

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

17th July	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 8 <i>Apostolic Status – 1 Cor. 4:1-13</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Carol Hill
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Slave Girl</i> <i>Acts 16:16-21</i> Preacher: Ian Biscoe
19th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church (<i>last before summer break</i>)
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	8.00-10.00pm	PCC Meeting
20th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
21st July	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
22nd July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
24th July	10.30am	Informal Communion Trinity 9 <i>Imitate me – 1 Cor. 4:14-21</i> Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: John Thompson Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Philippian Jailer</i> <i>Acts 16:22-34</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Jadon Cuin-Wilson
25th – 29th July		Adventure Cruise Holiday Club
26th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
27th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
28th July	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
29th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 17th
July 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.

Rob Jackson writes:

I'm writing this as I sit in an obscure machinery space on board HMS St Albans as she lies alongside in Aqaba in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. It is my final day of eighteen spent on board this frigate in the company of 221 other men and women, mostly of the Royal Navy (plus four Americans and two Nepalese). I have nearly completed my task book and all being well, I will be sitting my Fleet Board next month which if I pass, I'll be deemed fit to be on the trained strength of the Royal Navy Reserve as a "Bish".

"Bish" is what everyone calls the chaplain and in fact for the past two weeks, St Albans has had two Bishes. Eddie, the full time Bish is a great bloke and the ship's company really rate him. Why? Because he is down to earth, he listens to them, spends more time with

them than he does with the officers, even though he's a member of the Wardroom, and in fact leads the kind of life I rather think Jesus would lead if he were the "Bish" on board.

On Monday night, an entertainments party flew out from the UK, booked a local hotel, and put on a show for the Ship. Roughly two hundred of us were there (dutymen clearly had to remain with the ship) and whilst the comedians were a bit too lewd for my liking, the singers were great, and there was one particular moment that will stick in my mind for a long time.

The song was an Oasis anthem and the whole of ship's company, to a man/woman, rose to the occasion and sang and danced their hearts out in a manner that expressed a sense of unity as powerful as any I have experienced at ECB. Eight and a half months in a steel tube 120m long is a challenge in anyone's book, especially when spent in the company of over two hundred people who you didn't choose to be with, but the camaraderie witnessed that night

testified to what is possible with good leadership.

I couldn't but help think 'church' as I found myself joining in, and I rather fancy that as we grow as a family at ECB, and as we experience life together, so our sense of unity and purpose must surely deepen, and so often, this will come in the wake of particular challenges that test us, but in working through them together, we learn about each other, our commitment to each other, and that in Christ, all things are possible.

One final thought... I somewhat crassly decided to try to capture the moment



on my mobile – the result is a product that is completely bereft of the spirit of that evening for at the end of the day, one cannot capture the spirit, one can only experience it...

Blessings Robert

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk. Tuesday morning prayers stop over the summer but re-start on 6th Sept.

Men's Curry Night - The first men's curry night is to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th July at Anica in Deans court. The cost for the curry is £10.00 plus what you wish to drink. This will be an informal time of fellowship. Please feel free to join us - if you require any more information please speak to Colin Arter or email colin@colinarter.co.uk

Holiday Club – 25th – 29th July Please pray for the week and if you are able to help in any way then please speak to Ian & Erika or complete a volunteer form available from the office. The club is now full, but there are spaces at the Methodist Church.

Holiday at Home – 16th-18th August Crafts, Games, Museum experience, Film, Tea Dance, and much more for those who are retired and can't get away on holiday. Helpers needed. Contact Elizabeth on 01869 243479

Spring Harvest - We are organising a group from ECB to go to Spring Harvest in the Easter holidays 2017. Spring Harvest is a Christian holiday for 5 days at Butlins with worship, Bible teaching and children/youth work. Everyone welcome. Please contact Tom and Jane on janemitchell200@gmail.com for full details and by 25th July 2016 to be part of the group booking.

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

17th July Andrew Collett & Hannah Shipman
24th July Tony Shields & Nathan Argyle
31st July Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

17th July More
24th July Spirited
31st July Hilarious

Sunday Club

17th July
24th July
31st July

Mustard Seeds (crèche)
Vicky W & Rowan
Lindsay & Sophie
Summer Activities

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)
Erika & Doyin
Claire & Sam B
Summer Activities

Sunday Club

17th July
24th July
31st July

Willows (School yrs 1-3)
Jackie & Ken
TBC & Ceri
Summer Activities

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)
And & Maureen
Ellie & And
Summer Activities

Youth

17th July
24th July
31st July

The Grid (School year 7+)
Remain in Church
Remain in Church
Summer Activities

Finance Team

17th July
24th July
31st July

Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown
James Dunne & Geoff Saunders
Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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