

## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**      **10.30am**      **Epiphany 3 – Communion Service**  
**Leader:** Ian Biscoe      **Preacher:** Roger Winson  
**Subject:** 'Feeding the 5000' Matt 14:13-21  
**Reader:** John Thompson      **Prayers:** Lonah Hebditch
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan**      9.00am      **Prayers** in Church  
10.00am-12pm **Seniors Café** – in Church with a talk on 'Healthy Eating' by nurse Jo Balshaw  
7.45 for 8.00pm **PCC Meeting** – in Church  
8.00-9.30pm      **LOVE BICESTER Study Group** in Church – room
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**      10 for 10.30am **Oasis – Small Group** in the Church prayer room
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**      6.00-7.30pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7-9  
7.30-9.00pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10-13
- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**      9.45-2.45pm      **Prepared to Give an Answer** – in Church  
Speaker: Michael Ramsden
- A day course designed to help believers in their witness to those who have questions about the Christian faith. *£3 for the day. Please bring your own lunch*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**      **10.30am**      **Candlemas – Informal Service**  
**Leader:** Al Bowen      **Preacher:** Ian Biscoe  
**Subject:** 'Walking on Water' Matt 14:22-36  
**Reader:** Dave Bambrook      **Prayers:** Dora Potter
- 7.00pm**      **Church Prayer Meeting** – in Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb**      9.00am      **Prayers** in Church  
10.00am-12pm **Seniors Café** – in Church  
8.00pm-9.30pm **LOVE BICESTER study group** in Church – room 2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb**      6.00-7.30pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 7-9  
7.30-9.00pm      **Youth Group** in Church – Years 10-13  
8.00pm      **Worship Group Practice** – in Church  
8.00pm      **20's / 30's Group** – in Bure Farm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**      **10.30am**      **4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent – Doing it Differently**  
**Leader:** Erika Biscoe      **Preacher:** Nigel Crook  
**Subject:** 'You are what you eat?' Matt 15:1-20  
**Reader:** Sandy Addison      **Prayers:** Ian Brown
- 7.00pm**      **Evening Service**  
**Leader/Preacher/Prayers/Reader** – 20/30's group



# Welcome!

*to the church  
at the heart  
of the community*

26<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Prayer chain: [ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk)

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Website: [www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)



*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.*

### **Andrew Collett writes:-**

Over the last year we have seen ECB grow into a warm and welcoming church, not only spiritually but also practically. The coffee shop has exceeded our expectations many fold, such that we now need more tables for people to sit at and enjoy their coffee and cake. Our deep felt thanks go to Holly and her team for making it such a success.

My son Mark was commissioned to make some more tables, and I was given the instruction to go and collect the raw timber from the saw mill at Brill. This timber had been in store for some years, seasoning and drying out, so that the wood would be stable enough to make into the finished product. However it still was not

seasoned enough, and spent two weeks in the hot plant room of the church to be ready for cutting and planing. Finally, the planks will be biscuit-jointed, glued and clamped to make a flat and useable surface, and then a coat of epoxy- resin to seal and protect the wood from moisture, heat and the inevitable whatever!

As a church of many different people from all walks of life, we all come to a faith in Christ in a variety of ways. But just as timber in the raw state is not very useable, a time of seasoning for us as children of God is also needed. We need to be seasoned in order to remain stable in a difficult environment; we also need to be planed, joined together and then protected by a coat of Jesus' blood. When all these processes in our walk with Christ are in place, then we, just like the new tables, will give good service for many years to come, and endure whatever is placed upon us. But

there is always a downside to these processes: they can be painful as we are moulded into the people God wants us to be, but the upside is a God who smiles at us, and for me that makes it all very worthwhile.

God's loving hands soothing any pain you may have, and that it will be worthwhile for you too.

Every blessing in your walk,

*Andrew*

If you are going through that 'planing process', I pray that you will feel



### Prepared to give an answer

Emmanuel Church Barberry Place, Bicester

Saturday 1st February 2014 9.45am start

Speaker: Michael Ramsden,

Join in preparing for the forthcoming **Mission to Bicester**

#### News from Revd. Becky Mathew



We have been awaiting news concerning Shemil's curacy and are pleased to announce that after his ordination as a deacon in Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 29th June at 11am, Shemil will be serving his title

(including the villages of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Steane, Farthinghoe & Hinton in the Hedges). <http://www.astwickvale.co.uk/>

If you would like to attend his **ordination service** at Peterborough, please let Becky know.

Also Shemil might be appearing on **Songs of Praise** today - (they were doing a piece about the new chapel and Shemil was one of the students being interviewed!).

This week, **we ask you to pray for those in our church family or known to us** who are ill or for other reasons require our prayers, including:-

>>**Ken and Dora Potter** as preparations are made for Ken to come home.

>>**Charlotte and Adrian Stone** and their tiny baby, Ruby.

>>**The Prayer Chain** has more details of people to pray for and their needs

**Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at [rogerwinson@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerwinson@btinternet.com)**

#### ROTAS

##### Prayer Ministers

26<sup>th</sup> Jan John Williams  
 Communion, Anointers: Dorothy Williams & Tony Shields  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb John Williams  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb John Thompson

##### Sunday Club Bubbles

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Doreen & Jane  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Karen & Natasha  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb **Doing it Differently**

##### Splash

Sandy & Karen & Jo/Nathan A  
 Andy & Vera & Fleur  
**Doing it Differently**

##### Sunday Club The Grid

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Hannah & Sandy  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Karl & Sandy  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb **Doing it Differently**

##### Crèche

Jackie & Nicola  
 Vicky & Claire  
 Jane & Doyin

##### Welcome Team

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Rachel Matheson, John Innes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Lisa Verman, Tony Shields, Doreen & John Thompson  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Mark Verman

##### Sunday and Christmas Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Debbi Pardoe's Sunday Team  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Spirited (this is the official name of Jackie Meek's Small Group)  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Sandy Addison with Sue White's former Sunday Team