

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

17th April	10.30am	Informal Worship Easter 4 <i>Youth</i> Leader: Sam Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Karen Stoddart Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Evening Service - Pioneering Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Erika Biscoe
18th April	1.00-2.30pm	Parents small group in church
	3.10-4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.15 for 7.30	Alpha course starts at the Bure Farm
19th April	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	2.00pm	Grave Talk
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
20th April		No Oasis this week
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	8.00-9.30pm	Listening to God's Voice course
21st April	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10+
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
22nd April	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
24th April	10.30am	Informal Communion Easter 5 <i>Ministry</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Carol Hill Reading: Helle Angeleri Prayers: Hugh White
	7.00pm	Evening Service Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 17th
April 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.

Debbie Winson writes:

Do you like titles? We have a number attached to our church already, like "Anglican", "Fair Trade".

Last week Howard wrote about us becoming a "Listening Church", which I think is very important, because listening can help with healing. We provide a ministry of listening to each other, to God, and to the visitor that walks through our door.

We are considering becoming an "Eco-Church". This is about raising awareness of our responsibility to God to manage the world He created for us to look after. It is one of the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Church. The scheme operates through A Rocha, Tearfund, Christian Aid, and the Methodist Church.

Ian has completed a questionnaire that would enable us to register as an Eco-church. It has sections on teaching, buildings, community involvement and lifestyle. The idea with registration is to encourage us to think more towards improving our green credentials as a church community. This would be in line with Bicester's Eco-Town status and help us with plans for a church in the new NW Bicester eco-town development. For more information about the Eco-church movement, see the website:

ecochurch.arocha.org.uk.

One of the ways that we can make a difference is in our choice of foods. For the last two years we have had a Harvest Celebration with lots of fruit and vegetables "Grown in Bicester". Last year Holly sourced cheeses that had been made in the county or nearby. It was a celebration of the gifts that God has given us of food, and the skills of the people who prepared it.

We can't produce all our food locally, but we can thank God for His provision and if we have the opportunity, to choose our

food that has been grown in a way that sustains God's created earth and God's people. The next Harvest Celebration will be on Saturday 8 October 2016.

To encourage each other to grow food for ourselves and our community, we are planning to have a Plant Swap on Friday 20 May, 10am-12noon outside the cafe. If you are a grower, please bring any spare plants to swap. If you are a listener, come and hear people's gardening stories.

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.

APCM – 24th April (after the morning service - Bacon Rolls will be served)
Nominations for PCC (4 vacancies) and Church Wardens need to be in by Thursday 21st April if possible. Forms available in the church office. Please pray for those standing and consider if it is something God is asking you to do.

Electoral Roll – Please check your details on the Electoral Roll on display in church. You need to be on the roll to vote at the APCM and any new members will now only be accepted after the APCM.

ALPHA course starting on Mon 18th April in the Bure Farm. Think about who you know that would be interested – flyers available.

Grave Talk – Tuesday 19th April at 2pm A café space to talk about Death, Dying and funerals using Grave Talk conversation cards. Tea, coffee and cake provided. Flyers available or for more details, speak to *Carol Hill*.

New small group – Mondays 1.00-2.30pm in church.

Aimed at parents with young children who may find it difficult to get to evening small groups. If you would like to know more then please speak to *Sophie Moys*.

Living Your Strengths residential weekend 6th-8th May

Run by former ECB member Jenny Butter of Epiphany Life Coaching at Penhurst Christian Retreat Centre near Hastings. Flyer available in church or contact Jenny.

www.epiphanylifecoaching.com

I have pots of herbs to inspire everyone to grow something in their own garden or window sill!

Blessings Debbie



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

Pre-church social bike rides on Sunday 17th April. Leave ECB at 8:15am return about 9:30am. 12mile loop around the lanes - helmets must be worn.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

17th April Amanda Beaumont & Hugh White
24th April Debbie Winson & Dave Bambrook
1st May Jeanette Collett & Steve Willott

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

17th April Hilarious
24th April 20's & 30's
1st May Connect

Sunday Club

17 th April	Mustard Seeds (crèche)	Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)
24 th April	Lindsay & Jude	Claire & Doyin
1 st May	Vicky w & Sophie	Amanda & Matt
	Elizabeth A & Rowan	Helle & Qi

Sunday Club

17 th April	Willows (School yrs 1-3)	Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)
24 th April	Jackie & Ken	Nicola & Beckie
1 st May	Jo & Gary	Ellie & Sandy
	Peter & Liz	And & Maureen

Youth

17 th April	The Grid (School year 7+)
24 th April	Sam G & Sandy
1 st May	TBC & Debbie
	TBC

Finance Team

17th April James Dunne & Ian Brown
24th April Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
1st May Roger Winson & Geoff Saunders

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