

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

16 th June	10.30am	Trinity 3 – Informal Service Father's Day Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Tim Howard Subject: 'Oaths' Matt 5:33-37 Prayers: Hugh White
18 th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
20 th June	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
21 st June	8.00pm	The God Particle Play – in Church
23 rd June	10.30am	Trinity 4 – Holy Communion Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Carol Hill Subject: 'Eye for Eye' Matt 5:38-42 Prayers: Mark Verman
	7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer – in Church
25 th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
27 th June	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
	8.00pm	Standing Committee – in Church
30 th June	10.30am	Trinity 5 – Informal Service 5th Sunday Fun Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Subject: 'Love your Enemies' Matt 5:43-48 Prayers: Dora Potter



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

16th June 2013

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
 Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
 email to receive either of these.
 Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk



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.

In Galatians 5 v. 13, Paul writes 'You, my brothers, were called to be free.'

Paul Hayton writes this week:

But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.'

There are times God calls us into uncomfortable situations to do tasks we don't want or feel equipped to do. For me this week it was Roger's email informing me I was supposed to write the words you're reading now. Various ways to trying to avoid the task sprang to mind – I could pretend I hadn't seen the email and apologise later, I could appeal that writing has never been a gift of mine and brings back bad memories of school, I could point out that I never volunteered for the task in the first place. I did, however, after a short period of deliberation decide that although I didn't want to, God was giving me a very small act of service to do.

Jesus set an amazing and challenging example to us of service, ultimately giving up his life for us: 'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' (Mark 10 v. 45). When a dispute arose among his disciples Jesus responded by reversing their mindset: 'the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. But I am among you as one who serves' (Luke 22 v. 26).

It's tempting to look for the acts of service which get noticed because it's in our nature to crave recognition (this may another reason I didn't want to write the

foreword as I'm fairly sure it's just Roger that reads it).* However, I imagine what pleases God most are the things we do for him that no-one else is aware of, the things we do selflessly.

However, what a great place it could be where everyone is serving each other, looking out for each other and using their gifts for others.

And so I came to the conclusion that if Jesus was prepared to die for me, my conscience wouldn't allow me to duck out of writing a few paragraphs.

Blessings

Paul Hayton

****Thanks, Paul for this article and even more for your willingness to serve the Lord's work here. I have indeed read it, as I suspect will many others, and am really challenged by it – Roger***

Bring your friends to see

The God Particle Play on 21st June at 8.00pm in ECB

A quantum physicist and a vicar walk into a bar... joining forces to solve a perplexing mystery, they discover the real meaning of faith, knowledge, love and the importance of keeping an open mind. A brand new romantic comedy sci-fi. Deep, smart and very funny.

Tickets available from the church office £8

Holiday Club: July 29th – Aug 2nd & 4th

*Talk to Karen Stoddart to reserve places
and offer your assistance*

***Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at
rogerwinson@btinternet.com***

“I am among you as one who serves”

Prayer Ministry

- 16th June **Katie Jenkinson:**
Tony Shields & Dora Potter;
John Thompson & Vicky Watermeyer
- 23rd June **Chris Shields:**
Katie Jenkinson & John Williams;
Dorothy Williams & Hugh White
- 30th June **Katie Jenkinson:**
Dora Potter & John Thompson;
Mike Watermeyer & Chris Shields

Sunday Club

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| 16 th June | Bubbles
Jenny Butter &
Paula Alvarez & Catherine | Splash
Andy Matheson &
Vera Spaenij |
| 23 rd June | Andy Coleman & Sue Perks
& Ellen | Erika Biscoe &
Nathan Argyle |
| 30 th June | Helle Angeleri &
Andrea Pena | Claire Lindley &
Hannah & James |

Sunday Club

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| 16 th June | The Grid
Nicola Cooper &
Debbie Winson | Crèche
Jane Gould &
Claire Palman-Brown |
| 23 rd June | Paul Hayton &
Sandy D'Amon | Jackie Meek &
Nathan Hill |
| 30 th June | Paul Hayton &
Karen Stoddart | Rachel Coleman &
Vicky Watermeyer |

Welcome Team

- 16th June Rachel Matheson, John Innes, Tony Shields
- 23rd June Lisa Higginson, Tony Shields, Doreen & John Thompson
- 30th June Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Paul Seston, Mark Verman

Small Group Duties

- 16th June Claire Bean
- 23rd June Embrace
- 30th June Rachel Bowen & Jackie Meek