

## ECB NOTICE BOARD

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| 18th Nov | 10:30am | <b>Informal Worship Service</b><br>Pivotal Circumstances<br>Leader: Erika Biscoe<br>Preacher: Clive Collier                              |
|          | 7pm     | <b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b><br>One Another: Teach One Another<br>Leader: Chris Hunt<br>Preacher: Ian Biscoe             |
| 19th Nov | 3:10pm  | <b>No After School Club</b>  |
| 20th Nov | 9am     | <b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>   |
|          | 10am    | <b>Rock of Ages Café</b>   |
|          | 7pm     | <b>Prayers</b>   |
|          | 7:45pm  | <b>Men's Curry Evening</b>   |
| 21st Nov | 10:30am | <b>Oasis small group</b>   |
| 22nd Nov | 7pm     | <b>Board Games Evening</b>   |
| 25th Nov | 10:30am | <b>Informal Communion Service</b><br>Acts 9:1-22<br>Leader: Peter Hill<br>Preacher: Erika Biscoe   |
|          | 7pm     | <b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b><br>One Another: Be kind and compassionate<br>Leader: Lonah Hebditch<br>Preacher: Carol Hill |



18th November 2018  
Informal Worship

*From our contributing  
writer...*

Seeing the obvious...

I wonder if any of you, like me, suffer from CSTO - Can't See The Obvious syndrome? Just this morning I was looking for my favourite coffee cup- a new one Autumn bought me that has Santa on the front (never too early for Christmas...?) Anyway, I'm looking all around the kitchen; in the dishwasher, the living room, in every cupboard...the dishwasher again. I even took the dirty, greasy pans out of the sink, but I couldn't find it. So I finally interrupt Autumn's morning quiet time to ask her if she's seen it. Being the lovely lady that she is, she comes into the kitchen, opens the top drawer of the dishwasher and points at the centre of the tray "do you mean this one" she says...! Urgh, I wish I could say this is a rare occurrence but it is not. My son suffers from it too. I'm told it is more often a male trait but I hate to stereotype and I'm sure everyone suffers from this humiliating disease at one time

or another....but it got me thinking. What are the obvious things that God is showing me right now, that I just can't see without a little help, and perhaps, more importantly; why can't I see them?! Sometimes we need to step back for a little perspective and ask God to reveal what he is speaking to us in this season. Perhaps it is as simple as not ploughing through life expecting the obvious to be handed to us on a platter... Proverbs 25:2 says 'It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.' God likes it when we search out a matter, and as Christians we are royalty, children of God brought into His inheritance! Therefore it is our glory to search too! So do I want to go deeper with God? Do I want to live out of a true identity as a Son? Do you? If so, then I think we need to put a little work in. How do we search out a matter? We listen to the wisdom of others, we study and read the wisdom of God's word and we spend time in prayer with the one who knows every hair on our head (and every lost mug in our kitchen!) - Jesus; and you know

what? His promise is not to play an impossible game of hide and seek with us, it's more like when you play hide and seek with your 3 year old and you hide in an obvious spot so they can find you. God likes us to search him out but he's not into playing games with us, making it impossible to hear him. Jesus says "seek and you WILL find" (Matt 7:7) It's amazing just how a little effort on our part and God is so ready and eager to reveal himself to us. It's like the song we sing here at ECB sometimes "The more I seek you, the more I find you, the more I find you, the more I love you". As our seeking grows, so too does our love and desire for more of Him. My question for you and for me today is this: God, what is the obvious thing you are trying to tell me? Will you reveal it by your Holy Spirit and will you forgive me for walking around blindly and not putting the effort into searching you out. So cheers to all of you who can't find the glasses on your heads and remote controls in your pockets! Keep looking, and maybe get a little help!

*Blessings, Chris Hunt*

## NOTICES

### SATURDAY 24TH NOV- ENCOUNTER

An evening of worship and prayer@Gaglebrook Primary School 7-9pm

### HEADS UP FOR ANGEL TREE

Bicester Prison fellowship will be running Angel Tree for prisoners at Springhill and Grendon prisons this year. The scheme involves buying and sending gifts for children of prisoners on their behalf to help maintain family relationships.

Please pray for the programme and consider donating money or purchasing a specific gift. More details from Karen Stoddart or Peter Hill. *Deadline of 25th November!*

### ADVENT QUIET DAY ON 1ST DECEMBER

@ Emmanuel Church  
10:00-17:00

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