

## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 22<sup>nd</sup> June**      **10.30am Trinity 1 – Communion Service**  
**Leader:** Ian Biscoe                      **Preacher:** Tim Howard  
**Subject:** 'Lost Sheep'                      Matthew 18:10-14  
**Reader:** Michelle Blackwell-Baker      **Prayers:** Chris Shields  
**7.00pm Discipleship Evening**  
You are invited to see a video from recent HTB leaders' conference of a **talk by Kay Warren**
- 24<sup>th</sup> June**      9.00am              **Prayers** in Church  
10.00am              **Seniors' Café** – in Church  
7.30pm              **Prison Fellowship** – in Church
- 25<sup>th</sup> June**      10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room  
1.30pm              **Funeral for Yvonne Willott at ECB**  
followed by woodland burial at Leafield, OX29 9NY  
and a wake back at ECB at 4.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> June**      7.00-8.30pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 6, 7 & 8  
7.00-9.00pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 9 & above  
8.00pm              **Worship Group** Practice – in Church
- 29<sup>th</sup> June**      **10.30am Trinity 2 – Informal Service**  
**Leader:** Dorothy Williams              **Preacher:** John Williams  
**Subject:** 'Trouble in Church!'              Matthew 18:15-20  
**Reader:** Ellie Dommatt                  **Prayers:** Dora Potter
- 1<sup>st</sup> July**      9.00am              **Prayers** in Church  
10.00am              **Seniors' Café** – Trip to Bletchley Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July**      10.00 for 10.30 **Oasis Small Group** – Church Prayer Room
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July**      7.00-8.30pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 6, 7 & 8  
7.00-9.00pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 9 & above  
8.00pm              **Worship Group** Practice – in Church  
8.00pm              **20's / 30's Group** – Bure Farm Pub
- 6<sup>th</sup> July**      **10.30am Trinity 3 – Informal Service**  
**Leader:** Peter Hill                          **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe  
**Subject:** 'Payback Time'                      Matthew 18:21-35  
**Reader:** John Thompson                  **Prayers:** Libby Brown  
**7.00pm Church Prayer Meeting** – in Church



# Welcome!

to the church  
at the heart  
of the community

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

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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.

### Ian Biscoe writes this week

Dear friends, at the beginning of May  
this year Erika and I went to the Holy  
Trinity Brompton Leaders Conference  
at the Royal Albert Hall in London. It  
was a very challenging and  
enlightening time for both of us. The  
theme of the Conference was  
'Friends'.

The key verses were John 15 <sup>12</sup> My  
command is this: love each other as I  
have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no  
one than this: to lay down one's life  
for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends  
if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no  
longer call you servants, because a  
servant does not know his master's  
business. Instead, I have called you  
friends, for everything that I learned  
from my Father I have made known to

you.

This evening (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June) at  
7pm we are going to show one of  
the main talks from the conference  
on the big screen here at ECB. Do  
please come along and join us.

I really sensed the Holy Spirit  
prompting me to let down my guard  
and make friends with more people  
here at Emmanuel Church. One  
great way to do this is in a small  
group, so for the last few weeks we  
have been meeting with a few  
others in a small group, mainly just  
getting to know each other and  
sharing our stories.

Are you in a small group? Would you  
like to get to know a few other  
people really well and share your  
stories and lives together? Do please  
let me know if that is the case and  
we will try and start some more  
small groups.

One of the other themes that seem

to be coming up again and again at the moment is 'being vulnerable'. At the conference we heard Rick and Kay Warren from the Saddleback Church in California, one of the largest churches in the USA, share with everyone their struggles, concerns and pain. This was powerful to hear but in a strange way, gave others the permission to share their own struggles, concerns and pain.

Do you have friends who you can share your heart with? Jesus Christ is known as the friend of sinners.

He is there for each and everyone one who calls out to him, but the Bible says, '*confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*'

To have friends who we can share our lives and stories with is invaluable. To have friends who we can confess our sins to requires us to display both courage and vulnerability.

*Blessings, Ian*

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**.

**Dora Potter** in her loss of **Ken**.

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

**Ron** and **Vera Spaenij**. **Ron** is having follow-on treatment after his operation.

**Adrian** and **Charlotte Stone** and baby **Ruby**.

#### **Waste Watchers Holiday Club:**

It is time to continue to *Love Bicester* and consider signing up to help at this year's holiday club for 5-11 year olds. Volunteer forms and children's applications are available from Karen in the church office.

Training for all volunteers will take place at Emmanuel Church on Sat.12th July or Sat. 26th July from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Please come to one of the sessions. More volunteers mean we can welcome more children to the club.

The club aims to demonstrate God's love in his creation and transformation of individual lives through stories, games, crafts, drama and song. The week runs from 28th July-1st August and costs only £8 for the whole week. Please pray for all the volunteers and children who will attend.

See more at <http://bicester-holiday.clubbz.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298894783530974/>

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**Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre**

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#### **ROTAS**

##### **Prayer Ministers**

22<sup>nd</sup> June Anointers: Christine Thompson & Tony Shields  
29<sup>th</sup> June John Williams  
6<sup>th</sup> July Christine Thompson

##### **Sunday Club**

22<sup>nd</sup> June Doreen & Karen  
29<sup>th</sup> June Karen & Jackie  
6<sup>th</sup> July Helle & Natasha

##### **Bubbles**

##### **Splash**

Sandy & Dave  
Andy & Jo Argyle & Fleur  
Kate & Dave

##### **Sunday Club**

22<sup>nd</sup> June Karl & Sandy  
29<sup>th</sup> June Karl & Debbie  
6<sup>th</sup> July Hannah & Sandy

##### **The Grid**

##### **Crèche**

Claire & Tammy  
Doyin & Nicola  
Jane & Tosin

##### **Welcome Team**

22<sup>nd</sup> June Andrew Collett, David Bambrook  
29<sup>th</sup> June Andrew Collett, Peter Hill  
6<sup>th</sup> July John Innes, Lisa Verman

##### **Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)**

22<sup>nd</sup> June Clare Bean's Small Group  
29<sup>th</sup> June Debbi Pardoe's Sunday Team  
6<sup>th</sup> July 'Spirited'

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

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