

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

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| 14 th Apr | 10.30am | Easter 3 – followed by APCM Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Prayers: Katie Jenkinson |
| | 12.00pm | Annual Parochial Church Meeting Bacon and sausage rolls to follow – provided by the hospitality team. |
| 16 th Apr | 9.00am | Prayers in Church |
| 18 th Apr | 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 |
| 19 th Apr | 9.00am | Prayer for youth work – in Church |
| 20 th Apr | 4-6pm | TWIST – family fun church – at Bicester Methodist Church |
| 21 st Apr | 10.30am | Easter 4 – New series: ' Red Letter ' Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: 'Making Disciples' Matt 28:16-20 Prayers: Chris Shields |
| 23 rd Apr | 9.00am | Prayers in Church |
| 25 th Apr | 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 |
| 26 th Apr | 9.00am | Prayer for youth work – in Church |
| 28 th Apr | 10.30am | Easter 5 – Holy Communion Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Roger Winson Subject: 'Temptation' Matt.4:1-22 Prayers: Jackie Meek |
| | 7.00pm | Contemplative Prayer in Church |



Welcome!

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

14th April 2013



Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
 Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
 email to receive either of these.
 Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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.

Ian Biscoe writes this week:

Welcome to Emmanuel Church Bicester. After our service this morning we are holding our Annual church meeting. Do please join us. You will be able to hear more about what the church has achieved over the last 12 months and what we hope to achieve over the coming year. For those who make it through to the end, you will receive free bacon rolls and hotdogs!

In 1 Corinthians 12 we read: ¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ..... ¹⁴And so the body is not made up of one part but of many..... ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

How can we at Emmanuel Church live out this ministry as the body of Christ?

With the move to a new building we have an opportunity to reflect on the impact of growth on our Church family. This process raises a number of questions for us to answer including:-

- *Whilst remaining in the framework of the Gospel, how do we tailor our activities and communications to meet the spiritual needs of the local community?*
- *How do we make best use of the talents that lie within the congregation?*
- *How do we organise ourselves internally to meet the needs of the congregation and community whilst maintaining an appropriate level of oversight?*

- How will our response fit in with our commitment to the wider Christian church?

The structure and processes we introduce must be capable of performing now and coping with any foreseeable change over the next 2 to 4 years.

We must allow for the development of individuals and the next generation of leaders.

Our approach must fit in with our current pool of individual capabilities and competencies.

Over-dependence on any one individual should be avoided.

Do stay and find out more about what happens here at Emmanuel Church. We will also be appointing our new Church Wardens and new members of the Parochial Church Council.

Your servant in Christ,

Ian Biscoe

These questions imply a need to be simultaneously inward and outward looking whilst reflecting and learning from our experiences and observations. They also imply a diverse range of activities requiring flexible and varying approaches. Therefore any structure we put in place must make the best use of the talent we have available within the congregation, be flexible enough to cope with the range of activities to be undertaken, and have the processes to allow both effective freedom of action and the appropriate level of oversight.

This quote is from a paper prepared by the Standing Committee in which it proposes a radical restructuring of our church management and strategic planning. Today at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting we will be looking at this in more detail as we consider how each of us can become an active part of the body of Christ.

The **Bure Park Residents' Association** will be losing several of its committee at the AGM later this month, at **8.00 p.m. on the 29th at the church**. It would be pleased to find other volunteers to replace those retiring. Meetings are only every other month so it's hardly an onerous task! If you could join us to continue looking after the wellbeing of everyone living on Bure Park please visit its website:

www.burepark.info/index.php/communication/email-us

or speak to me at the church.

Steve Willott, Chairman Bure Park Residents' Association

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you”

Prayer Ministry

14th Apr

Katie Jenkinson:

Dorothy Williams & Tony Shields; Roger Winson & Chris Shields

21st Apr

Chris Shields:

Hugh White & Dora Potter; John Thompson & Chris Thompson

28th Apr

Katie Jenkinson:

Tina Dunn & John Williams; Howard Dunn & Chris Thompson

Sunday Club

14th Apr

Bubbles

Helle Angeleri & Andrea Pena

21st Apr

Jenny Butter & Paula Alvarez & Catherine

28th Apr

Andy Coleman & Sue Perks & Ellen

Splash

Clare Lindley & Hannah & Nathan Argyle

Andy Matheson &

Vera Spaenij

Erika Biscoe &

Sharon

Sunday Club

14th Apr

The Grid

Paul Hayton & Karen Stoddart

21st Apr

Nicola Cooper & Debbie Winson

28th Apr

Paul Hayton & Sandy D'Amon.

Crèche

Jackie Meek &

Liz Newby

Jane Gould &

Nathan Hill

Rachel Coleman &

Nicola Collison

Welcome Team

14th Apr

Jacquie Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh

21st Apr

Andrew Collett, Sue White, Nathan Argyle

28th Apr

Dave Bambrook, Jeannette Collett, Peter Hill

Small Group (Cell) Duties

14th Apr

Rach & Sven Jolly

21st Apr

Emma Hayton & Jan Butter

28th Apr

Peter & Carol Hill

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

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