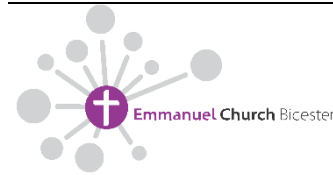


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

16th July	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 5 <i>Resurrection of the Dead – 1 Cor 15:12-34</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Jeanette Collett Prayers: Libby Brown
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Table Talk – Worship (Martin Luther)</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
17th July	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
18th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Men's Curry Night @ Anica
19th July	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.45pm	PCC Meeting
20th July	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
21st July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>Abraham – Exclusion and Embrace</i>
22nd July	10.30-12.00	Swap Shop in cafe
23rd July	10.30am	Informal Communion – <i>Summer pattern</i> Trinity 6 <i>Summer Series introduction</i> Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sue White Prayers : Hugh White
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Table Talk – Testimonies (Holiday Club)</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe



Welcome!

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**16th July
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.

Robert Jackson writes:

BLISS! - I'm on leave.

This time last year, I would never have dreamt I'd have found myself in the North of Scotland writing these precise words, but then a lot has happened over the past year. Because I work full-time for the Navy, I find myself using the term 'leave' for the first time in 36 years (when I was last in the Navy) and it's kind of weird.

Anyway, because of the sort of person I am, I have found myself getting involved in stuff that goes beyond the admittedly vague boundaries that define my role in the QE hospital in Birmingham.

Consequently, immediately leading up to this leave period, I have literally been all over the country doing some quite stressful stuff. All this meant that my flight north on the 30th June was utter joy, and when I woke the following morning knowing I didn't have to go

back to work for a fortnight, it was pure bliss. In fact, I could have been pretty much anywhere and it would still have been bliss for in my experience, such *start of holiday bliss* is almost entirely dependent on having worked hard immediately beforehand.

Whether or not I'm alone in this, who can say, but please consider your time at school and the feeling you had when you woke up on the first day of the Summer holiday and realised you didn't have to go to school for the next six weeks. Curiously, such bliss is, for those of us who enjoy our work, a passing phenomenon because come the end of the holiday, we're looking forward to getting back to it.

I offer two observations.

The first one suggests that we look forward to the end of our break because we are made in God's image... a God who worked - who created - and who derived great satisfaction from his own efforts: "And God saw that it was good."

The second one draws on Hebrews 4:9-11 where the author writes "So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest." Ask people what heaven is like and you'll probably get as many different responses as the number of people you ask.

Ask me and I'll not hesitate in my reply... it's the bliss (and there is no other word for it) that you feel when you wake up on the first day of the holiday and know that you don't have to go back to work for a whole fortnight.

Blessings Robert

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

Men's Curry Night – Tuesday 18th July. Meet at Anica at 7:30pm. Please let Colin Arter or Peter Stoddart know that you are coming so they can book the table.

SWAP SHOP - Saturday 22 July, 10.30am to 12.00pm in the café. It's like a jumble sale but everything's free (though we'll collect cash donations for Churches in Bicester Refugee Support. Please speak to or email Sophie if you can help (sophiemoys@gmail.com))

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. We also need old CD's or spare wool for one of the Holiday Club craft activities – and volunteers to help make pom-poms. Bookings for the club still being taken – see flyers for details.

JAM, FRUIT FOR JAM, JAM JARS AND JAM-MAKING.

We plan to continue welcoming newcomers to the Elmsbrook village on the Eco-town with a jar of home-made jam and information about Churches in Bicester. We would love to have some more people to join us who can make jam or provide clean jam jars or Bicester grown fruit. Please contact *Debbie Winson*: email drwinson@msn.com if you can help! Thank you.

HOLIDAY AT HOME - 15th-17th August

Volunteers needed to help this event for seniors run smoothly. More details from *Elizabeth Taylor* – 01869 243479 or email home4ew@gmail.com. Booking forms available 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 July Andrew & Jeanette Collett
23rd July Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
30th July Debbie Winson & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

16th July Oasis and Super Small Group
23rd July Alpha plus and Cherish
30th July Connect

Sunday Club

16th July
23rd July
30th July

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Vicky & Elizabeth A
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Heidi & Mike
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Sunday Club

16th July
23rd July
30th July

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

And & Nicole
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Susan & Liz W
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Youth

16th July
23rd July
30th July

The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Fleur
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Finance Team

16th July Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown
23rd July Roger Winson & Steve Willott
30th July James Dunne & James Sheppard

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