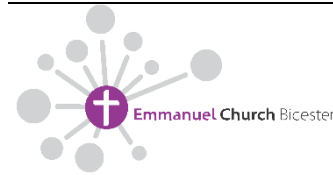


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

18th June	10.30am	Informal Worship <i>Orderly Worship</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Reading: Debbi Pardoe	Trinity 1 – Fathers' Day <i>1 Corinthians 14:26-39</i> Preacher: Ian Biscoe Prayers: Carol Hill
	1pm – 4pm	Father's Day Picnic at Manor Farm	
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Natural Evangelism - Being Good News</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Tim Howard	
19th June	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6	
20th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church	
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30pm	Men's Curry Night @ Anica	
21st June	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30 pm	CAP Money Course	
22nd June	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>	
23rd June		Contemplative Compline <i>Abraham – A new name</i>	
25th June	10.30am	Informal Communion <i>Resurrection of Christ</i> Leader: Robert Jackson Reading: Holly Howard	Trinity 2 <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-8</i> Preacher: Roger Winson Prayers: Phil Trout
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Encounter God Evening</i> Leaders: Denise Crook & Rose Hunt	



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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**18th June
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.

Geoff Saunders writes:

Somebody once said that fathers are like parking spaces – all the good ones are already taken.

Father's Day for you may be a sweet celebration, or perhaps it is one that is tinged with bitterness. But you know what? This is what our God says about you: *"I have summoned you by name; you are mine."* (Isaiah 43:1)

Jesus was very emphatic when he said in John's gospel 14:6 *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me."* We tend to focus on the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, our Intercessor, our Mediator, and so on. All these terms are wonderful and true, but they stop short of God's purpose. His purpose is not that we should come just to Jesus the Son, but also that, through the Son, we should come to the Father.

Jesus is the way but the Father is our destination.

Today, Father's Day, God is saying: *'My child, you are much more important to me than you realise. You may consider yourself merely one of many of my worldwide children and so you are, but every one of my children is important to me. I would not have called you and come to live in you unless I considered you significant.*

You are a unique person with a unique ministry. Nobody else can be you. I hold you in high esteem, so stop longing to be someone else. I always place you in positions where I can work through you. If it were not my purpose to use you I would have chosen others for those tasks.

I am with you always, to enable you, to protect you and to walk alongside you. Let me use you where you are. Stop longing to be elsewhere. You'll know when I want you to move on. All around you there are people desperate for love and

encouragement. I've given you plenty to do, for I never waste any of my children. Stop analysing yourself. Get on with the job I have given you. The life of faith is challenging and exciting. You will be amazed at what you will accomplish.

Yes, you have a delightful inheritance so live in the light of it! Please don't doubt my love.

You are forgiven and accepted. There is no need to fear the demands I make on you. You are not a failure. You are my child and I only ever want the best for you.

I love you,
Signed: Your Heavenly Father.'

Blessings Geoff

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.

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT – Tues 20th June, 7:30pm at Anica in Dean's Court. Please let *Colin Arter* or *Pete Stoddart* know if you are planning to attend.

SAFEGUARDING training – 24th June 10 am - 12.45pm at St Edburg's. This is essential for those working with children and young people and needs to be renewed every 3 years. *Book via the church office.*

Starship Discovery Holiday Club : 24th – 28th July 2017

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. We also need old CD's or spare wool for one of the Holiday Club craft activities. *They can be left in the Church Office.* Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

JAM, FRUIT FOR JAM, JAM JARS AND JAM-MAKING.

We plan to continue welcoming newcomers to the Elmsbrook village on the Eco-town with a jar of home-made jam and information about Churches in Bicester. We would love to have some more people to join us who can make jam or provide clean jam jars or Bicester grown fruit. Please contact *Debbie Winson*: email drwinson@msn.com if you can help! Thank you.

The **CAP Money Course** is currently running on Weds evenings. If you are interested in joining a future course please speak to *Roger Winson* or *Karen Stoddart*.

HOLIDAY AT HOME - 15th-17th August

Volunteers needed to help this event for seniors run smoothly. More details from *Elizabeth Taylor* – 01869 243479 or email home4ew@gmail.com. Booking forms will be available soon.

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

ROTAS

Welcome Team

18th June Doreen Thompson & Karen Stoddart
25th June Debbie Winson & Liz Winson
2nd July Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

18th June Connect
25th June Hilarious
2nd July Tuesday 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

18th June Jane & TBC
25th June Kate & Sophie
2nd July Jane & Rowan

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Jane & TBC
Kate & Sophie
Jane & Rowan

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Heidi & Mike
Helle & Doyin
Helle & Tosin

Sunday Club

18th June Jo & Nicole
25th June And & Jackie
2nd July Jo & Ken

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jo & Nicole
And & Jackie
Jo & Ken

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

And & Liz W
Susan & TBC
Ceri & Maureen

Youth

18th June Karl & Fleur
25th June Sam W & Debbie
2nd July Sam G & Sandy

The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Fleur
Sam W & Debbie
Sam G & Sandy

Finance Team

18th June James Dunne & James Sheppard
25th June Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders
2nd July Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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