

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

24 th July	10.30am	Informal Communion Trinity 9 <i>Imitate me – I Cor. 4:14-21</i> Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: John Thompson Prayers: Clare Bean
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Life Changing Encounter – Philippian Jailer</i> <i>Acts 16:22-34</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Jadon Cuin-Wilson
25 th – 29 th July		Adventure Cruise Holiday Club <i>9.45 to 12.15 each day</i> <i>Family Fun Evening on Weds 27th @ Bure Park School</i>
26 th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-9.00pm	Prison Fellowship
27 th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
29 th July	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
31 st July	10.30am	Informal Worship (Summer pattern) Trinity 10 <i>My God My God, why have you forsaken me?</i> <i>Psalms 22</i> Leader: Tony Shields Preacher: Jo Withers Reading: Lisa Verman Prayers: Hugh White
	7.00pm	Evening "Open Church" Leader: Hugh White <i>Words God speaks into our lives</i>
<i>There will no evening prayers or Friday Compline during August</i>		
4 th August	From 8pm	20's & 30's meet in the Bure Farm



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
email to receive either of these.
Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 24th
July 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.

Holly Howard writes:

How are you with change? I don't mean the small jangly stuff in your pocket or in the bottom of your handbag, although it's amazing how that can add up to a significant amount. Actually, that is a good illustration!

I think that many of us are reluctant to face change, even fearful of change. I know I am. We become comfortable in our routines, coping easily with small adjustments but shying away from anything too major or life changing.

As you may be aware, I have just handed over Hospitality and Managing our Church Cafe. These are both things that I have loved doing but I felt very strongly that God was telling me to hand them on whether I was ready to or not! Now, I am a person who likes to be in

control, so it has been a bit of a shock that I actually listened! This will be quite a significant change in my life and have an impact on my family. Tim might even come to expect scones more regularly! But it gives me an opportunity to listen to God more carefully to find out what he wants me to do next. Because I have no clue!

I don't know if I will be asked to do something big or lots of little things. But I am quite excited at the prospect of either!

I think this is really important. If you are a Christian, you have to be prepared for anything. Because when you have God in your life, there is a high chance that you will need to make yourself available for whatever He may ask you to do. That can be pretty scary.

But then again, when you have God in your life, He will enable you to cope with challenges and achieve amazing things that you would never have believed possible. Now THAT is exciting.

We may not be very good at it. We may not succeed. But we are so fortunate to have a loving and forgiving Father who repeatedly picks us up, sets us back on our feet and gently encourages us to keep trying.

Isaiah 41: 13 "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

Was just wondering if He might take my left hand too please?!



Blessings Holly

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk. Tuesday morning prayers stop over the summer but re-start on 6th Sept.

" I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and contributions to my beautiful presents and cards. Thank you. Holly"

Holiday Club – 25th – 29th July

Please pray for the week and for the 65 children who will be attending the ECB club. Also pray for The Family Fun evening on Wednesday 27th when the three venues join together at Bure Park school. Pray for the leaders and young helpers too.

Holiday at Home – 16th-18th August Crafts, Games, Museum experience, Film, Tea Dance, and much more for those who are retired and can't get away on holiday. Helpers needed. *Contact Elizabeth on 01869 243479*

Sunday Club meets today for the last time before the summer (Grid have already finished) and starting next week the services will include some activities for the children during the sermon. These will happen in Meeting Room 2 and will need both DBS checked adults and parents to help supervise them.

Evening Services over the summer (starting 31st July) will mostly take the form of "Open Church". These will be less structured and may take different formats, depending on the subject and who is leading.

Spring Harvest - We are organising a group from ECB to go to Spring Harvest in the Easter holidays 2017. Spring Harvest is a Christian holiday for 5 days at Butlins with worship, Bible teaching and children/youth work. Everyone welcome. Please contact Tom and Jane on janemitchell200@gmail.com for full details and by 25th July 2016 to be part of the group booking.

Social badminton for learners. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested

ROTAS

Welcome Team

24th July Tony Shields & Nathan Argyle
31st July Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson
7th August John Thompson & Heather Hindmarsh

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

24th July Spirited
31st July Hilarious
7th August 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

24th July
31st July
7th August

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Lindsay & Sophie
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Claire & Sam B
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Sunday Club

24th July
31st July
7th August

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Meeting with Silver
Birches
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

And, Ellie & Ceri
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Youth

24th July
31st July
7th August

The Grid (School year 7+)

Remain in Church
Summer Activities
Summer Activities

Finance Team

24th July James Dunne & Geoff Saunders
31st July Roger Winson & Nick Hebditch
7th August Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell

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