



15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Joe Hemmings writes...

Hi friends

I just wanted to update you all on the cafe. I feel it's really important that you share in the encouragements, the things that God is doing, and also the struggles.

I've been managing the cafe for 3 years now. One thing I've found is the relationships that form through that kind of consistent contact are really deep. People know when they come here, they will be welcomed, listened to and loved. Our regulars are so comfortable being here, it can feel like a big, wonderful family gathering.

I've had people tell me that for them the cafe is a lifeline. A real refuge where they know they'll be accepted and find the social connections that we all need. We've also had people from the cafe come along to our ladies' breakfasts as well as our outreach events. The cafe is a safe space for people to explore what this church thing is and what it might mean for their lives.

Another encouragement for me is the way we're able to facilitate fantastic community projects. There's a Stroke Association group that has started meeting here. We have seen so many men value our 'Who Let the Blokes Out' men's group. We have several mums and babies' groups that go on in and around the life of the cafe. God is creating an atmosphere where Kingdom things both from inside and outside the Church can take place.

So, I would love for every member of this Church to have a sense of ownership of the cafe. So how can you get involved?

1. Join the Team

We have a wonderful team of multi-talented people who have a variety of roles in the team. We're always looking for new coffee makers, table clearers and washer uppers.

2. Pray

Please pray for us. Pray for grace for us as a team. Pray for all the wonderful people who we see each week and for the work God is doing in their hearts. Pray for God's financial provision and wisdom in the business side of the café.

3. Come along

We are little temples that house the presence of God. When you step into any place, you affect the atmosphere. When Oasis small group comes in on a Wednesday it changes the atmosphere here. So come along, grab some friends. Why not do that Bible Study in the cafe and see how God might use you just by you being present. **Thanks**

Blessings, Joe

Notices

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT AT SHAKIL'S

Tuesday 17th September 7.45pm. For more details or to book , contact Colin Arter:
07717875566

ENCOUNTER EVENING

Starting back up again at Gagle Brook school on Saturday 28th September 7-9pm. Please Search: **Encounter@Gaglebrook primary** for more details on Facebook.

GARDEN TALK

Join us to chat about our gardening joys and sorrows over a cup of coffee. Saturday 28th September 10.30—12noon here at Emmanuel Church.

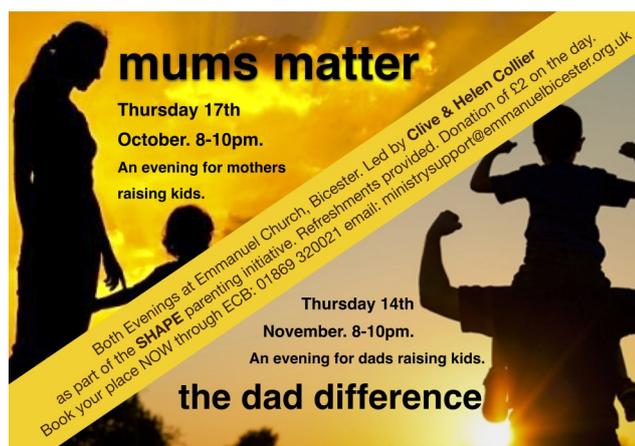
HARVEST CELEBRATION

4-6pm Saturday 12th October here at Emmanuel Church. Activities for children and adults around the theme of **Refuse, Re-use, Recycle, Upcycle**. Join us for our 'Grown in Bicester' meal. For more information contact the church office: **01869 320021** or email :

administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

MUMS MATTER

Thursday 17th October 8pm here at Emmanuel Church.



An evening tailored especially for mums, designed to encourage, inspire and affirm who you are and this important role of parenting. Run by Clive and Helen Collier and Jackie Meek. For more details and to register, please call the church office **(01869) 320021** or email:

ministry support@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

ROTAS: If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

ECB DIARY

SUN 15th SEPTEMBER	10.30am	Informal Worship Stewardship Series Week1, Vision Sunday Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Apologetics week 2, Identity Crisis Leader: Guy Morrell Preacher: Chris Hunt
TUES 17th SEPTEMBER	9.00am	Prayers
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.45pm	Men's Curry Night at Shakil's
	7.45pm	PCC Meeting
WED 18th SEPTEMBER	8.45-12noon	Café open
	10.30am	Oasis Small Group
THURS 19th SEPTEMBER	8.45-12noon	Café open
FRI 20th SEPTEMBER	8.45-12noon	Café open
	9.30am	Cherish Group
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline
SUN 22nd September	10.30am	Communion Service Stewardship Series Week 2 Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Nigel Crook
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Apologetics week 3, Bad things/good people Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe

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