

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

23rd July	10.30am	Informal Communion – Summer pattern Trinity 6 <i>Summer Series introduction – Job 42:1-6</i> Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Sue White Prayers : Hugh White
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Table Talk – Testimonies (Holiday Club)</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe
24th - 28th July	9.45-12.15	Starship Discovery Holiday Club
24th – 27th July	2-4pm	Moveolution youth event – Bure Park Café closed this week
25th July	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship
28th July	7.00-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayers in church Contemplative Compline <i>Pressing on towards the goal (Philippians 3:7-14)</i>
30th July	10.30am	Informal Worship – Summer pattern Trinity 7 <i>Old Testament Bible characters</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Roger Winson Reading: John Thompson Prayers : Ian Brown
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Table Talk – Digitox</i> Leader: Mark Ellis
2nd – 5th August		Café open this week
6th August	10.30am	Informal Worship – Summer pattern Trinity 8 <i>Old Testament Bible characters</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Hugh White Prayers : Helle Angeleri
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Table Talk – Testimonies</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

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**23rd July
2017**

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.

Carol Hill writes:

Sometimes there is a song that resonates deep within your soul. There is a song by Godfrey Birtill entitled 'One Touch from the King changes everything' which does that for me. It talks about a great darkness in our land and cries out to God in lament, for the light of the world to come and 'change everything'.

The Bishop of Oxford (Steven Croft) was in the Deanery recently, sharing his vision for the Diocese. It was a simple and yet incredibly profound talk. Our aim should be to become more 'Christ like', and he used the beatitudes as a template for how this might be achieved. It is available on his blog (<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/a-year-of-listening/>). This word cloud illustrates it perfectly.



Friar and Priest Richard Rohr wrote recently :“The words *action* and *contemplation* have become classic Christian terminology for the two dancing polarities of our lives. Thomas Aquinas and many others stated that the highest form of spiritual maturity is not action or contemplation, but the ability to *integrate the two into one life stance*—to be service-oriented contemplatives or contemplative activists.”

Contemplation is the ancient tradition of resting in God practiced by mystics since the birth of Christianity, and more recently is embodied by ‘soaking’ meetings. Pentecostals used to call them ‘tarrying’ meetings. My spiritual director is an associate of a convent,

and was invited to the 30-minute silence before compline, which is held in darkness. She was warned not to trip over the prone sisters!

This time with God, where we just rest in his presence, does deep work. We receive his perspective, his heart, and his focus. It changes us. Richard Rohr says that true prayer happens to us – not to God, and there is truth in that.

Jesus, in John 14, tells us: *“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. ... Because I live, you also will live. **On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.***

And there we have it – our vocation as those whom God loves is to obey his commands!

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Starship Discovery Holiday Club: 24th – 28th July 2017

Please pray for all involved in Holiday Club this week and for the Family Fun evening on Weds 26th at Bure Park school where all three Holiday Club venues join together.

Café – Summer opening

The cafe is open for two weeks over the summer – see flyer for details.

HOLIDAY AT HOME - 15th-17th August

Volunteers needed to help this event for seniors run smoothly. More details from *Elizabeth Taylor* – 01869 243479 or email home4ew@gmail.com

Booking forms available from the church office.

Social badminton. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.

Speak to Clare Bean if interested.

And what are his commands – to be compassionate, loving. John 13:34 tells us:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

And this is where courage is needed. Loving one another is challenging, risky and time consuming. It is investing in others, often at cost to ourselves. So, can I encourage us all to be courageous in starting this process off – by committing ourselves to spend time just to be with God, and allow him to touch our souls and change us forever. One touch from the King will change everything ...

Blessings Carol

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Welcome Team

23rd July Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
30th July Debbie Winson & John Thompson
6th August Heather Hindmarsh & Liz Winson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

23rd July Alpha plus and Cherish
30th July Connect
6th August Hilarious

Sunday Club

23rd July
30th July
6th August

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Sunday Club

23rd July
30th July
6th August

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Youth

23rd July
30th July
6th August

The Grid (School year 7+)

Summer holidays
Summer holidays
Summer holidays

Finance Team

23rd July Roger Winson & Steve Willott
30th July James Dunne & James Sheppard
6th August Peter Stoddart & Geoff Saunders

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