

ECB NOTICE BOARD

21st January	10:30am	Informal Worship- Epiphany 3 Surrender 2; Genesis 12:1-9 Leader: Roger Winson Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Ian Brown
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) Epiphany 3- Beatitudes 3 Matthew 5:5,6,9,10 Leader: Geoffrey Saunders Preacher: Carol Hill
22nd January	3:10pm	After School Club
23rd January	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages
	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Prison Fellowship
	7:45pm	PCC Meeting
24th January	10am	Oasis Small Group
25th January	7pm	Youth Group (Yrs 7-11)
26th January	7:30pm	Friday Evening Compline
28th January	10:30am	Informal Communion Service-Epiphany 4 Surrender 3; Luke 9:23-25 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Robert Jackson
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) Beatitudes 4/Jn 11:1-6, 4, 23-37,41-42 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson

**All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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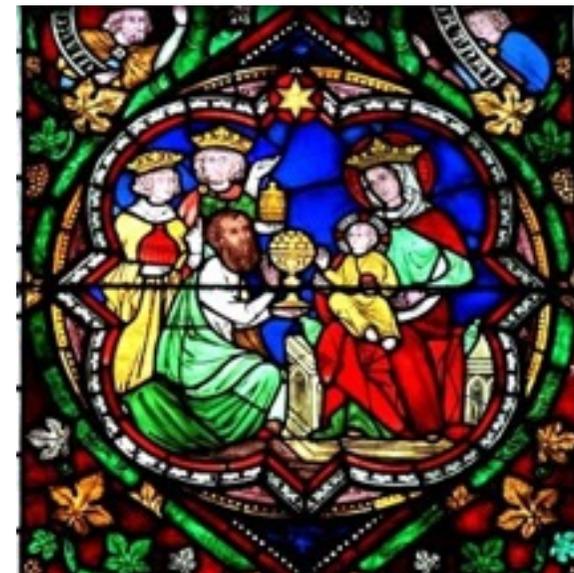
Epiphany 3

21st January, 2018

Welcome!

**To the church at the heart of the
community.**

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors
alike.





*A message from our
contributing writer...*

At the start of this week there was the unwelcome news of the collapse of Carillion, one of the Governments' chief engineering and supply contractors. One may well ask how could such a large government funded organisation like this fail so spectacularly, with the subsequent loss of so many jobs and careers emanating out into the wider community, affecting far more people than just Carillion's staff.

My personal feelings about this disaster is that profit has been put before people and that many at the top put themselves before others. Whilst business leaders have to be hard headed and shrewd, their responsibility should always be first and foremost to their staff and employees, because companies who do that are generally far more successful with the bottom line taking care of itself. Whilst I accept this may be an over simple understanding of this particular case the principals

remain the same, namely that if we don't care for one another we are on a road to failure because we all need each other.

How will this impact our lives here at ECB? Just as we don't know when Jesus will return we must all be ready with our lamps fully charged with oil. We should also be prepared to minister to those in need as Ian had shared with us as a Church last Sunday, to reach out more especially as individuals. If you see a need in the church or your locality perhaps God is prompting you into action as you will be the perfect person for that role.

Be encouraged and step out in faith this new year and be ready to be surprised by the outcome.

*Every blessing to you all,
Andrew*

Notices

A Big Thank You!

.....to everyone who supported the Children's Society through Christingle and the Giant Christmas Card. We raised a total of £372.30 for the Children's Society of which £33.07 came from the card and the rest from Christingle.

Churches in Bicester Refugee Support

is recruiting volunteers to befriend and help in practical ways a Syrian refugee family who will be moving into a house in Bicester purchased by investors from local churches. Volunteers will need to have a DBS check and appointment would need to be approved by a church minister and Refugee Support. If you are willing to help, please contact Sophie Moys (sophiemoys@gmail.com).

Local Help Needed

One of the Syrian refugee families in Bicester would love bikes for their children. They have a boy aged 11 (slightly smaller than average), a 9 year old girl (average height) and a 6 year old boy (average height). Please contact Rebecca Mitchell-Farmer at rmitchellfarmer@icloud.com if you can donate a good quality second hand bike or would like to make a financial donation.

Monday 19th February

Food bank

Fundraiser at Nando's- food and entertainment 7 o'clock £10 phone Janet Ray 01869 35718 for more details.

Please send prayer requests to:
prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk