

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

21st September 10.30am **Trinity 14**

Leader: Al Bowen **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe
Subject: Jesus Predicts his death Matthew 20:17-19
Reader: Michelle Blackwell-Baker **Prayers:** Katie Jenkinson

21st September 7.00pm Worship **Leaders:** Rachel Bowen, Denise Crook

22nd September **CAP Money Reunion** – 8.00pm at church

23rd September 9.00am **Prayers** in Church

10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs 12 & 13 (Rosie's house)
7.30pm **Prison Fellowship** - Church Prayer Room

24th September 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

7.30pm **Mathetes** course in church

25th September 8pm-9pm **Band practice**

6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10 & 11
7.30pm Induction of **Rev Verena Breed** as Rector of the Bicester Team at St Edburg's church

26th September 2.00pm Memorial Service for **Paul Seston**

7.00pm Preaching Course – Preaching & Evaluation

27th September 9.30am – 1.00pm Preaching Course - Preaching & Evaluation

28th September 10.30am **Communion Trinity 15**

Leader: Ian Biscoe **Preacher:** Roger Winson
Subject: Whoever wants to be first Matthew 20:20-28
Reader: Sue White **Prayers:** Jackie Meek

28th September 7.00pm Robots v Humans – Part 2 **Nigel Crook**

30th September 9.00am **Prayers** in Church

10.00 to 12 noon **Seniors' Café**
7.30-9.00pm **Youth Small group** – Yrs 12 & 13 (Rosie's house)
10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

1st October 10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room

7.30pm **Mathetes** course in church

2nd October 8pm-9pm **Band practice**

6.30-8.00pm **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
7.00-9.00pm **Youth Group** outing – Years 10 & 11



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

21st September 2014



Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

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.

Chris Shields writes:

Whilst searching for a birthday card I came across one which I found rather amusing (apologies to the men reading this!) The picture was of two women sitting together on a couch nattering over a cup of tea. The man was sitting next to them obviously deep or lost in thought. One of the women says, 'Why is it that men are so good at selective deafness?' The man says 'The football is on and I would love a beer!'

In our scripture passage this morning Jesus explains to the disciples that he was about to be betrayed, condemned to death, he would be mocked and flogged and then crucified. BUT - on the third day he would be gloriously raised from death to life.

The disciples still did not understand the message Jesus was giving them

even though this was for the third time.

Was the message that Jesus conveyed just too awful for them to comprehend? After all, Jesus death was not part of their expectations for a messiah who would come and release them and their nation from the tyranny of Roman rule.

So, in a way they closed their ears to the message, displaying 'selective deafness', and as we see in the verses following today's passage, the disciples argued over their positions in Christ's kingdom, who was to have the best seats on the right and left of Jesus throne. They were thinking only of themselves.

Do we also close our minds to the message of Christ? Do we only hear things that we want to hear and deny those messages which may be unpleasant or where our true selves are under scrutiny and we may have to repent or forgive?

Are we open to opportunities to serve, to share the gospel? Do we hear when God speaks to us, or are we also 'selective' in

our listening and hearing God's word?

Let us listen attentively to Him when he calls to us with words of love, grace and mercy. Let us meet with the Lord this morning, bringing ourselves as gifts to him in our worship, in our prayers and in our welcome and service to others.

Perhaps we too find the message of Christ difficult to understand and to follow. Living the Christian life is not always easy and often we can be faced with hardships and difficulties.

Jesus came to save us by dying on the cross as an atonement for the sins of the world. We must therefore acknowledge that Jesus has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and death, our sins are forgiven and Jesus has given us the promise of eternal life with Him.

Blessings Chris

This week, we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including: -

Steve Willott in his loss of **Yvonne**

Sue Lewis, Lisa's mother, and also **Lisa and Mark Verman**

Nathan and **Jo Argyle** in the loss of Jo's brother **Darren**

Robots vs Humans Part 2

What does it mean to be human? What are robots really capable of and are humans nothing more than biological machines? Nigel Crook will be giving the second part of the Robots vs Humans talk at 7pm on Sunday 28th September at ECB.

HARVEST CELEBRATION, Saturday 11 October 4-6pm.

We are growing and preserving fruit and vegetables ready for our Harvest Meal. If you have a glut of produce, eggs or something you would like to donate please tell Debbie Winson or Holly Howard. Please also let us know if you have any garden flowers that we could make up into posies to decorate the tables. Debbie Winson email drwinson@msn.com.

Newcomers Lunch – Sunday 5th October 12.45-2.30pm

Are you new to ECB, would you like to find out more about us as a church and meet others who have just joined. If you have not yet received an invitation please email Karen (administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk) for details.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – contact Chris Bean for details

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

21st September Katie Jenkinson
28th September John & Dorothy Williams (Communion)
5th October Christine Thompson

Sunday Club

21st September Jo W & Jane M
28th September Peter H & Dave B
5th October Helle, TBA & Angharad

Bubbles

Splash

Kate and Vera
Sandy & Nicola
Andy & Jo

Sunday Club

21st September Hannah & Debbie
28th September Karl & Sandy
5th October Tom & Debbie

The Grid

Crèche

Claire and TBA
Doyin & Nicola
Claire & Tosin

Welcome Team

21st September John and Doreen Thompson
28th September Heather Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson
5th October Mark Verman & Tony Shields

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

21st September Heather
28th September Clare Bean
5th October Debbi P

Finance Team

21st September Pete Stoddart, Steve Willott
28th September Roger Winson, Nick Hebditch
5th October Peter Stoddart, Tom Mitchell

The Church Office is now located on the 2nd floor and is open to callers Tues-Fri 9.30 to 12.30. Phone number 01869 320021

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