

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

20th Apr **10.30am EASTER ALL AGE CELEBRATION WITH COMMUNION**
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Erika Biscoe
Subject: 'He is Risen' Matthew 28:1-10
Reader: Youth Group **Prayers:** TBA

4.00pm FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION at Church
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt at Bure Park School
Please could you bring Easter eggs for this event? Thank you

7.00pm HEALING SERVICE
Leader: Katie Jenkinson **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe

22nd Apr **No prayers in Church nor seniors' café this week**
they start again next week

23rd Apr 8.45am **Church Café reopens** – in Church
10 for 10.30am **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

24th Apr 6.00-7.30pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7-9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10-13
8.00pm **Worship Group** Practice – in Church

27th Apr **10.30am 2nd of Easter – Informal Worship – Kingsmere update**
Leader: Roger Winson **Preacher:** John Bentley
Subject: TBA
Reader: Hans Cooper **Prayers:** Carol Hill

29th Apr 9.00am **Prayers** in Church
10.00am **Seniors Café** – in Church

30th Apr 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

1st May 6.00-7.30pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7-9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10-13
8.00pm **Worship Group** Practice – in Church
8.00pm **20's / 30's Group** – Bure Farm

4th May **10.30am 3rd of Easter – Informal Worship**
Leader: Erika Biscoe **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: 'Son of God' Matthew 16:13-20
Reader: Hugh White **Prayers:** Clare Bean



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

20th April 2014

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
email to receive either of these.
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk



*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.*

Ian Biscoe writes this week

Christ has Risen! He is risen indeed
Hallelujah!

Happy Easter to you all.

With our brothers and sisters in Christ
across the Churches in Bicester we
have met together over the last few
days to remember and witness to
Christ's death and today we celebrate
his rising in glory.

We will have opportunities to do
more together as Churches in Bicester
over the coming months with Love
Bicester 2014, do continue to pray for
unity in and across our churches.

Last Sunday evening Dennis Niziol
and a group from Elim Lighthouse
came to Emmanuel church to use
the baptistry in which three people
were baptised. During the baptisms
a rather strange and amazing thing
happened. A dove flew into the
church! This has never happened
before and our cleaner, Rachel,
hopes it will never happen again!

What a wonderful and strange thing
to happen during a baptism.

In Matthew 3 we read ¹⁶ *As soon as
Jesus was baptised, he went up out
of the water. At that moment
heaven was opened and he saw the
Spirit of God descending like a dove
and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice
from heaven said, 'This is my Son,
whom I love; with him I am well
pleased.'*

At Jesus' baptism the dove symbolised the Holy Spirit descending upon Him. The dove is also a symbol of peace. Of all the many benefits received through faith in the death and resurrection of Christ, peace is one of them.

Philippians 4

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Have you received the peace of Christ to guard your heart and mind?

This is a peace that goes beyond our human understanding, it is a peace that in times of worry or distress will be there, held deep within our hearts and minds assuring us of the love, mercy and power of God.

So as we gather today to celebrate all that God has done for us through Christ, I pray you will receive afresh today the peace of Christ. Amen.

Ian Biscoe

Badminton is every Thursday 8.30-9.30 pm at the Bicester Leisure Centre. You are welcome to join

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**

>>**Sharon and Dave Bambrook**

>>**Sue**, Lisa's mother, and also Lisa and Mark Verman.

Sue had an investigation on Wednesday.

Reminder about our Easter Sunday Afternoon service:-

4.00pm FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION at Church

Followed by Easter Egg Hunt at Bure Park School

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

ROTAS

Prayer Ministers

20th Apr Anointers: John Williams & Tony Shields
27th Apr John Williams
4th May TBA

Sunday Club

20th Apr
27th Apr
4th May

Bubbles

Easter Sunday no Bubbles
Doreen & Jane
Karen & TBA

Splash

Easter Sunday no Splash
Sandy & Dave
Andy & Jo A & Fleur

Sunday Club

20th Apr
27th Apr
4th May

The Grid

Easter Sunday no Grid
Hannah & Sandy
Karl & Sandy

Crèche

Easter Sunday no Crèche
Doyin & Nicola
Jane & Tosin

Welcome Team

20th Apr Rachel Matheson, John Innes
27th Apr Lisa Verman, Tony Shields, Doreen & John Thompson
4th May Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Mark Verman

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

20th Apr Hospitality Team led by Holly Howard
27th Apr Sandy Addison with Sue White's former team
4th May Heather Hindmarsh's Sunday Team
