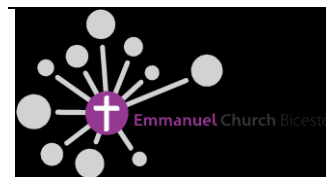


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

22nd February	10.30am Informal Communion – Lent 1 Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Tim Howard <i>Sheep and Goats</i> <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i> Reader: Sue White Prayers: Ian Brown
	7.00pm DVD - Evening led by the Discipleship Team
23rd February	3.10–4.15pm After school club for school years 4-6
24th February	9.00am Prayers in Church 10.00 to 12.00 Seniors' Café 7.30-9.00pm Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13 7.30pm Prison Fellowship
25th February	10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
26th February	6.30-8.00pm Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9 7.30-9.00pm Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11 8.00-9.00pm Band practice
1st March	10.30am Informal Worship – Lent 2 Leader: Rachel Woods Preacher: Ian Biscoe <i>Expensive Perfume</i> <i>Matthew 26:6-13</i> Reader: Hugh White Prayers: Dora Potter
	7.00pm - Prayer Evening – Walking the Labyrinth
2nd March	3.10–4.15pm After school club for school years 4-6
3rd March	9.00am Prayers in Church 10.00 to 12.00 Seniors' Café 7.30-9.00pm Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
4th March	10.00 for 10.30 Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room 7.30pm Mathetes starts again
5th March	6.30-8.00pm Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9 7.30-9.00pm Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11 8.00-9.00pm Band practice



**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**22nd February
2015**

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.

Debbie Winson writes:

I have just come indoors from wandering around my garden. The snowdrops are out, the winter-flowering heathers are pinky- red and leaves of crocuses and daffodils are emerging. It is spring again! It is time to complete winter pruning and start sowing seeds indoors for summer glory. This year I am hoping that we will grow cut flowers to have in church, and grow and preserve food for the Harvest Supper Outreach on Saturday 10 October. Last year we had a wonderful team effort for our Harvest celebration: enthusiastic gardeners brought eggs, fruit, vegetables and salad leaves, Holly and her team prepared a banquet of soup, quiches, salads and hot fruit puddings, and our flower arrangers and crafts people shared harvest themed activities.

And there was the chilli tasting! This year I am looking forward to the same

only different; lots of us working together and lots of guests, all enjoying the magnificence of God's provision for us.

It sometimes seems that the church lines itself against what science is trying to do, but there are many who seek to understand the world through what the Bible teaches and through scientific endeavour. In I Kings 4 there is a description of the wisdom of King Solomon.

"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore----. He was wiser than any other man----. He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. He described plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish." I Kings 4 v 29, 31, 32-33.

The plans for the Eco-town development include communal herb beds, allotments and a fruit tree for each front garden. My vision is for one "arm" of the church to be involved with

both food growing and wildlife conservation, so we can reach out to folk attracted to the ideals of the Eco-town, and explain in humbleness, that we worship a great God who gives us the abundance of plants and animals that Solomon in his time described. I am off now to sow some seeds----- looking forward to a harvest of food and a harvest of souls for Christ.



Blessings Debbie

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

Healing ministry course - Running from April to July on six Sunday evenings 5pm to 7pm at the Salvation Army Hall. It will be delivered by Rev Paul Springate, former director at Harnhill Healing Centre. If you are interested in attending, please register with: lesleytaylor1960@hotmail.com. It would be great if you can just let Katie Jenkinson know as well that you are interested as our approach to prayer ministry at ECB is based around Harnhill's approach to prayer.

Parenting course - Presented via DVD (9 sessions) and discussion in small group setting. To begin in March in Upper Heyford (Mike and Vick's house). For more details see www.lovingonpurpose.com/parenting or speak to Mike & Vicky.

Sunday Evening Service – 1st March

If you have not experienced walking a Labyrinth before then you are particularly encouraged to come along. *Details from Chris Shields.*

Women's Bible Study - The Heyford Park Women's Bible Study group will be starting Stasi Eldredge's book **Becoming Myself** on Thursday 26 February 2015 at 8pm. Any ladies interested in joining are welcome! *Further details from Sharon Martin on 07765920734*

Wine tasting - Friday 6th March at 7.30pm

Hannah Shipman has a few places left at the wine tasting. Suggested donation is £12.50. If you'd like to know more or come along please speak to Hannah or email hannah_288@hotmail.com

Angel Tree – Mothering Sunday. Karen will be selling chocolate fudge to raise money for this Prison Fellowship project which helps Young Offenders send a card and gift to their mums or other female relative on Mothering Sunday.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – starts again in the Spring (watch this space)

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

22 nd February	Chris & Tony Shields – Anointing at Communion
1 st March	Dorothy Williams
8 th March	Christine Thompson

Sunday Club

22 nd February
1 st March
8 th March

Bubbles

Jo & Jane
Helle, Tom & Angharad
<i>Interactive Worship</i>

Splash

Nicola & Nathan
And & Beckie
<i>Interactive Worship</i>

Sunday Club

22 nd February
1 st March
8 th March

The Grid

Sam G & Debbie
Karl & Sandy
<i>Interactive Worship</i>

Crèche

Claire & Toeni
Doyin & Vicky/Mike
<i>Interactive Worship</i>

Welcome Team

22 nd February	Debbie Winson & Hugh White
1 st March	Heather Hindmarsh & Tony Shields
8 th March	Nathan Argyle & Sue White

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

22 nd February	Oasis & Debbi
1 st March	Hilarious
8 th March	Spirited

Finance Team

22 nd February	Roger Winson & Ian Brown
1 st March	Peter Stoddart & Steve Willott
8 th March	James Dunne & Jo Withers

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