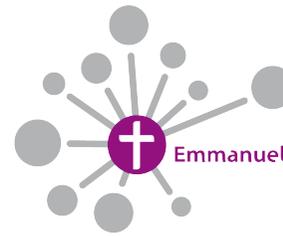


## ECB NOTICE BOARD

12th November	10:30am	<b>Cafe' Church (3rd before advent)</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> <b>Leader: Jo Withers Preacher: Ian Biscoe</b> <b>Prayers: Ian Brown</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Evening Service</b> <b>Safe? - Hope 2 Cor 4:16-18</b> <b>Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Peter Hill</b>
13th November	3:10-4:15pm	<b>After School Club (school years 4-6)</b>
14th November	9:00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10-noon	Rock of Ages Cafe'
	7pm	Prayers in church
	7:30pm	<b>Men's Curry Night!</b>
16th November	6:30pm	<b>Youth group</b>
	7pm	Youth group (Years 7-11)
17th November		*No compline meeting! Carol's away.
18th November	7-9pm	<b>Men's Bowling Night</b>
19th November	10:30am	<b>Informal Worship (2nd before Advent)</b> The Planet Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Nigel Crook Reading: Christine Thompson Prayers: Libby Brown
	6:30pm	<b>Evening Service</b> Safe? - The Glory of God (Romans 11:33-36) Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Mark Ellis

Prayer Chain: [prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) (email to receive  
Notices: [notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) either of these)  
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Emmanuel Church Bicester

## WELCOME!

To the church at the heart of the community.

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors alike!  
If you are new to ECB, or visiting, please do come  
introduce yourself to our Welcome Team.

**12th November, 2017**

**R o g e r  
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Remembrance Sunday – and I think of my late father-in-law, Frederick Albert, whose names were given in memory of relatives who died in the Great War. That generation knew what it was to have large gaps in their family tree as many young men were struck down at the very height of their powers. I think too of my own father, who although beyond the age to be called up, volunteered to serve as Captain in the Royal Engineers, fighting in India as part of the so-called Forgotten Army. His war-time experiences were seldom mentioned in our home. Rarely did he speak of places such as Imphal and Kohima where tremendous battles were fought at great cost. The memories, I suspect, were too painful to discuss, and the experiences were not easily understood by those who had not shared them.

But there are others whom we know for whom the costs are more recent, and for whom the price continues to be paid. Those, whose lives have been forever affected by their willingness to sacrifice themselves on behalf of our country and who continue to fight with the after-effects of their loyal service whether in terms of physical injuries that all can see or the painful mental scars of PTSD that are equally real but less obvious to those who do not know. They served in places such as the Falklands, in Northern Ireland and the Gulf. Let us take a moment now to remember them with thanks, both those who came back and those who did not. It was at Kohima the words were written, "For their tomorrow, we gave our today."

Yet all battles are costly. The spiritual ones as much as the physical ones.

(cont'd) Paul spoke about how he bore in his body the scars that showed he belonged to Jesus (Gal. 6:17). We who follow Christ are called, in the prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola, "to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Your will." Our enemies are spiritual and unseen, but no less deadly for all that. Our Commander in Chief is the Lord Jesus who gave up his life for us. As He Himself said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn.15:13) and we love Him because he first loved us (1 Jn.4:19).

### ***Blessings Roger***

### **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 also very welcome at Tuesday morning prayers which happen at 9am in the Community Room.

### **Bicester Foodbank**

Janet has reported that the Foodbank shelves are now full :) Would you please consider giving financially or some "treats" ready for Christmas rather than the usual items! Sweets or colouring books would be great! She is also **urgently** looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside of Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov - 2nd December. Contact the office if you can help!

### **Men's Bowling Night**

(organised by one of Churches in Bicester (CIB))

Saturday 18 November 7-9pm

This is an opportunity for the men to have some fellowship and fun! Come & bring your non-church friends. Speak to Ian for more details.

### **Angel Tree Programme**

The Bicester Prison Fellowship Group will be involved in supporting prisoner's families by buying Christmas gifts for children whose fathers are in prison locally. If you would like to donate money towards this, please speak to Peter Hill or Karen Stoddart.

### **Men's Curry Night**

14th November 7:30pm @ Anica's in Dean's Court

See Colin for details.

### **Swap Shop!**

25th November, 10:30-12 In the Cafe

Things to swap can be anything - clothes, bric-a-brac, toys - as long as they can go on a table top. all at the same time. Cash donations going to refugee project! If anyone can help pack up afterwards and to take excess items to charity shops, that would be wonderful. Contact Sophie. ([sophiemoy@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoy@gmail.com) or 07729931898).

### **CAP Vision Night**

29th November 7:30

We would like to invite all previously trained CAP Money coaches, and anyone else who you think has the potential to join us, to an evening to share the vision and excite them about what God can do through them.

### **Advent Quiet Day**

2nd December 10-2pm

Here at ECB w/ Methodist Church & Catholic Church. More details from Carol Hill.

