

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

22nd Sept	10.30am	Trinity 17 – Communion & Harvest Service please bring food for the Food Bank Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Peter Hill Subject: 'Wise & Foolish Builder' Matt 7:24-29 Prayers: TBA
24th Sept	9.00am	Prayers in Church
26th Sept	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
29th Sept	10.30am	Trinity 18 – CONFIRMATION SERVICE Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: BISHOP COLIN FLETCHER Subject: 'Confirmation Service' Prayers: John Innes
1st Oct	9.00am	Prayers in Church
3rd Oct	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
	8.00pm	20's / 30's Group at Bure Farm Pub
6th Oct	10.30am	Trinity 19 – Informal Service Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: John Williams Subject: 'Great Faith' Matt 8:5-13 Prayers: Lonah Hebditch
	7.00pm	Church Prayer Meeting – in Church



Welcome!

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

22nd September
2013

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.

Erika Biscoe writes this week

As we rapidly near the end of September I am reminded of what an epic month it has been so far: beginning with the Fun Day at Southwold, where we were blessed with dry weather and a good turnout of people; Michaela's baptism, which was a great praise and thanksgiving evening with shared testimonies; and last Saturday we held our first wedding at Emmanuel, which was truly special and memorable for all those that attended, and where God's presence was clearly evident. Nevertheless the month has not ended yet, and we will be holding our first Confirmation service next Sunday morning at 10.30.

Exhausted already (in a good way) I look back to the summer break where we were blessed and refreshed by a holiday in Zermatt Switzerland. Ian and I were seasonal chaplains there for two weeks with two of our four children.

Zermatt is nestled in the Swiss Alps. There are no cars allowed there, it literally is the end of the road, with the Matterhorn majestically watching over it. The pace of life helped us to relax, and for me personally I found I connected spiritually in a new way. The recognition of God's creation enveloping me was simply breath taking at times.

I also had time to read a really good book by Michael Mitton called 'A heart to listen.' As I read it, it revealed things to me about my own walk, but I also had a sense that the word 'listen' was something that we

at Emmanuel Church need to embed into our vision too. These are a few thoughts from the book that spoke to me and I pray they will also touch your heart.

Listening creates relationships, stories connect us. If we don't listen this can cause fragmentation and consequently relationships break down.

Listening is a vital part of creating community. Listening offers an experience of hospitality.

Listening is indeed a precious gift for a wounded world of scattered people. Listening is where pain is healed by being shared.

I believe that this has been a vital ingredient in the life and growth of the church over the past ten years. We have been blessed with faithful people that listen to God. My prayer is that as life in the church becomes demanding our aim should be to listen to God and to the community we serve.

As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, 'We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the word of God.'

*Every Blessing,
Erika*

Sunday 6th October

Ian and Erika Biscoe plus Steve and Claire Lindley are running the half-marathon. Sponsorship for Food Bank or British Heath Foundation.

Please sign up to pledge your support!

Children and Family Worker

The Shelswell Group of Churches is seeking to appoint a highly motivated, creative, enthusiastic and experienced committed Christian to help develop its work with children and their families. The role will be varied and is for further discussion but we are looking for someone to develop work within our two primary schools and to further develop Fun Church which meets three or four times a year at present on a Sunday afternoon. The post will be for 7-10 hours per week, with days and times to be confirmed through negotiation for an initial 1 year period but with the intention to extend this. For further information please contact the Rector,

Revd. Christobel Hargraves at chris.hargraves@psaconnect.com. 01280 847184

If you are interested in joining **ECB's AV team to help out with the sound and visuals** during our services please speak to Sven or email Stephen@stephenjolly.com Training can be provided!

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNINGS IN AID OF MACMILLAN NURSES!

- 1) **Friday 27th September 8.45 – 12.00pm** at the **Emmanuel Cafe AND**
 - 2) **Saturday 28th September 10.00 – 12:30pm** at the **home of Jacquie Finney** 38 Kiln Close, Calvert Green MK18 2FD. Do come and enjoy coffee and a cake.
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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:-

Sharon Bambrook: waiting for an operation

Lisa Hill: continuing her cancer treatment.

Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at

rogerwinson@btinternet.com

ROTAS

Prayer Ministry

22nd Sept John Thompson
29th Sept Katie Jenkinson
6th Oct Sue White

Sunday Club Bubbles

22nd Sept Helle and Andrea
29th Sept Helle and TBA
6th Oct Libby & Karen & Catherine

Splash

Karen and Vera
Andy and Jo/Nathan
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Sunday Club The Grid

22nd Sept Karl and Debbie
29th Sept TBA
6th Oct TBA & Sandy

Crèche

Rachel and Vicky
Jackie and Claire
Jane & Doyin

Welcome Team

22nd Sept Jacquie Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh
29th Sept Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett
6th Oct Dave Bambrook, Jeannette Collett, Peter Hill

Small Group Duties

22nd Sept Rach Bowen & Jackie Meek
29th Sept Rach & Sven Jolly
6th Oct Peter & Carol Hill