

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

16th April	5.45am	CIB sunrise service – Sainsbury's car park (roof)
	10.30am	All Age Worship Easter Sunday <i>Resurrection - Matthew 28:1-10</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Communion for Easter <i>Resurrection</i> Leader & Preacher: Ian Biscoe
18th April	7.15pm	ALPHA course (meet in Bure Farm)
19th-22nd April	9.30-12.30	Emmanuel Café open this week
22nd April	7.30 til late	Opera Evening & Supper <i>Tickets £18 from Erika or Church Office</i>
23rd April	10.30am	Informal Worship Easter 2 <i>TRIO Sunday</i> Leader: Tim Howard Preacher: Roger Winson Reading: Lisa Verman Prayers: Carol Hill
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>TRIO Sunday</i> Leader: Tim Howard Preacher: Roger Winson
24th April	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
25th April	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.15pm	ALPHA course (meet in Bure Farm)
	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship
26th April	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
27th April	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
29th April	10.00-12.00	Garden Talk in the Cafe



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**16th April
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.

Ian Biscoe writes:

This month at Emmanuel church we are exploring our vision and values. On Sunday 2nd April we shared some of our hopes and dreams for the months and years ahead. We have been thinking too about our unique God given gifts and calling, and where each one of us fits within the life and ministry of Christ's church.

On Sunday 23rd April it is our 'Trio' (the responsibility is ours) weekend where we will be exploring how we can support and finance the ministry here at Emmanuel. The final Sunday in April is our annual church meeting known as the APCM (annual parochial church meeting).

So why bother with all this business, preparation and planning?

Because right at the centre of being a follower of Christ is the Easter story, that is why!

In one of the most famous verses in the Bible we read '*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*'
John 3:16.

Through the death and resurrection of Christ, the Easter story, we can all be restored in our relationship with God and receive not only the promise of eternal life for the future but the promise of life to the full here and now!

Jesus said, "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*" *John 10:10.*

At the very moment Christ died on the cross a way was made for everyone to be restored in their relationship with God our Father (Matthew 27:51). The barrier that separated us from God was removed and we can, through faith in Christ, come before God assured of His love and mercy (Hebrews 10:19-23).

However, you are planning to celebrate Easter this year do remember that

everything we do, everything we give and everything we believe about God comes from our response to the amazing, incredible and life transforming Easter story.

1 John 4:19 'We love because he first loved us.'

Blessings Ian

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk Tuesday morning prayers are at 9am in the Community Room.

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

Opera Night and Supper – Sat. 22nd April 7.30pm until late

To raise money for the London 2017 Moonwalk for Breast Cancer. Glass of Bubbly on arrival include, but bring your own wine. There will also be a Silent Auction.

Tickets £18 per head, available from Erika or from the Church Office.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is now closed for new members until after the APCM on 30th April. A copy of the current roll will be on display on church for the next 2 weeks, so please check that your entry is correct.

APCM

Completed nomination forms for PCC and Deanery Synod elections need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Starship Discovery Holiday Club 24th – 28th 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.

Social badminton. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

16th April Debbie Winson & John Thompson
23rd April Dave Bambrook & Liz Winson
30th April Heather Hindmarsh & Nathan Argyle

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

16th April Oasis & Super small group
23rd April Alpha plus & Cherish
30th April Connect

Sunday Club

16th April
23rd April
30th April

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

All Age Service
Jane G & Sophie
Doing it Differently

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

All Age Service
Heidi & Doyin
Doing it Differently

Sunday Club

16th April
23rd April
30th April

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

All Age Service
Jackie, Mike & Issy
Doing it Differently

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

All Age Service
Ceri & And
Doing it Differently

Youth

16th April
23rd April
30th April

The Grid (School year 7+)

All Age Service
Sam W & Debbie
Doing it Differently

Finance Team

16th April James Dunne & Ian Brown
23rd April Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
30th April Roger Winson & Steve Willott

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday at administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk