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**20 June 2010**

**Welcome to ECB this morning** and a special warm welcome to Dr. Milton Acosta, Professor of Old Testament Studies from Columbia and over here as part of the Langham Consultation at Wycliffe during their preaching conference week. Dr. Acosta will be interviewed during the service. He is also joining us on our Father's Day picnic at Andrew & Jeanette's home after the service. I hope you all are coming to the picnic and will take the opportunity to speak to our distinguished guest informally.

**Half-night of Prayer.** Well done to the 20 or more of you who made it to the half night of prayer this week. Amongst other things, God led us to pray for the building and hands were laid on those attending the meeting this week. Some of the words given have been put on the Welcome Desk for your encouragement.

**Diocesan help for the building fund.** Thank you all who prayed for the meeting on Thursday. The Churchwardens, Treasurer, Rachel Jolly and I were privileged to host the Archdeacon, Julian Hubbard, the Diocesan Director of Finance, Nigel Wearne, the Diocesan Director of Glebe and Buildings, Roger Harwood, the Area Dean, Charles Masheder, and the Diocesan Advisor on Fund Raising, Robin Brunner-Ellis. I am delighted to report that the promised

£50,000 has been immediately approved and we will soon be reimbursed for some of our outlay. I was immensely encouraged that the Diocese want to see the Church built as much as we do and the whole morning was spent trying to find a way to bring this about. A 7 pronged plan of attack was tabled by the Archdeacon which will hopefully raise the remaining funding we are hoping for. Details of these ideas have already been sent to you in the electronic notices. (If you are not signed up to that and want to be, tell Lyn.). These will be pursued and we shall meet again in September to review progress. Keep praying!

**Stones.** There are many stones mentioned in the Bible – beautifully prepared massive carved stones for the Temple, stones for executing various criminals and stones that prevent the gospel being really life changing. Then there are the stones on our land which are being used to damage cars in the doctor's surgery. We urgently need to try and clear the land of these ready made missiles and calm the fierce anger boiling up from the doctor's surgery. Helpers needed please! A boot full to Ardley in 3 or 4 cars should be the solution. Meanwhile I am exploring the cost of top soil and grass seed.

*Blessings Chris*

**ECB's NOTICE BOARD**

- 20 June** Fathers' Day picnic after Church - Venue at the Collett's farm
- 23 June** Messy Church 4-6 pm at St. Edburg's Church Hall
- 27 June** 10.30 Etienne's priesting at Dorchester Abbey  
6.30 St. Edburg's church hall Seeking the Spirit evening worship  
Girls' cell
- 29 June** Building & Vision Committee at 4 Orpine Close
- 05 July** Standing Committee at 4 Orpine Close
- 12 July** ECB prayer meeting at 4 Orpine Close or would someone like to host the prayer meeting? Please let Chris or Lyn know.
- 13 July** Girls' Cell
- 20 July** Girls' Social
- 26 July** PCC

*No meetings during the month of August!*

Emmanuel Church Bicester invites you to

**MESSY CHURCH**  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
4-6pm  
St Edburg's Church Hall

**Worship**

**Food CRAFT**

For more details contact Karen on 01869 244945 or 07988137857  
It would help for catering if we know you are planning to come

Well done on the 9 who cycled 5.5 miles round Bicester last Sunday to raise funds for the building.



**The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God: CS Lewis, Narnia and the Planets**

The Revd Dr. Michael Ward will be giving a public lecture based on his highly acclaimed book, Planet Narnia on Tuesday 29 June at 8 p.m. at St Peters College Chapel All welcome. Free.

**ROCKY'S Plaice**

Holiday Club 2010  
16-20 August  
Children aged 5 - 11

**Cell Groups Sunday Duties**

- 20 June** Rach, Sven & Maria
  - 27 June** Buracell
  - 4 July** Peter & Carol
  - 11 July** Roger & Debbie
- More volunteers to help Cells set up and serve refreshments needed one Sunday in six. If you are not in a cell, how about volunteering?**

**Crèche**

- 20 June** Rachel & Hannah
- 27 June** Jenny & Cathleen
- 11 July** Vera & Andrea
- 18 July** Jo Taylor & Emma
- 25 July** Paula & Rachel

