



**23rd June 2019**

*Chris Hunt writes...*

## Transition

I've been thinking about transition this week. About how sometimes the take-off part of a journey can be the scariest bit (those of you who hate flying I'm sure can relate). These moments in life are often at the point of no return, when you make a decision before you know the whole outcome, or when you commit to a change but need the faith to believe you have what it takes to walk it out.

As I've been thinking about transition, I started to wonder what the Israelites felt like when they crossed the red sea. We often hear a great deal about the journey that brought them to the point of their crossing, and about their journey afterwards but I haven't reflected much on what the journey *through* the sea must have been like? It isn't like the miracle God provided was the end of the story was it? God parted the sea, but they needed the bravery and the courage to actually walk through to the other side. I wonder what they were thinking as they crossed? "What if the water doesn't hold?" "What will be waiting for us on the other side?" "Will we all make it across, or will we be separated from those we love?"

We often spend so much time praying and waiting for our miracle that when it comes, we forget we need the faith and the courage to grab a hold of it! Sometimes the take-off is the hardest part! Are you looking at a take-off moment in your own life right now? Is there something wonderful, or challenging in-front of you that will launch you into your next season? You will have to be brave and confront it head on if you want to get to where you're going! Thankfully when we have to be brave, we are not alone! Let's not forget who our God is in the middle of the sea. As the popular worship song 'Oceans' says:

*You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep  
My faith will stand*

Let's stand in faith for the completion of our miracles, for the transition into new seasons and for the strength in Christ alone to sustain us on the Journey!

*Much love, Chris*

# Notices

## **ENCOUNTER EVENING**

Meeting again at Gagle Brook school on Saturday 29th June 7-9pm. Please search: [Encounter@Gaglebrook primary](#) for more details on Facebook

## **ISRAEL—MAY 2020**

Join Helen and Clive as they lead a 9 day tour of Israel in the footsteps of Jesus.

Places are limited to 35 and you can reserve your place from now on. For more info talk to Clive and Helen ,visit: [www.israel2020.co.uk](http://www.israel2020.co.uk) or come to the information evening on Thursday 18th July 7.30pm here at Emmanuel Church.

## **CLIMATE JUSTICE WORKSHOP**

Join us to talk, study the Bible, and plan action to combat global climate injustice. Meeting on Monday 1st July 7.45pm in Meeting Room 1 at Emmanuel Church.

## **GARDEN TALK**

Join us to chat about our gardening joys and sorrows over a cup of coffee. Saturday 20th July, 24th Aug and 28th Sept. 10.30-12noon here at Emmanuel Church.

## **THE GREATEST SHOW HOLIDAY CLUB**

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August for ages 5-11. Booking open.

Please visit: [www.lovebicester.com/children's-holiday-clubs](http://www.lovebicester.com/children's-holiday-clubs) or contact Karen Stoddart at Emmanuel Church office for more details.

## **GOOD NEWS!**

Chris Hunt has been selected for Ordination Training. He will begin a 2 year MA in Christian Leadership at St Mellitus College in September as a Pioneer Minister in training with a placement on Elmsbrook. Our prayers are with Chris and his family as they embark on this exciting part of their journey.

**ROTAS:** If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

# ECB DIARY

SUN 23rd JUNE	10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b> <b>Holy Spirit Week 5, Prophetic Leading</b> Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Denis Niziol
	7.00pm	<b>Evening service ( café open at 6.30pm)</b> <b>Colossians, New Life in the World</b> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Carol Hill
MON 24th JUNE	10.00am	<b>CAP Money Course</b>
TUES 25th JUNE	9.00am	<b>Prayers</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Prison Fellowship</b>
WED 26th JUNE	8.45am-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
	10.30am	<b>Oasis Small Group</b>
THURS 27th JUNE	8.45am-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
FRI 28th JUNE	8.45am-12noon	<b>Café open</b>
	9.30am	<b>Cherish Group</b>
	7.00pm	<b>Prayers</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
SAT 29th JUNE	7.00pm	<b>Encounter Evening at Gagle Brook</b>
SUN 30th JUNE	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship</b> <b>Holy Spirit Week 6, Making us a child of God</b> Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Nigel Crook
	7.00pm	<b>Evening service ( café open at 6.30pm)</b> <b>Colossians, Greetings</b> Leader: TBC Preacher: Roger Winson

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