

## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	<b>Café Church</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Easter 5</b></span> <b>Leader:</b> Erika Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Reading:</b> Sandy Addison <b>Prayers:</b> Jo Withers
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service</b> <i>Good News!</i> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Roger Winson
15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> May Churches in Bicester Week of Prayer (see flyer for details)		
15 <sup>th</sup> May	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club for school years 4-6</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00-12noon	<b>Rock of Ages Café</b>
	6.00pm	<b>Prayer walk to Elmsbrook</b> (starting from ECB)
17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 for 10.30	<b>Oasis Small Group</b>
	7.00-7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30-8.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00-12.00	<b>ECB Plant Swap</b> <b>No Compline</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Easter 6</b></span> <i>Tongues</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>1 Corinthians 14:6-17</i></span> <b>Leader:</b> Dorothy Williams <b>Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Reading:</b> Christine Thompson <b>Prayers:</b> Clare Bean
	7.00pm	<b>Churches in Bicester Joint Evening Service</b> <i>Lion and the Lamb</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Revelation 5</i></span> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Steve Barber (Orchard Baptist Church)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club for school years 4-6</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00-12noon	<b>Rock of Ages Café</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Safeguarding Training</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Prison Fellowship</b>



# Welcome!

*to the church  
at the heart  
of the community*

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**14<sup>th</sup> May  
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.

**Roger Winson** writes:

When we had the TRIO Sunday three weeks ago, I promised to let you know how things turned out. Well, it has been a very encouraging start with the opportunity for further progress. I said that we were hoping for an increase of £302 per week in our income, and so far, we have promises that total an extra £172 a week. So, we are 57% of the way to our target having received just 42% of the replies we are ultimately expecting.

That looks promising and I am praying that when the other 58% come back to the Finance Team (!) we will find we have met the target in full. Yes? Yes, because "The Responsibility Is Ours." In addition, we have received a single donation of £1,000 to pay off a bit more of the outstanding Diocesan loan which currently stands at £111,301, and I understand more people may be contemplating making one-off

donations soon.

Particularly encouraging is that a quarter of those who have responded to TRIO so far are starting to give regularly to ECB for the first time and a further quarter who were already giving regularly have taken this opportunity to increase their gifts. Add to that those who are continuing to give as they have faithfully done in the past (in some cases in large amounts over many years) and there is much for which to be thankful. God is good! On behalf of ECB, may I thank you all for your careful consideration and your warm-hearted response.

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive (*Acts 20:35*) and declared of one generous giver "She out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on". (*Luke 21:4*). In that sense, she was like our Lord Himself who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor so that we through his poverty might become rich (*2 Cor 8:9*).

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The exciting vision that Ian has laid out for ECB to grow in each of our three parish areas will of course involve our financial giving – but more important is how we give *ourselves* to the Lord and so to the tasks ahead. In the morning, we will be enjoying café church fellowship together. In the evening, we will be preparing ourselves (whether we are natural

evangelists or not – and I am not) to be ready to share our faith simply and confidently with those who are not yet Christians, so do join us for both these services.

## *Blessings Roger*

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**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) Tuesday morning prayers are at 9am in the Community Room.

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**TRIO response forms** – Please return to the Finance Team or Church Office if you haven't already done so. *Thank You.*

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**Safeguarding Training** Courses being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May (ECB) and 24<sup>th</sup> June (St Edburg's). Essential for all working with children and young people at ECB. Speak to Karen or Ian for details.

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The **CAP Money Course** is a money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can save, give and prevent debt. Running on Weds evenings 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June from 7:30pm. Book via the Church Office or speak to *Roger Winson*.

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### **SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR**

These are now available in church, with dates for your diaries between now and the end of August. If you would like an electronic version then please speak to Karen in the office.

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#### **Starship Discovery Holiday Club 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

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#### **BICESTER BIG LUNCH – 4<sup>th</sup> June**

There will be no morning service at ECB on 4<sup>th</sup> June as everyone is encouraged to join in with the CIB service at the Bicester Big Lunch.

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

## **ROTAS**

### **Welcome Team**

14<sup>th</sup> May Del Hindmarsh & Steve Willott  
21<sup>st</sup> May Debbie Winson & John Thompson  
28<sup>th</sup> May Heather Hindmarsh & Liz Winson

### **Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)**

14<sup>th</sup> May Tues 20's & 30's  
21<sup>st</sup> May MSG and Mon 20's & 30's  
28<sup>th</sup> May Oasis and Super small group

### **Sunday Club**

14<sup>th</sup> May  
21<sup>st</sup> May  
28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Mustard Seeds** (crèche)

*Café Church*  
Elizabeth & Rowan  
TBC

### **Cherry Blossom** (Pre-school/Foundation)

*Café Church*  
Heidi & Mike  
TBC

### **Sunday Club**

14<sup>th</sup> May  
21<sup>st</sup> May  
28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Willows** (School yrs 1-3)

*Café Church*  
Jackie, Sam B & Issy  
TBC

### **Silver Birches** (School yrs 4-6)

*Café Church*  
And & Ken  
TBC

### **Youth**

14<sup>th</sup> May  
21<sup>st</sup> May  
28<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Grid** (School year 7+)

*Café Church*  
Sam W & Sandy  
Sam G & Debbie

### **Finance Team**

14<sup>th</sup> May Karen Stoddart & Geoff Saunders  
21<sup>st</sup> May Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch  
28<sup>th</sup> May James Dunne & Tom Mitchell

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday at [administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)