life. I have travelled through beautiful sun-drenched Cotswold villages to visit my aunt, Jo, now just a month short of her 103rd birthday. Sadly, she is in hospital and much dependent on others for her care but doing well nonetheless and looking forward, God willing, to returning home once again. In her early days as a Norland nanny, Jo lived with various families caring for the young children in her charge who were dependent on her for everything. Those children, now all in their seventies, still come to visit her. As it says in Proverbs 31:28 "Her children arise and call her blessed." Having known her care and genuine friendship throughout my life, I am glad to see that, but such recognition is never guaranteed in this life.

At the other end of the spectrum, at ECB we have just had the summer holiday club for children and on 12th August

we rejoice with those families whose young children, and some adults too, are to be baptised into the Christian faith. What a joyfully serious occasion it should be! We know children are a vital part of our fellowship at ECB and we pray for the day when some of them will become the leaders in the church of the next generation. But if we take Jesus' words seriously, then our young children have also something to teach today's church as well, maybe not by what they say but just by who they are. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whoever takes the lowly position of a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew. 18:4.

"Lowly position" – that uncomfortable phrase reflects how children were seen in those days and yet perfectly matches the example of the One we follow who made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant when he became one of us. Those familiar words are from Paul's letter to the Philippians. In the evening of 19th August, we will look together at how Paul responded to His Lord's example. Humanly speaking,

he tells us how much he had to be proud of in his upbringing and education. Perhaps someone like my aunt Jo saw to that. If so, Paul puts it all to one side, taking a "lowly position" in the light of the One he served, he simply declared "Whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ." Phil.3:7. Christ takes precedence above our desire for status every time.

*Every Blessing,
Roger Winson*

~Notices~

Garden Talk

Saturday 1 September c/o St Edburg's Church coffee morning
Further information from Jo Morey or Debbie Winson email:
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Holiday at Home

Come and join us for a Holiday at Home- August 15th to 17th
10am to 3.30pm @ Emmanuel Church Bicester
To book: 01869 600299 or email home4ew@gmail.com
Places are limited so please book asap!
For more details phone 01869 243479

Women's Breakfast, "One Life"

September 29th From 9:30 until....

"Belonging through being an inclusive and generous community and making a real difference as ordinary people living extraordinary lives!"

Practical and user friendly so women of faith and even no faith will feel envisioned.

**deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays!!*

