

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

16th October	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 21 <i>Married Life - Cor 7:1-16</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sue White Prayers: John Thompson
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Lord Have Mercy – Prisons week service</i> Leader: Dennis Niziol Guest speaker: Caroline Stevens from New Leaf
17th October		NO After school club
18th October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
19th October	10.00 for 10.30 7pm	Oasis Small Group Marriage Course
20th October	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
21st October	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
22nd October	9.30-1.30	Small Group Leaders training
23rd October	10.30am	Informal Communion Last after Trinity <i>Change of Status – I Cor7:17-24</i> Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Nigel Crook Reading: Ellie Dommett Prayers: TBC
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life changing Encounters – Festus & Agrippa</i> <i>Acts 26: 19-32</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Geoff Saunders



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

**Sunday 16th
October 2016**

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.

Peter Hill writes:

Hello from one of your Curates. You probably wonder what we get up to between Sundays. My two fields of interest outside the church are schools and prisons, one which is very much Monday to Friday and one which is twenty-four/ seven. Why prisons you may ask? Well in Mathew 25:36 Jesus at the final judgement says "I was in prison and you came to me." Obviously it is impractical for all the Christians in Bicester to descend on the local prisons, so I act on behalf of the Benefice.

I write this month as in October we have Prisons Week and as an Associate Prison Chaplain it is of interest to me. I know some of you who have attended the 8 o'clock communion service at St

Edburg's already know Andrew Foran the chaplain at HMP Bullingdon, as he covers one service a month to link into the community outside the prison wall.

So what is Prisons Week? This one week a year is where we encourage everyone to join us in prayer for the men and women in our Prisons because in many cases it is only the redeeming encounter with Christ that can turn lives around; this I have witnessed and can bear testimony too. The information will be in the form of posters coming around to all the churches in Bicester not just ours, and will have different prayer topics on each day.

One of the most commonly asked questions is what has it to do with me? the reality is, we have close to 1,800 men locked up on our doorstep. We have three prisons in our area, Bullingdon, Grendon, and Springhill, and quite a few of the men from Springhill take their weekend town visits in Bicester as they prepare for release.

Prison work like schools can be tough at times and I rely on the constant faithful prayer of the dedicated members of the Prison Fellowship to uphold me.

The Prison Fellowship in Bicester is very pro-active and regularly provides lay people to go into prisons and help at or take services, as well as write to prisoners who have no outside contact as well as visit them.



If you are interested in becoming involved contact me or Karen, the ECB administrator.

Blessings, Peter

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or send an email to the church office on a Monday to be included in Tuesday morning prayers.

Prisons week Service – 7pm on Sunday 16th Oct

Come along and find out what God is doing in our local prisons through chaplains, Prison Fellowship and others. Guest speaker is Caroline Stevens from New Leaf – a local Community Chaplaincy.

Living Well in the End Times (not the apocalypse!)

We are pleased to announce a short seminar series on logistics around end of life, which you may find helpful. They run for 4 weeks at 7.15 on a Tuesday evening starting on 1st November.

Flyers available with details at the back of church or if you would like to sign up please let me know – Carolghill@hotmail.co.uk.

Fair trade Coffee morning – Saturday 29th October 10am- 12 noon

Come and browse some Fairly traded gifts from Traidcraft and CMS, buy a “Real Advent Calendar” or start your Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a cuppa from the café. Items will also be available after church on 30th October.

Abundant Life Conference – 18th- 20th November 2016

Scott & Hilary Dalton will be leading this conference being held at ECB. There will be sessions on the Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday. More details and booking via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abundant-life-conference-18th-20th-november-2016-tickets-27931115719> or speak to Karen in the office.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

16th October Steve Willott & Hugh White
23rd October Hugh White & Jeanette Collett
30th October Andrew Collett & Karen Stoddart

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

16th October Hilarious
23rd October 20's & 30's
30th October Connect & MSG

Sunday Club

16th October
23rd October
30th October

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Sophie & Lindsay
Jane G & Rowan
Doing it Differently

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Claire & Qi
Helle & Doyin
Doing it Differently

Sunday Club

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30th October

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Dorothy & Ken
Erika & Steve
Doing it Differently

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Nicola & Maureen
Sandy A & Ceri
Doing it Differently

Youth

16th October
23rd October
30th October

The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Sandy D
Sam W & Fleur
Doing it Differently

Finance Team

16th October James Dunne & Geoff Saunders
23rd October Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
30th October Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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