



Emmanuel Church Bicester



26TH JANUARY 2020

Andrew Collett writes...

The Troubles of the World

Jesus said, 'In the world, you have troubles. But be brave! I have conquered the world!' Isn't it wonderful that we now live in the Kingdom of God and need not be afraid anymore?

I see there being two types of troubles. The first are troubles that are not of our doing and where Jesus encourages us to be brave. Troubles such as accidents... loss of a job... death of a loved one. I pray for each one who is facing such troubles, that God might comfort and sustain you during this time.

How wonderful that He created each of us in His image and likeness and he knows us better than we know ourselves.

The second types of troubles are those we bring on ourselves: Illness, for example, due to eating de-natured food... tiredness and depression, due to overwork and anxiety.... debt, due to overspending. I pray, as we go into this new year that we might purpose to change those habits that keep us from achieving our best for God.

Praise God that as we behold him, as in a mirror, we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next.

There are surely challenges ahead, but we do not go on our own. We are one body; if one part of the body is sick, the rest of the body suffers.

I believe we can look forward to this coming year with joy and optimism, for our Jesus has conquered the world and he is building a people of power. So let us put oil in our lamps, lest we should be caught unawares. May we never stop praising our God for coming to this earth, for suffering so terribly for us, and for giving us eternal life.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, what God has prepared for those who love him.

I finish with the final sentences of the book of Revelation:

The one who is testifying these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon!'

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all!

Blessings, Andrew

Notices

Alpha Course Thursdays at 7.45pm

Please continue to pray for those leading and attending the Alpha course here at Emmanuel Church.

Gill Gifford Evening 'Treasures of Darkness'

Tuesday 28th January at 7.30pm (Refreshments at 7pm) here at Emmanuel Church. An evening of worship and hearing God's word through Gill. This event is for men and women, in the area and beyond so please spread the word.

Watoto Children's Choir ' We Will Go'

Thursday 20th February at 7pm here at Emmanuel Church. We are excited to be hosting this choir who '*exist to share the love of Jesus Christ*'. They just love singing to a 'full house' so invite your friends, family and neighbours to this joy filled event. For more info about the choir visit: www.watoto.com

Please think about how you can help with this event. Could you be a host family, bake or serve refreshments after the concert? Email:

lesley@emmanuelbicester.org.uk for more information on how you can get involved.

ROTAS: If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. If you need help with this or any other information about events, groups or who's who then please contact the church office. Details overleaf.

ECB DIARY

SUN 26TH JANUARY	10.30 am	Informal Worship, Communion When the brook dries up Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Spiritual Gifts, Faith Leader: Denise Crook Preacher: Nigel Crook
TUES 28TH JANUARY	9.00am	Prayers
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Gill Gifford Evening
	8.00pm	Wild at Heart
WED 29TH JANUARY	10.30am	Oasis small group
THURS 30TH JANUARY	7.45pm	Alpha Course
FRI 31ST JANUARY	9.30am	Cherish Group
	7.00pm	Prayers
SUN 2ND FEBRUARY	10.30 am	Informal Worship Elijah, Standing Alone Leader: Helen Davies Preacher: Roger Winson
	7.00pm	Evening Service (Refreshments at 6.30pm) Spiritual Gifts, Miraculous Power Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Philip Wilson

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All notices to Admin Team by 7pm Wednesday