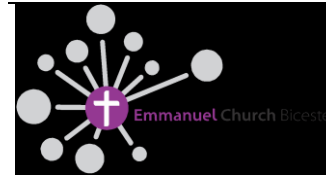


## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

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| <b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 10.30am         | <b>Interactive Worship – TRINITY 2</b><br>Leader: Mandy Bentley Preacher: Ian Biscoe<br><i>Who we are in Christ Colossians 1:3-14</i><br>Reader: Karen Stoddart Prayers: John Bentley |
|                             | 12.15-2.30pm    | <b>Welcome Lunch</b>  |
|                             | 7.00pm          | <b>Evening Service – Guest speaker Dan Beesley</b><br>"Atheist to Vicar" - in many not so simple steps!   |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 3.10 – 4.15pm   | <b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 9.00am          | <b>Prayers in Church</b>  |
|                             | 10.00 - 12.00   | <b>Seniors' Café (Music)</b>  |
|                             | 7.30-9.00pm     | <b>Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 &amp; 13</b>   |
|                             | 7.30pm          | <b>Mathetes</b>   |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 10.00 for 10.30 | <b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b>   |
|                             | 7.30pm          | <b>ALPHA</b>  |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 6.30-8.00pm     | <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7,8 & 9<br><i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>  |
|                             | 7.30-9.00pm     | <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10 & 11  |
|                             | 8.15-9.15pm     | <b>Band practice</b>  |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b> | 10.30am         | <b>Informal Worship – TRINITY 3</b><br>Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Sam Gould<br><i>Fathers Psalm 68:4</i><br>Reader: John Thompson Prayers: Hugh White                               |
|                             | 1.00 – 3.00pm   | <b>Father's Day BBQ &amp; Games at Bure Park School</b>   |
|                             | 7.00pm          | <b>Evening Worship</b> –led by the Worship Team   |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> | 3.10-4.15pm     | <b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6   |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> | 9.00am          | <b>Prayers in Church</b>  |
|                             | 10.00 - 12.00   | <b>Seniors' Café (Games)</b>  |
|                             | 7.30-9.00pm     | <b>Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 &amp; 13</b>   |
|                             | 7.30pm          | <b>Mathetes</b>   |
|                             | 7.30pm          | <b>Prison Fellowship</b> – with Guest speakers  |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 10.00 for 10.30 | <b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b>   |
|                             | 7.30pm          | <b>ALPHA</b>  |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 6.30-8.00pm     | <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7,8 & 9<br><i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>  |
|                             | 7.30-9.00pm     | <b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10 & 11  |
|                             | 8.15-9.15pm     | <b>Band practice</b>  |



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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June 2015**

*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.*

**Carol Hill writes:**

### **Presence**

Have you ever noticed how when God has something he wants us to learn, something he wants to sink deep into our being, he keeps bringing it up in various ways. A gift of a book, a Bible verse springing out vividly from the page, a sermon perhaps, or an experience which can impact us with new truths. What I think God has been trying to impress on me is something that has only lately been termed the 'Ministry of Presence'.

I first heard that phrase when I was on placement with the hospital chaplains in Oxford. I met a man there who had been admitted to hospital following a collapse.

He wasn't homeless, but lived in somewhat inadequate facilities. He had some confusion, but there was deep intelligence there. He said 'I came into hospital secular, but have come out spiritual'. Someone had given him a Mark's gospel and he spoke of being 'on a journey to the celestial city'. We had a conversation, but it was rambling, unfocussed. I really felt for him in his confusion. All sorts of things seemed to be firing within his mind – about faith, about lack of control, about his health, about his future.

Meeting with this man got me wondering about my role. I really wanted to pray with him, get him introduced to Jesus so he had a companion on his journey, get him saved! But that would have been inappropriate.

But all was not lost. 2 Corinthians 4:7 tells us: "7... we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

Sometimes the hardest thing is just to 'be' and let God be God. We don't always need to be speaking and doing. God is quite able to act without us, just by leaking out of our broken clay vessels from time to time. Prayer is a wonderful way of 'leaking' too. All our love and compassion, pain and anguish, fear and faith can be poured out as an offering to God on behalf of those we love, who will listen, will be present, and will act.

Romans 8:28 tells us:  
*28 ... we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

And you know what? He does.

With love,

*Carol*

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain [ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk) or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

#### EVENING SERVICE 14<sup>th</sup> June – Dan Beesley

"Atheist to Vicar" - in many not so simple steps!

Dan will be sharing his testimony and what God has been doing in his life. Bring a friend or neighbour along. Café open from 6:30pm, service starts at 7.00pm.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – If you would like to be included in the new version of the church directory or have changed address/phone number or email please email Karen with details ([administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)).

#### FATHERS DAY – 21<sup>st</sup> June

After the morning service we will be going over to Bure Park school for a BBQ and games to celebrate together. Volunteers needed to help with games and serving food.

#### HOLIDAY CLUB AT ECB – 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July

Volunteers are needed to lead small groups, play music, act in a drama, organise games, make refreshments, be creative, pray – but above all JOIN IN ! *If you would like to get involved then please speak to Ian or Karen and get a volunteer form. Child registration forms also available.*

#### IS IT TRUE?

Talks on big questions of God, Religion Science and Suffering. Every Wednesday evening in June. Exeter Hall, Kidlington. 7:45pm Admission Free.

**Badminton** every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre  
**ECB Cycle Club** - Sundays 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June. Meet at church at 8.15am for 12 mile bike ride (1hr approx.)

#### ROTAS

##### Prayer Co-ordinator

14<sup>th</sup> June Dorothy Williams  
21<sup>st</sup> June Katie Jenkinson  
28<sup>th</sup> June Chris & Tony Shields - Anointing

##### Sunday Club

14<sup>th</sup> June  
21<sup>st</sup> June Jackie & Michelle  
28<sup>th</sup> June Lesley & TBC

##### Bubbles

*Interactive Worship*  
Jackie & Michelle  
Lesley & TBC

##### Splash

*Interactive Worship*  
Sandy & Ellie  
Nicola & Maureen

##### Sunday Club

14<sup>th</sup> June  
21<sup>st</sup> June Sam W & Sandy  
28<sup>th</sup> June Sam G & Debbie

##### The Grid

*Interactive Worship*  
Sam W & Sandy  
Sam G & Debbie

##### Crèche

*Interactive Worship*  
Doyin & Vicky  
Claire & TBC

##### Welcome Team

14<sup>th</sup> June Hannah Shipman & Andrew Collett  
21<sup>st</sup> June Peter Hill & Steve Willott  
28<sup>th</sup> June Nathan Argyle & Karen Stoddart

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

14<sup>th</sup> June Hilarious  
21<sup>st</sup> June Connect  
28<sup>th</sup> June Potting Shed

##### Finance Team

14<sup>th</sup> June Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell  
21<sup>st</sup> June James Dunne & James Sheppard  
28<sup>th</sup> June Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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