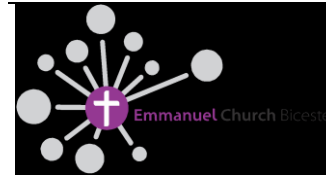


## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> before ADVENT</b> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Roger Winson <i>The Law of the Jungle – Daniel 6</i> <b>Reading:</b> Lisa Verman <b>Prayers:</b> Mark Verman
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service – Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <i>I didn't know the bible said that</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6
	7.00–7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00 -12.00	<b>Rock Of Ages Café</b>
	7.00–7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>
	8.00 pm	<b>Listening Course</b> in church (last session)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.00 for 10.30	<b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b>
	7.00–7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>
	8.00pm	<b>ALPHA course</b> – at the Bure Farm
	8.00pm	<b>CAP Money</b> course in church
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.30–8.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30–9.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10+
	8.00pm	<b>PCC Meeting in church</b>
	8.15–9.15pm	<b>Band practice</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7.00–8.00pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	9:30–4.00	<b>Churches in Bicester – 3DM event</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	10.30am	<b>Informal Communion – next before ADVENT</b> <b>Leader:</b> Robert Jackson <b>Preacher:</b> John Williams <i>Four Beasts and the Son of man – Daniel 7</i> <b>Reading: Prayers:</b>
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service – Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <i>VISION for the future</i>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6
	7.00–7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00 -12.00	<b>Rock Of Ages Café</b>
	7.00–7.30pm	<b>Prayers in church</b>



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**Sunday 15th  
November  
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.*

**Tom & Jane Mitchell write:**

*"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*

God is a God of justice and also mercy. A difficult balance I (Jane) often have to tread working in the justice system, and both come to mind when we come to pray for prisons week which this year runs from 15th-21<sup>st</sup> November.

Prisons week was first set up nearly 40 years ago to encourage us to pray for all those involved in the Criminal Justice System - prisoners themselves, victims of crime, those working in the system and prisoners' families. For those of us living in and around Bicester did you know there are three local prisons less than ten miles from ECB, each quite different?

Bullingdon is a category B prison for 1114 men, Grendon was set up in the 1960's as a therapeutic prison for 283 men and Springhill – an open category D prison for 335 men which works towards resettlement. At ECB we aim to serve our local community – to bring hope and encouragement to those who live and work nearby - and this includes our local prisons.

As we pray this week – please think of the prison chaplains working in a system under ever increasing pressure, as prison numbers have more than doubled in the last 20 years, while the number of prison officers has decreased. A chaplain's role includes meeting with prisoners at very difficult times: – meeting with every new prisoner that arrives and every prisoner that leaves, visiting the healthcare unit and those in segregation, and being the one to break the news that a loved one has died.

Help is needed and volunteers from the local community can play an important part. There are opportunities to help with

chapel services – attended as Jonathan Aitken wrote by “the noisily devout and the deviously noisy.” Volunteers also run Alpha and restorative justice courses and others are involved in mentoring to support those through the crucial time following release. Please consider if you can use your gifts to help those in our local prisons – perhaps by preaching or leading worship. Please start by praying this week – prison week leaflets with suggested prayer points for each day are available to help you.

If you feel inspired to continue to pray please join us at Bicester Prison Fellowship which meets at ECB at 7:30pm the fourth Tuesday of every month.

## Blessings

Tom & Jane



### 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.

### THANK YOU – from Jacob Newby

To all who bought cakes etc. to support his trip to Australia. He raised over £150.

### YOUTH TRIP TO Moldova – February 2016

If you would like to know how you can support and pray for the young people going on this trip then speak to Sam Williams.

### CHURCHES IN BICESTER 3DM WORKSHOP – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> November at ECB

For details and to book please use Eventbrite <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/3dm-workshop-21-nov-2015-tickets-18431858184?aff=es2>

### BIG CURRY NIGHT – 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm at ECB

Come and join others from the Bicester Team for an evening of Authentic Indian Curry in aid of **Us.** (<http://www.weareus.org.uk/>) and the work they are doing in India. Tickets £10 each from the church office.

### ADVENT QUIET DAY – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 4pm

Tea and coffee provided, bring your own lunch. The theme of the day will be 'Where is Christ in your Christmas?' This will be a time for quiet reflection as we enter into the season of Advent.

### NGM Ladies weekend with Nancy Goudie – 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016

If you are interested in joining the group of ladies going from ECB then please speak to Nicola Collison.

**Badminton** every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

### ROTAS

#### Welcome Team

15<sup>th</sup> November Amanda Beaumont & Del Hindmarsh  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Debbie Winson & Hugh White  
29<sup>th</sup> November Jeanette Collet & John Thompson

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

15<sup>th</sup> November Oasis  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Spirited  
29<sup>th</sup> November Hilarious

#### Sunday Club

15<sup>th</sup> November Lindsay & Sophie  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Lonah & Vicky W  
29<sup>th</sup> November *Doing it Differently*

#### Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Lindsay & Sophie  
Lonah & Vicky W  
*Doing it Differently*

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

Claire & Doyin  
Lesley & Amanda  
*Doing it Differently*

#### Sunday Club

15<sup>th</sup> November Vicky H & Steve F  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Jackie & Ken  
29<sup>th</sup> November *Doing it Differently*

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

Vicky H & Steve F  
Jackie & Ken  
*Doing it Differently*

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

Sandy & Nicola  
Ellie & Beckie  
*Doing it Differently*

#### Youth

15<sup>th</sup> November Sam W & Sandy  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Sam G & Sandy  
29<sup>th</sup> November *Doing it Differently*

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

Sam W & Sandy  
Sam G & Sandy  
*Doing it Differently*

#### Finance Team

15<sup>th</sup> November James Dunne & Geoff Saunders  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Roger Winson & Ian Brown  
29<sup>th</sup> November Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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