

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

18th January	10.30am Informal Worship – Epiphany 2 Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: John Williams <i>Hypocrites!</i> <i>Matthew 23:1-39</i> Reader: Sandy Addison Prayers: John Innes
	7.00pm Evening Service – Encounter God <i>Led by Worship Team</i>
19th January	3.10–4.15pm After school club for school years 4-6
20th January	9.00am Prayers in Church 10.00 to 12.00 Seniors' Café 7.30-9.00pm Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
21st January	10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room 7.30pm Mathetes
22nd January	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
25th January	10.30am Informal Worship – Epiphany 3 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Peter Hill <i>The End</i> <i>Matthew 24:1-35</i> Reader: Ellie Dommett Prayers: Ian Brown
	7.00pm Evening Service at St Edburg's Churches in Bicester – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
26th January	3.10–4.15pm After school club for school years 4-6
27th January	9.00am Prayers in Church 10.00 to 12.00 Seniors' Café 7.30-9.00pm Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13 7.30pm Prison Fellowship
28th January	10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room 7.30pm Mathetes
29th January	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!

*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

18th January 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.

Ian Biscoe writes:

This week we had our first midweek church meal of 2015. These are important events in the life of Emmanuel Church, often being a time to share and pray about the vision for the Church. There are two more booked for 2015, 22nd April and 9th September do please put these dates in your diary now.

At the meal Erika and I shared a summary of the words, pictures and prophecies received after 4th January Sunday morning service. We will send these around in a notice chain email. If you do not receive these emails but would like to, please contact the church office.

As Roger mentioned in his newsletter article before Christmas, Bicester has now been identified as a 'Garden City' whatever that means!

One thing we do know is that it will involve major development to Bicester over the next 20 to 30 years. See attached a map of Bicester showing in red the three current areas of major new development. It is anticipated that other developments will also take place over time.

One of the words given after 4th January service was that we should "Allow the Lord to empty our minds of clutter so we can listen to His instruction." With such huge changes ahead for our Town it is imperative that we do indeed 'listen to His instruction'.

I recently read a result from a survey carried out last Autumn in the Highlands of Scotland. The research discovered that approximately 44% of the population of the Highlands who identified themselves as Christian are not engaged with a Church congregation.

It is the challenge for every Christian to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ with others. The developments to Bicester over the coming years will give us plenty of opportunities to do exactly that. But reflecting on the Highlands situation we will also need to become very good at welcoming Christians to our town and Churches.

There is a great deal for us to be praying about and doing as Disciples of Christ here in Bicester during these both exciting but challenging times.

Psalm 127 reminds us 'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain'.

Blessings Ian

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.

Small Groups

If you are not a member of a small group and would like to be then please speak to Ian. A group has recently started again on a Tuesday evening and another will be starting in January on a Wednesday evening.

Schools chaplaincy partnership

If you work in a paid or voluntary role within or supporting a school (Nursery, Primary and Secondary), we would love to hear from you. Please complete a schools leaflet so that we can keep in touch with you. *Further details from Robert Jackson, Rachel Woods or Mandy Bentley.*

DBS "surgery"

Andrew Collett and Karen Stoddart will be holding a short session after church (12.15-1.00pm in the Church Office) on Sunday 25th January for those needed to apply for a DBS check or who have not yet completed the process. You will be able to complete an on-line application and Andrew will verify your documents.

To the Jew First ?– Why mission to Jewish people matters

A day conference organised by CWI and St Aldates. Speakers include Joseph Steinberg and Rev Simon Ponsonby
Saturday 7th Feb from 10am at St Aldates. Tickets £10 (£5 concessions)
To book visit www.cwi.org.uk/events or phone 01959 565955

ECB Fitness Club

Starting Monday 2nd Feb from 8-9pm. A new fitness club to be held in the church. Sessions will include time for mini Bible study before getting down to some good physical fitness. *Speak to Sam Gould for more details.*

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – starts again in the Spring (watch this space)

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

18th January Katie Jenkinson
25th January John & Dorothy Williams – Anointing at Communion
1st February Chris Shields

Sunday Club

18th January Jo & Jane
25th January Jackie, Tom & Angharad
1st February Helle & Sarah

Bubbles

Jo & Jane
Jackie, Tom & Angharad
Helle & Sarah

Splash

And & Beckie
Nicola & Nathan
And & Beckie

Sunday Club

18th January Karl & Debbie
25th January Sam W & Sandy
1st February Karl & Debbie

The Grid

Karl & Debbie
Sam W & Sandy
Karl & Debbie

Crèche

Jane & Tosin
Claire & Toeni
Doyin & Vicky/Mike

Welcome Team

18th January Andrew Collett & Dave Bambrook
25th January Jeanette Collett & Peter Hill
1st February John Innes & Sue Hudson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

18th January Debbi
25th January Spirited
1st February Sandy

Finance Team

18th January Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
25th January James Dunne & Jo Withers
1st February Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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