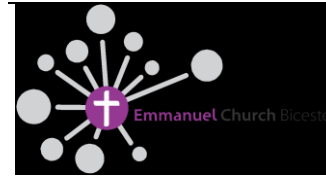


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

17th May	10.30am	Informal Worship – EASTER 7 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Robert Jackson <i>Idols and Holiness</i> <i>Isaiah 6:1-5</i> Reader: Nick Holland Prayers: John Thompson
	7.00pm	Worship evening – led by the ECB Worship Team
18th May	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
19th May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Beetle Drive)
20th May	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
	7.30pm	ALPHA
21st May	7.30pm	Mathetes
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11
	8.00-9.00pm	Band practice
24th May	8.00-10.00pm	PCC Meeting
	10.30am	Informal Communion – PENTECOST Leaders: Dorothy Williams/Ian Biscoe Preacher: John Williams <i>What's in a name</i> <i>Gen 11:1-9/ Acts 2:1-12</i> Reader: Sandy Addison Prayers: Ian Brown
	1.30-5.30pm	ALPHA Holy Spirit sessions
25th May	7.00pm	Discipleship evening <i>Led by the ECB Discipleship Team</i>
	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
26th May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Crochet/Knitting)
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
	7.30-9.00pm	Prison Fellowship
27th May	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
	7.30pm	Mathetes
21st May	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11
	8.00-9.00pm	Band practice



Welcome!

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email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 17th
May 2015**

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.

John Williams writes:



Have we missed it?

One of the most significant events in the life of Jesus is the ascension, it took place forty days after the resurrection c.f. Acts 1.3, which this year would be celebrated last Thursday.

The ascension is important because it brought to a close the earthly life of Jesus and opened up the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit on God's people. In John 7.v 37-39 Jesus said. "If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive.

Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not been glorified."

W. H. Griffith Thomas writes in The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia: "The ascension is not only a great fact of the New Testament, but a great factor in the life of Christ and Christians, and no complete view of Jesus Christ is possible unless the ascension and its consequences are included." He then summarizes what the ascension means for believers.

It speaks of an accomplished

redemption (Heb.8.1) "We do have such a High priest who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven."

The Saviour's high-priestly work

(Heb. 4:14), "Therefore, since we have a great High Priest....."

His lordship over the church (Eph.

1:22), "And God placed all things under His feet & appointed Him to be Head

over everything for the church.”

His intercession for us with His heavenly Father (1 Tim. 2:5),
“For there is one God & one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus”

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:33), “Exalted to the right hand of God He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see & hear.”

The Lord's presence with us today (Matt. 28:20), “And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

The expectation of His return to this earth (Acts 1. 11) “This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven”

If we missed it this year we need to live in the fullness of what it means day by day for us as His people.”

Love & Blessings John

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.

HOLIDAY CLUB AT ECB – 20th – 24th July

Plans are now underway for Megamakers – a 5 day Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds based on Matthew’s gospel with lots of opportunities to discover how amazing God’s love is. Volunteers are needed to lead small groups, play music, act in a drama, organise games, make refreshments, be creative, pray – but above all JOIN IN ! *If you would like to get involved then please speak to Ian or Karen and get a volunteer form. Child registration forms also available.*

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – Thanks to all who contributed. We were able to give £717 to the Disasters Emergency Committee which included gift aid.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – If you would like to be included in the new version of the church directory or have changed address/phone number or email please email Karen with details (administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk).

Sunday 7th June – Bicester Big Lunch

Volunteers needed to run children’s crafts on behalf of Churches in Bicester – speak to Karen if you can help.

Church Planting in and around a Garden City – Conference at ECB on Saturday 6th June 2015 9.30am to 3.00pm. To book go to -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/planting-churches-in-and-around-a-garden-city-tickets-15942974867> or speak to Karen.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club - Sundays 17th and 31st May. Meet at church at 8.15am for 12 mile bike ride (1hr approx.)

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

17th May Christine Thompson
24th May John & Dorothy Williams – Anointing at Communion
31st May Katie Jenkinson

Sunday Club

17th May Jackie & TBC
24th May TBC & Dave
31st May *Doing it Differently*

Bubbles

Jackie & TBC
TBC & Dave
Doing it Differently

Splash

Sandy & Ellie
Nicola & Maureen
Doing it Differently

Sunday Club

17th May Karl & Sandy
24th May Sam G & Debbie
31st May *Doing it Differently*

The Grid

Karl & Sandy
Sam G & Debbie
Doing it Differently

Crèche

Doyin & Vicky/Mike
Claire & Toeni
Doing it Differently

Welcome Team

17th May Doreen Thompson & Daniel Deng
24th May Del Hindmarsh & Amanda Beaumont
31st May Debbie Winson & Hugh White

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

17th May MSG
24th May Oasis
31st May TBC

Finance Team

17th May Roger Winson & Steve Willott
24th May Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
31st May James Dunne & Roger Winson

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