



24th March 2019

Jo Hemmings writes...

Hi friends,

I thought I'd share with you an exercise that I did with a team from Highway whilst on retreat this weekend. I found it incredibly helpful for getting my head around just how beautiful it is when different people bring their different perspectives.

So, picture the scene... There is a mountain of different objects put together in the middle of the room. We're all sat around this mountain staring at it. The question is simple, what do you see?

So, each of us tells the group what we see from our side of the mountain, and depending on where we are sitting, completely different objects are visible. What makes it even more interesting is that different people bring different ways of looking at this pile of objects. Some describe plainly and in a matter of fact way. Others were interested in the structure and some responded emotionally. One person didn't like the ironing board because it made them think of ironing.

It's such a simple illustration of how we can look at the same issue and respond in a myriad of different ways. I believe if we want to truly love each other well we need to begin to listen to that. We're much better off for having all those different perspectives.

God made us to be different and I'm much better off having His unique and valuable insight. Not every situation is right or wrong. Loving well is seeing that someone else is looking at a different side of the mountain to you and when you do it's so much easier to seek what God is really saying about a situation together.

Blessings
Joe

Notices

RE-LOVE BICESTER - Saturday 30th March 10am—1pm

Bring any items in good clean condition, stay for a cuppa and a cake and take what you like for free. Entry £1 or donation for food bank. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and avoid things going to landfill.

Garden Talk

An opportunity to get together and chat about gardens and gardening over a cup of coffee.

Next meeting -Saturday 27th April 10.30am—12noon. Here at Emmanuel church.

Sycamore Tree course

Have you been the victim of a crime that you would be willing to speak about on a restorative justice course, run by Prison Fellowship, at a local prison? If so, or for further information, please contact Jane Mitchell on

janemitchell200@gmail.com

Climate Justice Workshops - Mondays 1 April, 6 May, 3 June and 1 July.

Join us to talk about and plan action to reduce the effect of global warming on communities rich and poor, worldwide, first Monday of the month, 7.45pm in Meeting Room 1. See Debbie Winson for more details.

ROTAS: If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. Contact the church office if you need help doing this.

ECB DIARY

SUN 24th March	10.30am	Communion Service Repent or Perish Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Café open at 6.30pm) Hospitality as creating space, Creation story Leader: Nik Christensen Preacher: Nigel Crook
TUES 26th March	9.00am	Prayers
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship
WED 27th March	10.30am	Oasis Small Group
THUR 28th March	7.30pm	CAP Money Course
	7.30pm	Board games Evening
FRI 29th March	9.30am	Cherish Group
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline
SAT 30th March	10.00am	Re—Love Recycling Event
SUN 31st March	10.30am	No Service at ECB Hospitality Sunday — Meals in homes
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Café opens at 6.30pm) The Great banquet, Baptisms Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe

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