

## ECB NOTICE BOARD

20th May	10:30am	<b>Pentecost- Guest Service</b> Come Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1-11 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Murphy Reader: Faith McLachlan Prayers: TBA
	7pm	<b>Evening Service</b> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Murphy Mission Preparation Mark 8:27-38
21st May	3:10pm	<b>After-School Club</b>
22nd May	9am	<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>
	10am	<b>Rock of Ages Café</b>
	7pm	<b>Prayers</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Prison Fellowship</b>
23rd May	10am	<b>Oasis small group</b>
25th May	7pm	<b>Prayers</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
27th May	10:30pm	<b>Informal Communion</b> John 14:12-16 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Carol Hill Reader: Sandy A. Prayers: John T.
	7pm	<b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b> Embodying the Prophetic Message John 13:1-17 Leader: Autumn Hunt Preacher: Chris Hunt

\*All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday [newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)  
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*20th May, 2018*  
*Pentecost*



*From our contributing  
writer....Erika Biscoe...*

For the last ten days the Church of England have encouraged Christians to take part in a ten-day prayer initiative entitled, Thy Kingdom come. This is what it says on their website;

*“Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops’ of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.”*

The churches in Bicester responded by putting together a varied programme through the week including a night of prayer, prayer stations, prayer walks and finally a final celebration held here last night.

At the prayer events I attended I felt a sense of unity amongst the churches gathered and an excitement that God’s spirit is moving amongst us and

encouraging us to advance his kingdom in Bicester and beyond. Many scriptures were shared but there is one that resonated with me that was shared at the first prayer meeting;

*‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for your father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.’ Luke 12:32*

This verse comes near the end of instructions from Jesus to his disciples on ‘do not worry; about your life what you should eat; or about your body what you should wear.’ The previous verse tells us to seek first the Kingdom and all these things will be added to you.

Seeking the kingdom means making Jesus the lord and king of your life. When we seek first the kingdom, when we pray “Thy kingdom come we are to believe the words ‘Do not be afraid little flock.’ Christians in Bicester may only represent 8% of the population but we have a God that give us the courage and assurance to know that he is pleased to give us his kingdom and we need to ask for boldness to declare that to others.

Today we welcome back a dear friend Roger Murphy who will be speaking at our morning and evening services. His heart and passion is to tell others about Jesus and I feel it is a fitting way to end a week focused on Thy Kingdom come with specific focus on praying for more people to know Jesus. Prayer is an integral part of our relationship with God. If we are to become more Christ like and stay in tune with God prayer should remain paramount in our everyday lives. I pray that as you grow in prayer God will reveal to you his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

*Amen*

*-Notices-*

### Pioneer Open Days @ CMS

Monday 21 May, 2018 & Tuesday 12 June, 2018  
10.30am – 2.30pm @ Church Mission Society  
Oxford OX4 6BZ      RSVP: Helen Harwood @  
01865 787439 [pioneer@churchmissionsociety.org](mailto:pioneer@churchmissionsociety.org)

### Garden Talk Saturday 2 June,

10.30-12noon at Emmanuel Church café, all welcome.  
Debbie Winson. Email: [drwinson@msn.com](mailto:drwinson@msn.com)

### Gill Gifford Special Event- 9th June

“The Message of the Cross” 9:30-3:30 pm @ ECB

### Holiday Club! Monday 30th July - 3rd August 2018!

With a a big family celebration evening Wed 1st Aug (with all 3 CIB holiday clubs) @ Bure Park school. If you would like to help out either all week or on the Wednesday evening please email [ian.biscoe@gmail.com](mailto:ian.biscoe@gmail.com)

*\*deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays!!*

