

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

18th August	10.30am	Trinity 12 – Shorter Service Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: John Williams Subject: 'Judging Others' Matt 7:1-6 Prayers: Jackie Meek
25th August	10.30am	Trinity 13 – Shorter Service Leader: Tony Shields Preacher: Roger Winson Subject: 'Ask, Seek, Knock' Matt 7:7-12 Prayers: Chris Shields
1st Sept	10.30am	Trinity 14 – Shorter Service Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Subject: 'Narrow Gate' Matt 7:13-14 Prayers: Ian Brown

Take a break!

The next worship practice will be in September

The church cafe is closed during the School Summer Holidays

There are no further Tuesday prayer meetings until September

Thursday night Youth Groups start again in September



Welcome!

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

18th August 2013

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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.

Carol Hill writes this week:

Some years ago Godfrey Birtill wrote the song 'One touch from the King changes everything'. It was, and still is, an amazing song. As David Matthias (an elder from Barnabas Community Church, Shrewsbury) wrote in his blog "... it is an absolute juggernaut of a song. Bold, brash, and absolutely right..."

I was reminded of that song when thinking about writing this piece. The title of the song can raise many different emotions. I was caught up to some degree in the lies of the North American Gospel, where you named it and claimed it, took authority over situations and were encouraged to never accept anything

bad in your life. If bad things did happen, then perhaps you needed to look inside yourself to find out why!

Like so many false doctrines, it does have some truth embedded within. God is all powerful and well able to deliver us from evil. Luckily I had good mentors as I began the path towards maturity and one of the lessons I'm grateful for was that in Daniel 3:17-18

17. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.

18. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

I learned early on that God is still God in the trials of life. The song does not promise that the one touch will magic us away to fairyland,

instead it promises 'change'.

But our God is able...

This is why the message is powerful – God empowers us, holds us, nurses us and enables us to carry on through the hardest times. Psalm 46:1 tells us:

Let me leave you with a verse from Fanny Crosby the author of over 8,000 hymns. Made blind accidentally in infancy, she was only eight years old when she wrote:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

*Oh, what a happy soul I am,
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't.*

I work sometimes with a doctor from Kuwait, an honourable man, a practicing Muslim who also likes to go to church when he in a Christian country. His time in Oxford coincided with when my father died and he came to my office to offer his condolences and talk about life's trials. I shared how God had upheld me and my family. He replied in a very avuncular and caring way that perhaps God was too busy to be involved in such detail in someone's life.

One touch from the King DOES change everything.

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

Carol



Please take a moment to check what duties you have been asked to do during the holiday period. If you are down to do something whilst you are away please make arrangements to cover the gap. Thank you, Roger.

God is our refuge and strength

Prayer Ministry

18th Aug **Chris Shields:**
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool
25th Aug **Christine Thompson:**
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool
1st Sept **Sue White**
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool

Sunday Club	Bubbles	Splash
18 th August	Craft Activities	Craft Activities
25 th August	Craft Activities	Craft Activities
1 st Sept	Craft Activities	Craft Activities

Sunday Club	The Grid	Crèche
18 th August	Craft Activities	Craft Activities
25 th August	Craft Activities	Craft Activities
1 st Sept	Craft Activities	Craft Activities

Welcome Team

18th Aug Jacque Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh
25th Aug Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett
1st Sept Dave Bambrook, Jeannette Collett, Peter Hill

Small Group Duties

18th Aug Rach & Sven Jolly
25th Aug Peter & Carol Hill
1st Sept Claire Bean

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