

ECB NOTICE BOARD

22nd April	10:30am	Informal Communion (followed by APCM) "Culture of Honour" - John 13:31-35 Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Liz Winson Prayers: Mike Watermeyer
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) APCM Sunday "Being a chaplain" Isaiah 61 Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Peter Hill
23rd April	3:10pm	After School Club
24th April	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages
	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Prison Fellowship
25th April	10am	Oasis small group
20th April	7pm	Prayers
	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline
29th April	10:30am	Doing It Differently Service- Matthew 4:1 - 11 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Mark Ellis Reader: Dave Bambrook Prayers: Katie J.
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) New Series on Prophecy- What is prophecy? 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Nigel Crook



Easter 4
22nd April, 2018



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*A message from
our contributing
writer.....*



April is the month when we at Emmanuel Church review the year gone by and set the priorities for the year to come. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this Sunday after the morning service, and a break for bacon sandwiches!

The APCM is designed as one of the checks and balances in the life of an Anglican Church. Is our building being properly looked after? Is the money which we give being spent wisely? Are we using our gifts to the fullest in accordance with our best understanding of God's plan?

Last Sunday Ian set out 3 priorities for 2018-9: Pastoral care, Elmsbrook outreach and the Missional House. If you have an email address you may well have received an invitation to fill in a questionnaire about pastoral care at Emmanuel Church. The broad outline is that whilst some people, as well

as being a member of the church, also belong to a Small Group where they know everyone and are known by everyone in the group, about half of all church members do not belong to a Small Group. Maybe we could do better at giving people a sense that they matter? That they have an important part to play in the life of our church? Please fill in the questionnaire either on line or at the Welcome Desk at the beginning or end of the services this month. I am involved with the Elmsbrook outreach through the Elmsbrook Gardening Group, which has been meeting in the Community House monthly. Ian and Erika are building relationships with their neighbours and through the winter have been inviting folk to join them for Table Talk. Sam Williams has started a weekly after school club. As the outreach develops there will be more opportunities for people to get involved.

My prayer for the Missional House is for it to be the place where teenagers and young adults can find authentic Christian worship for their generation. Ask Sam Williams, Ben Biscoe or Joe Hemmings about their vision! Finally, I would like to offer an enormous THANK YOU to the TEAMS who are enabling us to spread something of God's love into Bure Park and Southwold.

For the Easter Party, we used the Bible Society's "Seriously Surprising Story" to provide a fresh presentation of what it must have been like to meet Jesus risen from death. The event was full of Holy Spirit love and power that will count for eternity.

*Blessings,
Debbie Winson*

Notices:

APCM – 22nd April.

The Annual Meeting will take place today, after our morning service! To encourage attendance there will be bacon sandwiches provided! There are 7 vacancies for PCC members and 1 for a Deanery Synod rep. Only those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. The 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements has been circulated by email round the notice chain with some paper copies available in church.

Gill Gifford Special Event- 9th June

"The Message of the Cross"

9:30-3:30 pm

See Flyer for details

*deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays