

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

18 th May	10.30am 5th of Easter – Informal Worship Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: 'Transformed' Matthew 17:1-13 Reader: Sandy Addison Prayers: Ian Brown 7.00pm Worship Central – in Church Session 6 – "How to play together" Rach Bowen
20 th May	9.00am Prayers in Church 10.00am Seniors' Café – in Church
21 st May	10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
22 nd May	6.00-7.30pm Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9 7.30-9.00pm Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	LOVE BICESTER WEEK BEGINS
23 rd May	7.00-9.00pm Opening Celebration Love Bicester – in Church
24 th May	3.00-5.00pm Ladies' Tea Party – in Church Café
25 th May	10.30am 6th of Easter – Holy Communion Leader: Tony Shields/Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton Subject: 'Nothing is Impossible' Matthew 17:14-23 Reader: Sue White Prayers: Lonah Hebditch 7.00pm Evening Service – Discipleship – in Church Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton Subject: Discipleship
27 th May	9.00am Prayers in Church 10.00am Seniors' Café – in Church
28 th May	10.00-12.00 Café in Church with Plant Give-Away
29 th May	10.00-12.00 Story Telling with Erika in Church Café
30 th May	10.00-12.00 Manicures in Church Café
29 th May	6.00-7.30pm Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
30 th May	7.30-9.30pm Robots vs Humans – Dr Nigel Crook - in Church
31 st May	8.00pm Men's Breakfast – Littlebury Hotel – book first with Ian. Speaker: Bishop David Carr 1.00-4.00pm FUNDAY IN GARTH PARK
1 st June	No Service in Emmanuel Church today – instead: - 10 – 11.30 Celebration Service in Garth Park 12.00 on Bicester's Big Lunch – Sheep Street
2 nd June	7.30pm Class on Praying for Others – in Church Led by Peter Hill



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

18th May 2014

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

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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.

Nicola Cooper writes this week

We've been looking at 'knowing my worth' at Thursday youth group. Last week we were discussing the impact of social media on our lives. As I planned the session I was challenged; we often think of the youth of today as being 'saturated' by technology and social media, but how much are we as adults saturated by the same things? I speak for myself knowing how good and fun technology can be, but am also challenged to acknowledge its pitfalls. Is it really just young people who are affected, and how does it affect us as followers of Jesus?

There's a viral video (ironically found on social media!) which talks about exactly this, the effects of social media on our society. It is called 'Look Up'. If you're interested in seeing it you can find it here: <http://youtu.be/Z7dLU6fk9QY>.

With Love Bicester imminently arriving, we are called to love others in our community, meaning we need to 'Look up' at what is really happening with the people we meet; listening to them, being there in the moment, not thinking about what our next Facebook status should be, or whether a photograph will make a great Instagram feed.

I think that for many of us, young and old alike the sense of 'community' can be misunderstood – we perhaps think that being part of a social media means that we 'belong'. Don't get me wrong, I would be hypocritical if I said we shouldn't be using social media. I think it has its place, but we need not to get consumed by what it promises us – friendship, acceptance, comfort..... I think I know another ONE who provides these immeasurably more. His name is Jesus.

Jesus asks us to 'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.' (Galatians 6: 2). How can we do this if we are not vulnerable and real with each other? One of our young people recently said 'I wish I grew

up in the olden days'... The others echoed their words. We are all living in a fast paced life, where time and pressure is always a must – but we are called to be 'community' – to love, to be vulnerable. This is inter-generational: our young people need us as adults and we need them. We need to be people who know each other's hearts, not just surface level stuff. I challenge myself as much as anyone – the easy option is to say 'yep, I'm fine thanks', and not let people in, to hide behind manufactured Facebook statuses – how we want to portray ourselves to the world. Whilst we need to be wise to the company we keep, we also need to go deeper as disciples of Jesus, to learn from each other to understand what it means to be true family.

The last lines of the video say, 'Live life the Real Way'. It's not a Christian video, but I see this as an invite for us who follow Jesus to show people the Real Way. Jesus said '*I am the way, the truth and the life*' (John 14: 6)... Let us show each other, our church family and the people of Bicester what living the real way really means!

Blessings

Nicola Cooper

Gentle Walking Group

***On Thursdays we meet at 10 am at the Church Café.
If you are interested, please contact Sue or Hugh White
for more details.***

This week, **we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us** who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including:-
>>**Adrian and Charlotte Stone** and baby **Ruby**
>>**Yvonne and Steve Willott**
>>**Ken and Dora Potter**
>>**Sue Lewis** (Lisa's mother), **and also Lisa and Mark Verman.**
>>**Ron and Vera Spaenij** (it was expected that Ron would have an operation on Friday 16th May)

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

There is no Sunday Morning Service at ECB on Sun 1st June

Instead at 10am - 11.30am a **Celebration service** -
Churches in Bicester joint service in Garth Park
12noon onwards **Bicester's Big Lunch** – in Sheep Street
bring your lunch and enjoy music, dancing and a community spirit
<http://www.lovebicester.co.uk/event-calendar.html>

ROTAS

Prayer Ministers

18th May Katie Jenkinson
25th May Anointers – (Communion) John & Dorothy Williams
1st June **No Service in Church**

Sunday Club

18th May Helle & Jane
25th May Doreen & Jackie
1st June **No Service in Church**

Bubbles

Helle & Jane
Doreen & Jackie

Splash

Kate & Dave
Sandy & Vera
No Service in Church

Sunday Club

18th May Karl & Debbie
25th May Hannah & Sandy
1st June **No Service in Church**

The Grid

Karl & Debbie
Hannah & Sandy

Crèche

Doyin & Nicola
Jane & Tosin
No Service in Church

Welcome Team

18th May Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett
25th May Dave Bambrook, Jeannette Collett, Peter Hill
1st June **No Service in Church**

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

18th May Debbi Pardoe's Sunday Team
25th May 'Spirited'
1st June **No Service in Church**

**Any notices for next week please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at
rogerwinson@btinternet.com**
