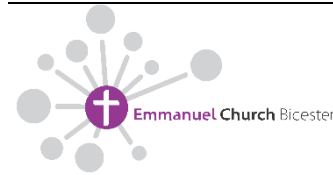


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

25 th June	10.30am	Informal Communion Trinity 2 <i>Resurrection of Christ</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-8</i> Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Roger Winson Reading: Holly Howard Prayers: Phil Trout
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Encounter God Evening</i> Leaders: Denise Crook & Rose Hunt
26 th June	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
27 th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship
28 th June	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
29 th June	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30pm	JPCC meet in Launton
30 th June	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>Abraham – Three Visitors</i>
2 nd July	10.30am	Informal Worship Trinity 3 <i>Least of the Apostles</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:9-11</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reading: Sandy Addison Prayers: Dora Potter
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Natural Evangelism – Power Evangelism</i> Leader: Geoff Saunders Preacher: Ian Biscoe



Welcome!

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email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**25th June
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.

James Dunne writes:

I have recently been involved in several conversations with a few individuals, who were pushing a particular definition of identity in their own social context. When I later reflected on these conversations it seemed to me that, in part, they were pushing an identity of exclusion where you either qualified or not, and if you did not then you became other, and not part of us. To me this seemed like a negative and divisive use of the concept of identity, and I began to reflect on what light the Gospel might shed on such an approach.

In Galatians 3:28, the Apostle Paul writes 'We are all one in Christ Jesus', a great fundamental and overarching statement within which we live out our differences. Over the last few months we have been listening to a series of sermons, based on 1 Corinthians, which

expounded the ways in which we are different. There were the differing roles for men and women, the differing gifts the Spirit gives us, and the differing ways in which we use them. But all this expression of difference takes place in the context that we are all part of the same body and our expression of difference is there to serve the body.

This expression of difference in unity reflects the diversity of God our Father and the world which he created. Or as Paul puts in Romans 1:20 'For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship'.

So, within the Gospel, diversity should not be something that separates but is something that is fundamental to God and his creation. Christ came to reunite us with God, each other, and through the power of healing, ourselves. What causes separation within us is the corrupting impact of sin in our lives.

The challenge before us is how we enable ourselves and others to express our differences in a constructive and positive manner, whilst restraining from allowing our freedom of expression becoming a barrier to others developing their own freedom of expression.

To meet the challenge, we must return to Love and possess its two close companions, Acceptance and Forgiveness. Through the working of the Spirit we all must learn that each of us is working out the story of our own salvation.

Inevitably some parts of our story will be difficult for others but we accept these difficulties from each other under the mantle of love. And where forgiveness is needed we readily forgive.

In such an environment, we might hope to see many achieve the fullness of life that Christ promised. (John 10:10)

Blessings James

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

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

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office. We also need old CD's or spare wool for one of the Holiday Club craft activities. *They can be left in the Church Office.* Bookings for the club are now open – see flyers for details.

JAM, FRUIT FOR JAM, JAM JARS AND JAM-MAKING.

We plan to continue welcoming newcomers to the Elmsbrook village on the Eco-town with a jar of home-made jam and information about Churches in Bicester. We would love to have some more people to join us who can make jam or provide clean jam jars or Bicester grown fruit. Please contact *Debbie Winson*: email drwinson@msn.com if you can help! Thank you.

The recent **CAP Money Course** has just finished. If you are interested in joining a future course please speak to *Roger Winson or Karen Stoddart.*

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.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

25th June Debbie Winson & Liz Winson
2nd July Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson
9th July Silver Birches

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

25th June Hilarious
2nd July Tuesday 20's & 30's
9th July MSG and Mon 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

25th June Kate & Sophie
2nd July Jane & Rowan
9th July *Café Church*

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Kate & Sophie
Jane & Rowan
Café Church

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Helle & Doyin
Helle & Tosin
Café Church

Sunday Club

25th June
2nd July
9th July

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

And & Jackie
Jo & Ken
Café Church

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Susan & Liz W
Jo & Maureen
Café Church

Youth

25th June
2nd July
9th July

The Grid (School year 7+)

Sam W & Debbie
Sam G & Sandy
Café Church

Finance Team

25th June Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders
2nd July Pete Stoddart & Nick Hebditch
9th July James Dunne & Ian Brown

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