

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

20th August 10.30am **Informal Worship – Summer pattern Trinity 10**
New Testament Bible characters – Apostle Paul
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Leader: Geoff Saunders **Preacher:** Carol Hill
Reading: Jeanette Collett **Prayers :** Jackie Meek

7.00pm **Evening Service**
Table Talk – Testimonies
All about you Jesus
Leader: Hugh White

25th – 29th August **Youth at Soul Survivor**

27th August 10.30am **Informal Communion– Summer pattern Trinity 11**
New Testament Bible characters
Leader: Peter Hill **Preacher:** Robert Jackson
Reading: Lisa Verman **Prayers :** Hugh White

7.00pm **Evening Service**
Table Talk – Testimonies
Leaders: Phil & Annie Croxford

3rd September 10.30am **All Age Worship – Trinity 12**
Dedication of Finn Jolly
Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Erika Biscoe
Reading: Sandy Addison **Prayers :** Carol Hill

7.00pm **Evening Service**

5th September 9.00am **Prayers in Church**
 10.00-12noon **Rock of Ages Café**
 7.00-7.30pm **Prayers in church**

6th September 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group**
 7.00-7.30pm **Prayers in church**
 7.15 for 7.30pm **Church Meal**
 (Sign up details to follow)



Welcome!

*to the church
 at the heart
 of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**20th August
 2017**

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.

Jude Cranston writes:

August is a funny time of year. I still think of it as the 'holidays', despite rarely taking holiday in August, and often being more busy, at work covering for those off with school age children and at home trying to entertain children while normal groups stop for summer. And despite, as this year is demonstrating, it not necessarily being the hottest or sunniest month.

It is of course important that we do all take holiday, at whatever time of year suits us. And that does not only apply to those who work. The Oxford Dictionary defines holiday as 'an extended period of leisure and recreation'. I would define it simply as 'rest'. God calls us to "Work for six days and rest the seventh" (Exodus 23:12). Jesus also demonstrated the necessity of rest: 'Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet

place and rest awhile.'" (Mark 6:31).

Many of the children I work with really struggle during the school holidays. They find reassurance and security in routine, and when their routine changes it can be confusing and scary. In some ways, we are all like this; we have our own routine or way of doing things that we are comfortable with. I think it is because of this that I find reassurance in the fact that God never changes. God is the same today as He was when He created the universe.

As I write that, there is a part of me shouting 'Really?! The God of wrath that we see in the Old Testament is the same God as the God of love we see in the New Testament?' Really this is too big a question for the 100 words I have left in this newsletter!

So, I will simply say, yes! God loves us, He is our Father, and therefore in love must discipline us. In the Old Testament sacrifices are given to atone one's sin.

In the New Testament, God made the sacrifice for us. The Old Testament points to the New Testament, where 'God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son...¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.' (1 John 4:9-10).

So be reassured, whether you're on holiday or not, God loves you, and that will never, ever, change.

Blessings

Jude

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
Weekly Tuesday prayers restarts on 5th September

CHURCH MEAL

Wednesday 6th September from 7:15pm. Details about booking will be available next week, but please put the date in your diary.

CAP MONEY COURSE - Running at ECB on Wednesday evenings— 13th, 20th and 27th September. Churches in Bicester are hoping to develop a CAP Money team to offer this course to the people of Bicester in the New Year – would you consider being part of this? The September course is open to all, but if you would like to consider becoming a CAP Money Coach this will be an opportunity to experience the course. Book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cap-money-course-tickets-36436229744>

ALPHA COURSE - We are planning to run an ALPHA course on a Tuesday evening starting in October. If you are interested in joining or know someone who is then please contact the office.

HARVEST WEEKEND – 7th & 8th October. Our harvest weekend coincides with a visit from evangelist Roger Murphy and his team. Look out for details of events nearer the time. We will have our usual "Grown in Bicester" Harvest Celebration, Saturday 7 October 4-6pm with activities and a meal made from locally grown ingredients. Julia Mills is taking the lead in preparing the food. She would be happy to know if you have anything you are growing that you could bring and share. Debbie Winson - email_drwinson@msn.com

Social badminton

Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre. Speak to Clare Bean if interested.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

20th August Del Hindmarsh & Rose Hunt
27th August Steve Willott & Sandy Addison
3rd September Debbie Winson & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

20th August MSG and Mon 20's & 30's
27th August Oasis & Super small group
3rd September Alpha Plus and Cherish

Sunday Club

20th August
27th August
3rd September

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
All Age Service

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
All Age Service

Sunday Club

20th August
27th August
3rd September

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
All Age Service

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
All Age Service

Youth

20th August
27th August
3rd September

The Grid (School year 7+)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
All Age Service

Finance Team

20th August Roger Winson & Ian Brown
27th August Pete Stoddart & Ian Brown
3rd September Roger Winson & Steve Willott

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday at administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk