

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

16th November 10.30am 2nd before Advent - Informal worship with Baptism

Leader: Peter Hill **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: *Wedding Banquet* Matthew 22:1-14
Reader: Tim Cranston **Prayers:** Carol Hill

1.30 – 6.30pm **ALPHA** – Holy Spirit Sessions
7.00pm Worship Training Evening

17th November 3.10pm – 4.15 pm After school club for school years 4-6

7.30pm Session 1 of course with Rachael Scott-Hunter

18th November 9.00am Prayers in Church

10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13

19th November 10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room

7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course

7.30 – 9.30 pm **Mathetes** course

20th November 8.00 pm-9.00 pm Band practice

6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11

8.00pm **PCC Meeting**

23rd November 10.30am Sunday before Advent - Informal worship

Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Carol Hill
Subject: *Paying Taxes* Matthew 22:15-22
Reader: Lisa Verman **Prayers:** John Thompson

7.00pm "Spirit & Word – in our genes" – John Williams

24th November 3.10pm – 4.15 pm After school club for school years 4-6

25th November 9.00am Prayers in Church

10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs. 12 & 13

26th November 10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room

7.15 for 7.30pm **ALPHA** course

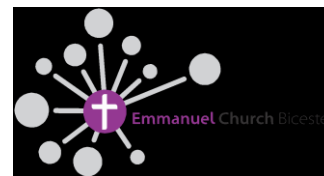
7.30 – 9.30 pm **Mathetes** course

27th November 8.00 pm-9.00 pm Band practice

6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9

7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11

29th November 9.00am-4.00pm Advent Quiet Day in church



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

16th November 2014

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.

Ian Biscoe writes:

I was recently praying for our church and God showed me a picture of a tug of war. The thought came to my mind, 'Are we all pulling in the same direction?' If we think of Emmanuel church Bicester as a team, the question becomes one for each one of us to consider, 'Are we all pulling in the same direction?'



It seems to me that the team in the photo here will encounter a few problems very soon!!
 Philippians 2:1-4 says, "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others"

What a challenging passage from Philippians. If as a church we can learn to pull together in the same direction nothing will be able to stop us. Psalm 133 verse 1 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity'!.....verse 3 'For there the Lord bestows his blessing'.

As I have continued to explore this analogy of a tug of war and church life I have wondered if when we are pulling together, what are we pulling against?



As we learn to pull together, united in Christ, we will not only experience the blessing of God but also grow to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power! Amen



Blessings Ian

Ephesians 6:10-12 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so you can take your stand against the devils schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain 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.

RACHAEL SCOTT-HUNTER COURSE – Rachael will be running a 5 week course following on from her talk at the September church meal, looking at how we can understand ourselves and other better. It starts on Monday 17th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Please let Karen know if you would like to attend.

ADVENT CALENDARS and FAIRTRADE GIFTS – Advent calendars available now - £3.99 each. Also, there will be an opportunity to buy some Fairtrade gifts from CMS and Created next Sunday 23rd November after the morning service. Contact Karen Stoddart or Katie Jenkinson for details.

EBOLA CRISIS – there will be a special collection today. Please use the specific envelopes to gift aid your donation or put cash in the basket at the back.

ADVENT QUIET DAY – Saturday 29th November 10am to 4pm at church
Take some time out in the run up to Christmas.

Give yourself some time to wait upon God and to revisit the true meaning of Christ's birth. Details from Chris Shields or Katie Jenkinson.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – contact Chris Bean for details

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

16th November Chris Shields
23rd November John & Dorothy Williams (Anointing)
30th November Christine Thompson

Sunday Club

16th November Jo & Sarah
23rd November Jackie & Peter
30th November Dave & Jane

Bubbles

16th November Jo & Sarah
23rd November Jackie & Peter
30th November Dave & Jane

Splash

Sandy & Kate
Andy & Nicola
Andy & Nicola

Sunday Club

16th November TBC & Sandy
23rd November Karl & Sandy
30th November Sam & TBC

The Grid

16th November TBC & Sandy
23rd November Karl & Sandy
30th November Sam & TBC

Crèche

Jane & Tosin
Claire & Toeni
Doyin & Nicola

Welcome Team

16th November John Thompson & Del Hindmarsh
23rd November Debbie Winson & Hugh White
30th November Heather Hindmarsh & Tony Shields

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

16th November Spirited
23rd November Sandy
30th November Potting Shed (Heather)

Finance Team

16th November Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown
23rd November James Dunne & James Sheppard
30th November Roger Winson & Tom Mitchell

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