

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

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| 23rd October | 10.30am | Informal Communion Last after Trinity <i>Change of Status – I Cor7:17-24</i> Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Nigel Crook Reading: Ellie Dommett Prayers: Phil Trout |
| | 7.00pm | Evening Service <i>Life changing Encounters – Festus & Agrippa</i> <i>Acts 26: 19-32</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Geoff Saunders |
| 24th October | | NO After school club |
| 25th October | 9.00am 10.00-12noon 7.00-7.30pm 7.30pm | Prayers in Church Rock of Ages Café meets at St Edburg's Prayers in church Prison Fellowship |
| 27th October | 8.15-9.15pm | Band practice |
| 28th October | 7.30-8.30pm | Contemplative Compline |
| 29th October | 10am –12 noon 7.00 -9.30pm | Fairtrade Coffee morning You are Not Alone youth event @ Bicester Methodist Church |
| 30th October | 10.30am | Informal Worship & Doing it Differently 4th Before Advent <i>Unmarried – I Cor7:25-40</i> Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Christine Thompson Prayers: Hugh White |
| | 7.00pm | Evening Service <i>Testimony Evening</i> Leader: Phil Trout Preacher: Ian Biscoe |
| 31st October | 3.10–4.15pm | After school club for school years 4-6 |
| 1st November | 7:15pm | Living Well in the End Times |



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 23rd
October 2016**

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:

As the days get shorter and the temperature drops we start preparing ourselves for the Autumn/Winter seasons ahead. I love watching the leaves change on the trees, reds and oranges in all their glory, God the designer in his element. Eventually the colours fade, the leaves fall off the trees and the starkness of winter lies before us.

As a person that would describe themselves as having a glass half full rather than half empty I find myself watching the leaves fall off the trees with a new meaning this year and the starkness of winter seems daunting.

On the 25th September, my father died after twenty months of battling cancer. My father was a very private man, he never liked a fuss and would never

Worry me unnecessarily so when he first let me know that he was having tests and the possible outcome I knew it was serious.

Life for my father was about the journey, not the destination, because he knew where he was going and he wasn't afraid to die. Every day he could find small things of joy and be thankful because he had eyes of faith. Seeing my father's faith grow stronger as he neared the end of his life was an inspiration for me. He thanked God for the time he had given him. He was determined to be at my ordination and it was a huge privilege for me to give communion to him and my mum by his hospital bed.

So, what does it mean to die well? For four weeks from Tuesday 1st November this is something Carol Hill and others will be exploring through a short seminar series on logistics around end of life. Flyers with more details are at the back of the church.

I also believe however that bereavement comes in many guises, not only through

the death of a loved one. Marital or a relationship breakdown, job or financial losses can engulf us in grief that can seem insurmountable.

I want to personally thank everyone for their prayers, text messages, cards, gifts and flowers.

I do feel an indescribable sadness for a father that showed tenacity, determination and courage right to the end of his life, but I am also assured that, *'neither death nor life, neither*

angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8: 38-39.

Amen

Blessings Erika

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or send an email to the church office on a Monday to be included in Tuesday morning prayers.

Emmanuel Café - Although it is half term for most school children, the café is open normal hours (8:45 am to 12 noon) on Weds 26th, Thurs 27th & Friday 28th October.

Smarties Challenge – Please bring any monies for Tearfund to church by 30th October at the latest.

Living Well in the End Times (not the apocalypse!)

A short seminar series on logistics around the end of life, which you may find helpful. They run for 4 weeks at 7.15 on a Tuesday evening starting on 1st Nov. Flyers available with details at the back of church or if you would like to sign up please let me know – Carolghill@hotmail.co.uk.

Fair trade Coffee morning – Saturday 29th October 10am- 12 noon

Come and browse some Fairly traded gifts from Traidcraft and CMS, buy a “Real Advent Calendar” or start your Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a cuppa from the café. Items will also be available after church on 30th October. If you can't make this event but would like a Real Advent calendar or to look at the Traidcraft catalogue then please let Karen know.

Abundant Life Conference – 18th- 20th November 2016

Scott & Hilary Dalton will be leading this conference being held at ECB. There will be sessions on the Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday. More details and booking via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abundant-life-conference-18th-20th-november-2016-tickets-27931115719> or speak to Karen in the office.

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Welcome Team

23rd October Hugh White & Jeanette Collett
30th October Andrew Collett & Karen Stoddart
6th November Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

23rd October 20's & 30's
30th October Connect & MSG
6th November Oasis & Living Waters

Sunday Club

23rd October
30th October
6th November

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Jane G & Rowan
Doing it Differently
Vicky W & TBC

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Doyin
Doing it Differently
Heidi & Mike

Sunday Club

23rd October
30th October
6th November

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Erika & Steve
Doing it Differently
TBC

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Sandy A & Ceri
Doing it Differently
TBC

Youth

23rd October
30th October
6th November

The Grid (School year 7+)

Sam W & Fleur
Doing it Differently
Sam G & Debbie

Finance Team

23rd October Roger Winson & Steve Willott
30th October Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
6th November James Dunne & James Sheppard

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