

## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	<b>Trinity 8 – Informal Worship</b> <b>Leader:</b> Roger Winson <b>Preacher:</b> Peter Hill <b>Subject:</b> 'Fasting' Matt 6:16-18 <b>Prayers:</b> Lonah Hebditch
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
25 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00pm	<b>ECB Prayer Group</b> – contact Katie Jenkinson
28 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	<b>Trinity 9 – Holy Communion</b> <i>with anointing and prayer during communion</i> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Andrew Collett <b>Subject:</b> 'Treasures in Heaven' Matt 6:19-24 <b>Prayers:</b> Carol Hill
	7.00pm	<b>Contemplative Prayer – in Church</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> July – Aug 2nd		<b>Holiday Club starts today – in Church</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
1 <sup>st</sup> August	8.00pm 8.00pm	<b>ECB Prayer Group</b> – contact Katie Jenkinson <b>20's / 30's Group</b> – at Bure Farm
4 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	<b>Trinity 10 – Holiday Club Celebration</b> <b>Leader:</b> Karen Stoddart <b>Preacher:</b> Dennis Niziol <b>Subject:</b> 'Pyramid Rock' <b>Prayers:</b> Pete Hill

### Take a break!

The next worship practice will be in September

The church cafe is closed during the School Summer Holidays (but open during the Holiday Club)

There are no Tuesday prayer meetings in August

Thursday night Youth Groups start again in September



# Welcome!

*to the church  
at the heart  
of the community*

21<sup>st</sup> July 2013

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*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.*

### Tim Howard writes this week

The early morning sun has just appeared over the trees at the far end of the field, the tractor and sprayer sweep gently to and fro in the field, half submerged in a sea of flowering barley. There is a dead calm and the sprayer is working perfectly, fantastic, soon be onto the next field. A spray nozzle splutters. I stop the tractor to unblock the nozzle. As I jump down I land astride an amazing spider's web, it's curled the ear of barley round and wrapped the tensed ear in silk, I kneel down to inspect more closely; the sun catches the silk threads and the eyes from within. My eyes are at crop level, there are a thousand billion dew drop diamonds sparkling on the barley awns. The gentle breeze picks

up, and the sea of barley isn't the mill pond that it was. I notice two pricked ears not moving in the breeze, not ears of barley but of a deer. Little more than ten metres away, a Roe fawn has been studying me while I study the spider and wonder at God's creation. His head rises imperceptibly slowly, I see his eyes now, we share a moment, I blink and he disappears in a burst of atomised dew, was it something I said, or perhaps he knew it was breakfast time! I passed him in the next field as I chugged home, he had found his mum; they were munching on sweet smelling, newly cut hay.

This was part of a conversation with God, some fairly pathetic early morning mutterings from me, and an amazing 'Take a look at this!' from God, accompanied by a blessed embrace. I don't always remember to open the door to Jesus, and even if I do, it's just too

easy to get distracted.

Later the same day I find myself in a very different place. I'm knee-deep in mud by a water trough that was fighting hard not to be mended, the cows, overheating and impatient for clean water, jostling and shoving, the flies biting as hard as the trough was fighting. A cow knocks some sense into me and I stop, I realise that I left Jesus back in the barley field. I was able to finish the trough with a chuckle.

There are two points to the ramble, so I will leave you with both to dwell upon:

1. How do we remember to keep Jesus constantly with us during our waking hours, in active dialogue, particularly when things aren't going to plan?

2. Jesus yearns for one-to-one time with us, he is always there, always available. You don't need to make a diary appointment.

*'Behold I stand at the door, and knock, if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with me'. (Revelation 3:20)*

*Blessings,*

*Tim*

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**Holiday Club: July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday club needs spare shoe boxes if you have any lying around. The children decorate them during the week and use them to take home all their completed crafts and other items at the end of the week.

Please keep praying for Holiday Club, for the right number of leaders and that enough children will sign up for each venue - and that we have a great week learning about Joseph and getting to know Jesus better.

Talk to Karen Stoddart to reserve places  
and offer your assistance

**Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at**  
[rogerwinson@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerwinson@btinternet.com)

**Keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.**

**Prayer Ministry**

21<sup>st</sup> July **Chris Shields:**  
Katie Jenkinson & John Williams;  
Dorothy Williams & Mike Watermeyer  
28<sup>th</sup> July **Chris Shields and Tony Shields:**  
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool  
4<sup>th</sup> Aug **John Thompson**  
Plus volunteers from the Prayer Ministers' pool

<b>Sunday Club</b>	<b>Bubbles</b>	<b>Splash</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Jenny Butter & Paula Alvarez & Catherine	Karen Stoddart & Nathan Argyle
28 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>

<b>Sunday Club</b>	<b>The Grid</b>	<b>Crèche</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Paul Hayton & Sandy D'Amon	Rachel Coleman & Vicky Watermeyer
28 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Craft Activities</i>	<i>Craft Activities</i>

**Welcome Team**

21<sup>st</sup> July Dave Bambrook, Jeannette Collett, Peter Hill  
28<sup>th</sup> July Rachel Matheson, John Innes  
4<sup>th</sup> Aug Lisa Higginson, Tony Shields, Doreen & John Thompson

**Small Group Duties**

21<sup>st</sup> July Peter & Carol Hill  
28<sup>th</sup> July Claire Bean  
4<sup>th</sup> Aug Embrace