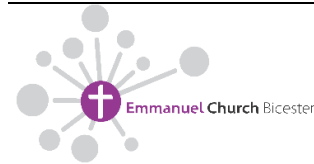


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

17th September	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 14 <i>The Resurrection Body – 1 Corinthians 15:35-58</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Hugh White
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Safe? – Justification. Romans 4:6-8</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Geoff Saunders
18th September	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
19th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	BUT meeting
20th September	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	CAP Money course
21st September	7:00-8:30pm	Youth Group for Years 7-11 <i>(note new time)</i>
22nd September	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>The Beloved's Eyes - Luke 18:15-17</i>
24th September	10.30am	No Service At ECB Team Confirmation at St Edburg's
	7.00pm	Evening Communion Trinity 15 <i>Collection for the Lord's People</i> <i>1 Corinthians 16:1-4</i> Leader and Preacher: Ian Biscoe
25th September		No After school club
26th September	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship



Welcome!

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**17th Sept
2017**

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.

Rachel Jolly writes,

Finding God in ordinary life

The bible is full of examples of people who led extraordinary lives. Over the summer we have had a series of talks in church about 'bible characters', all of whom had supernatural encounters with God which changed the course of their lives. Paul, Ezekiel, Esther...does your life look like theirs?

I've been thinking about the disciples recently, who gave up so much to follow Jesus, because they knew he was worth following. Their lives too were extraordinary, but the gospels also tell us much of their 'ordinary' lives. The gospels talk of fishing trips and meals together, of going to market and daily worship. Somehow, I find that I can relate to these stories more. The extraordinary aspect to their ordinary

lives of course, is that they did it with Jesus beside them.

Right now, my life consists of a return to part time work following maternity leave, of school runs and nursery runs, of food shopping, of playing with my young children, sharing family life with my husband, meeting with friends, and attending church. Perhaps your life looks similar, perhaps different, but it is likely that in many ways it looks 'ordinary'.

But a life with Jesus is never ordinary! When we offer up our daily happenings to God as an act of worship, we are inviting life changing events to happen. Our daily encounters in our home, our workplace, our social clubs, or when we are simply out and about, are all opportunities to witness through words and actions the love of God and the salvation we have in Jesus. The gospels are full of examples of the disciples doing just that.

Of course, we should have high expectations of what God might be calling us to do, and the ways in which we might experience him. In Matthew 17, Jesus says, 'Nothing will be impossible for you' (verse 20). Soon after in Matthew 19 he says, 'With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible' (verse 26). Where our ordinary lives seek to glorify God, he can bring about change that we never believed possible.

So, take heart in your daily lives, inviting Jesus in and asking in to guide you through your days. Your mission field awaits, and you don't have to go anywhere to find it.

Blessings Rachel

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

CONTEMPLATIVE COMPLINE

Contemplative Compline this term will be looking at some of the meditations of St Teresa of Avila and how we might apply her insights to our own journeys into prayer and connection with the Beloved. Services on a Friday evening from 7:30pm comprise Liturgy, Scripture reading, reflection on scripture and 30 mins of quiet, private meditation/contemplation. All welcome.

Team Confirmation – 24th September at St Edburg's

There will be no morning service at ECB as everyone will be encouraged to attend the confirmation. The ECB café will be open for any visitors.

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT

Tues 19th September. 7:30pm at Anica in Deans Court. Speak to Colin Arter or Pete Stoddart for more details and to let them know if you are coming so they can book a big enough table.

BICESTER FOODBANK

Urgently require Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Sugar and Tinned fish (tuna, pilchards etc). Please place in the blue box by the front door of church. Also, there are still tickets available for the Nando's fundraising event on Monday 18th September. Tickets £10 each. Contact Janet Ray 01869 357181

CAP MONEY COURSE

Currently running at ECB on Wednesday evenings. If you interested in attending future courses please speak to Roger Winson or Karen Stoddart.

DEATH and CAKE

Weekly Presentations and Discussions About End of Life and Ending Well. If you have elderly relatives, or if you *are* elderly and want to put your affairs in order, or if you are just 'interested' – please do come and join us on Tuesday evenings between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. starting 3rd October through to and including 7th November. Pick up a flyer for more information.

ALPHA COURSE - We are planning to run an ALPHA course on a Tuesday evening starting on 10th October. If you are interested in joining or know someone who is then please contact the office or speak to Ian.

HARVEST WEEKEND – 5th – 8th October

Roger Murphy and a team from Through Faith Missions will be joining us to present the Christian faith at events and services 5-8 October.

Please sign up if you could provide meals for team members during their stay, and also for the Harvest Celebration event on Saturday 7 October 4-6pm.

https://emmanuelbicester.churchbuilder.org.uk/pjp/activitybookingtemplate/booking_page?abtid=19

Please speak to Julia Mills if you have fruit or vegetables that we could have for the meal and/or you could help with the preparations beforehand.

Debbie Winson. Email drwinson@msn.com

HARVEST EVENT AT WYNDHAM HALL - 7th October (time to be confirmed).

Carol Hill is looking for volunteers to help with this which will involve a Hymn, Talk, Pray, Hymn sandwich and then you are invited to join the residents for tea. Please email Carol carolghill@hotmail.co.uk if you can help.

MARRIAGE MATTERS – Saturday 21st October 9.30am – 4.30pm

A one-day relationships event for couples led by Clive and Helen Collier. Come and hear skilled presenters share insights which will deepen your relationship. Spend time as a couple talking and thinking together. See flyer for more details and book your place by contacting the Church Office.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS – Saturday 30th September

From 11am to 4pm at Jo & Nathan Argyle's house (30 Keble Road). Lots of cakes, tombola and face painting - all for a good cause.

There will also be a coffee morning at Emmanuel Café – details to follow.

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