



WELCOME!

To the church at the heart of the
community.

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors

19th November, 2017

Denise Crook writes-

I was blessed this year with a birthday gift of art classes from my lovely husband! I've wanted to do this for a long time and although I'm enjoying it overall, at times I find it quite frustrating and can understand now why it's called a 'work' of art. I have also been surprised at my emotions at times. One thing I've struggled with is that (after asking for my permission) my art teacher has painted on my piece of art to show me what she's trying to explain! I can feel myself squirming in my seat trying desperately hard not to say "what are you doing? I don't like it the way it looks now!" Yet on other occasions I've been able to see the improvement and been pleased with the advice. It's made me think about our 'gifting's' and that usually we have to work at these things to improve and often we need to humble ourselves to be shown a better way and that we need some determination and persistence to move forward to see some surprising results we perhaps don't think we're capable of! Last week I shared a verse that has challenged me lately 'Love each other as if your lives depended on it!' I wonder, do we do this as a church? Have you discovered your gifting and blessed somebody recently? When was the last time I/we encouraged someone? Just think how amazing our church

family would look if we all 'loved each other' as that bible verse challenges. People who feel on the edge would feel included and really cared for not just on a Sunday, our children's work would grow, our teenagers would be feel they belong being mentored & empowered as the next generation etc....just imagine! (even if it is messy at times) & remember that He knows best!

Luke 9 (Msg)“Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat—I am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?”

1Peter 4:8

‘Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything.’

Love and blessings
Denise

ECB NOTICE BOARD

19th November	10:30am	Informal Worship (2nd before Advent) 'Stewardship of the Planet: understanding our role in the created order'. Romans 8:12-25. Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Nigel Crook Reading: Christine Thompson Prayers: Libby Brown
	6:30pm	Evening Service Safe? - The Glory of God (Romans 11:33-36) Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
20th November	3:10-4:15pm	After School Club (school years 4-6)
21st November	9:00am 10-noon 7pm	Prayers in Church Rock of Ages Café Prayers in church
23rd November	6:30pm 7pm	Youth group Youth group (Years 7-11)
24th November	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline Distracted Conversation - Romans 12:1-21
26th November	10:30am	Communion (Christ the King) "Time" Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Jeannette Collett Intercessions: Helle Angeleri
	6:30pm	Evening Service Series: Safe? When things go wrong Romans 8:15-17 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe

Prayer Chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk (email to receive
Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk either of these)
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Angel Tree Programme

The Bicester Prison Fellowship Group will be involved in supporting prisoner's families by buying Christmas gifts for children whose fathers are in prison locally. If you would like to donate money towards this, please speak to Peter Hill or Karen Stoddart.

Swap Shop!

25th November, 10:30-12 In the Cafe

Things to swap can be anything - clothes, bric-a-brac, toys - as long as they can go on a table top. all at the same time. Cash donations going to refugee project! If anyone can help pack up afterwards and to take excess items to charity shops, that would be wonderful. Contact Sophie. (sophiemoys@gmail.com or 07729931898).

CAP Vision Night

29th November 7:30

We would like to invite all previously trained CAP Money coaches, and anyone else who you think has the potential to join us, to an evening to share the vision and excite them about what God can do through them.

Advent Quiet Day

2nd December 10-4pm Join us for some creative ways to reflect at this busy time of year. Come for the whole day or drop in! Here at ECB with Bicester Methodist Church & the Catholic Church. More details from Carol Hill.

Providers At Christmas

Blessing those in mental health hospitals, away from family & friends at Christmas. We'd like to help donate shoebox's full of treats- we are currently taking donations for the boxes. Contact KatieBrunwin @ katiejbrunwin@outlook.com or contact the office.

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 also very welcome at Tuesday morning prayers which happen at 9am in the Community Room.

Bicester Foodbank

Janet has reported that the Foodbank shelves are now full :) Would you please consider giving financially or some "treats" ready for Christmas rather than the usual items! Sweets or colouring books would be great! She is also **urgently** looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside of Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov - 2nd December. Contact the office if you can help!

Volunteers always needed! We need all skills to help things run smoothly!
Where do you love to serve?! Speak to Ian or contact Karen in the office :)

Any notices for next week to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday
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