

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

20th November	10.30am	Informal Worship Christ the King <i>Abundance</i> Leader: Gemma Wilkinson Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Holly Howard Prayers: Katie Jenkinson
	7.00pm	Churches In Bicester Evening Service <i>Abundant Life</i> Preacher: Scott Dalton
21st November	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
22nd November	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.15pm	Living Well in the End Times – session 4
	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship
23rd November	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7pm	Marriage Course
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
24th November	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
	8.00pm	PCC at 4 Orpine Close
25th November	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline
26th November	10am-4pm	Advent Quiet Day
27th November	10.30am	Informal Communion Advent 1 <i>Sharing the Harvest – 1 Cor 9:1-18</i> Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Dave Bambrook Prayers: Jackie Meek
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Encounter God Evening</i> Led by Rachel Bowen & the Worship Team



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

**Sunday 20th
November
2016**

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.

Gemma Wilkinson writes:

We read in Matthew 4:18-20:

“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”

I’m afraid nothing so dramatic happened to me.

I hope to have met and spoken to most of you since beginning my time a ECB, but for those you who I have not yet had the pleasure to meet: Hello! My name is Gemma Wilkinson and I am a second year ordinand at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. I’m training to be a Vicar and Emmanuel is my placement Church until Easter.

Before I was at theological college I was a Children’s and Youth Worker for a Church in Greenham, Newbury. Before that I was a student intending to be a teacher. Somewhere between leaving university and applying for teacher training the conviction that I needed to do something else... grew.

I ended up training to be a Vicar because I feel that’s what God wants me to do... I want to work closely with people to help them grow in their experience and understanding of God.

My training is college based, meaning I live at Cuddesdon which is just 6 miles outside of Oxford (in the rolling countryside). I have been there for just over a year and have another year and half of college-training to complete. I hope (God willing) to be ordained in 2018 and at the moment I don’t know where I’ll be working.

I am studying fulltime for a degree in Theology, Mission and Ministry as well as looking at practical subjects such as Preaching and Leadership. I also, along with the other students at Cuddesdon

(there are around 50 of us), take it in turns to lead worship twice each day using a variety of worship styles from things very like Emmanuel but also including some quite Anglo-Catholic things as well.



My time here is a placement learning about how the Church works, what roles people have and how the church engages with the community etc.

Please do speak to me and share your thoughts and experiences! Just as I'm very happy to share anything else you'd like to know about me.

Blessings Gemma

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or send an email to the church office on a Monday to be included in Tuesday morning prayers.

Churches in Bicester Service – 20th November 7pm

Scott Dalton will be preaching at this Sunday's evening service as the Abundant Life conference draws to a close. ECB café will be open from 6:30pm as usual.

Living Well in the End Times

A short seminar series on logistics around the end of life. The final session is on Tuesday 22nd Nov starting at 7:15pm.

Advent Quiet Day – 26th November 10am to 4pm

Come and explore the mystery of the Incarnate Christ, and find the Christ who is within ourselves. Enjoy some quiet time in this Advent season when we once again prepare to welcome the Christ child into our midst.

See flyers or contact Chris Shields for more details. christinashields01@gmail.com

Christmas Flyers

These are now available with details of all the ECB events leading up to Christmas. Please take some to give to friends, neighbours, colleagues etc.

Comedians & Carols – Wed 14th December at 7:30pm

Tickets are now available from the office at £8 adult/£5 concession. A great opportunity to bring your friends and neighbours.

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Welcome Team

20th November John Thompson & Debbie Winson
27th November Steve Willott & Heather Hindmarsh
4th December Heather Hindmarsh & Tony Shields

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

20th November Hilarious
27th November 20's & 30's
4th December Connect & MSG

Sunday Club

20th November
27th November
4th December

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Sophie & Lonah
Jane & Rowan
Sophie & Elizabeth A

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Claire & Qi
Helle & Doyin
Heidi & Matt

Sunday Club

20th November
27th November
4th December

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jo W & TBC
Peter H & Mike
Jackie & Liz W

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Sandy A & Ceri
And & Liz W
Nicola & Ceri

Youth

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The Grid (School year 7+)

Karl & Fleur
Sam W & Sandy D
Sam G & Debbie

Finance Team

20th November Karen Stoddart & Steve Willott
27th November James Dunne & Geoff Saunders
4th December Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch

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