

## ECB's NOTICE BOARD

26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship – EASTER 4</b> <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hill <b>Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <i>Celebration for Ruby Stone</i> Psalm 139 <b>Reader:</b> Tom Mitchell <b>Prayers:</b> Mark Verman
	7.00pm	"Test of Faith: does science believe in God"
27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6
28 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00 - 12.00	<b>Seniors' Café (Games)</b>
	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Youth Small group</b> – Yrs. 12 & 13
	7.30pm	<b>Prison Fellowship</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 for 10.30	<b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b>
	7.30pm	<b>ALPHA</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30-8.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 7,8 & 9
	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> in Church – Years 10 & 11
	8.00-9.00pm	<b>Band practice</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am	<b>Informal Worship – EASTER 5</b> <b>Leader:</b> Al Bowen <b>Preacher:</b> Ian Biscoe <i>Why we should read Daniel</i> <i>Daniel 1:1-6</i> <b>Reader:</b> Andy Roberts <b>Prayers:</b> Clare Bean
	7.00pm	<b>Prayer evening</b> – led by the ECB Prayer Team
4 <sup>th</sup> May	3.10–4.15pm	<b>After school club</b> for school years 4-6
5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Prayers in Church</b>
	10.00 - 12.00	<b>Seniors' Café (Jigsaws)</b>
	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Youth Small group</b> – Yrs. 12 & 13
6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 for 10.30	<b>Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room</b>
	7.30pm	<b>ALPHA</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Mathetes</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>General Election</b> <i>Church being used as a Polling Station</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	<b>Interactive Worship – EASTER 5</b> <b>Leader:</b> John Bentley <b>Preacher:</b> Karen Stoddart <i>Who do you say I am?</i> <i>Matt 16:13-20</i> <b>Prayers:</b> Mandy Bentley
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Service - Preacher: Ian Biscoe</b>



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Notices: [emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk](mailto:emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk)

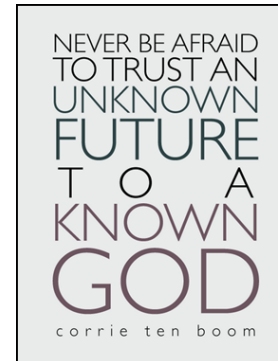
email to receive either of these.

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 2015**

*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.*

**Rachel Bowen writes:**



What a joy to be able to celebrate with Charlotte and Adrian this morning, giving thanks for Ruby Stone and welcoming her into the family here at ECB. Praise God for his faithfulness and protection over her life so far, and for the beautiful, smiling baby we see today!

This week I came across a quote from Corrie Ten Boom: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known

God." So often we worry about our future, whether that is next week or next decade, but our reading today reminds us that God knows us intimately and that He watches over us. He holds us in the palm of His hands. The Message version of Psalm 139 contains the words:

*"You know me inside and out,  
you know every bone in my body;  
You know exactly how I was made, bit  
by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing  
into something.  
Like an open book, you watched me  
grow from conception to birth;  
all the stages of my life were spread out  
before you."*

A fortnight ago, we also welcomed another miracle, Joel Hodgins, into the church. Both Joel and Ruby's lives are a testimony to God's goodness and compassion. At Joel's celebration, many people were touched by the words of a song by Lou Fellingham, called Hard Pressed. (I thoroughly recommend listening to it!)

The song begins “  
I am hard pressed on every side but I'm not crushed.  
I feel pulled to pieces but inside I know I'm not” and the chorus is  
“I fall into Your loving arms.  
You wrap me up, and I'm secure.  
Patiently You whisper to me You have a plan  
to hold on it won't be long and you understand.  
You know my every need. You won't abandon me.”  
What a privilege to be known intimately by our awesome God. He won't abandon us.

He is right with us (close enough to whisper in our ear) in the middle of whatever we're going through at the moment. We can trust him because He is faithful and loves each of us more than we can comprehend.

And a final quote from Corrie Ten Boom – “If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look at yourself, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest.” Let's lift our eyes and look to God!

*Blessings Rachel*

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain [ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk) or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

#### HOLIDAY CLUB AT ECB – 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July

Plans are now underway for Megamakers – a 5 day Holiday Club based on Matthew's gospel with club leaders called Boffin & Brainwave and lots of opportunities to discover how amazing God's love is.

Volunteers are needed to lead small groups, play music, act in a drama, organise games, make refreshments, be creative, pray – but above all JOIN IN !

If you would like to get involved then please speak to Ian or Karen and get a volunteer form.

#### God is Spirit – Glorious Spring Conference (Zion Way Ministries)

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 at St Edburg's C of E Primary School. 6.30pm evening meetings and 10am on Sunday morning. Guest Speaker Dr. Oheneba Anyani-Boadum.

Details from Rev Emmanuel Obeng – [www.zwmi.org.uk](http://www.zwmi.org.uk) 07912 547640

#### Church Planting in and around a Garden City – Conference at ECB on Saturday

6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 9.30am to 3.00pm. To book go to -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/planting-churches-in-and-around-a-garden-city-tickets-15942974867> or speak to Karen.

**Badminton** every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre  
**ECB Cycle Club** – starts again in the Spring (watch this space)

#### ROTAS

##### Prayer Co-ordinator

26<sup>th</sup> April Katie Jenkinson  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Dorothy Williams  
10<sup>th</sup> May Katie Jenkinson

##### Sunday Club

26<sup>th</sup> April Jackie & Dave  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Helle & Sarah  
10<sup>th</sup> May *Interactive Worship*

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26<sup>th</sup> April Sam G & Debbie  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Karl & Sandy  
10<sup>th</sup> May *Interactive Worship*

##### Bubbles

Jackie & Dave  
Helle & Sarah  
*Interactive Worship*

##### The Grid

Sam G & Debbie  
Karl & Sandy  
*Interactive Worship*

##### Splash

Nicola & Maureen  
And & Beckie  
*Interactive Worship*

##### Crèche

Claire & Toeni  
Tosin & TBC  
*Interactive Worship*

##### Welcome Team

26<sup>th</sup> April Sue White & Nathan Argyle  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Rachel Woods & Tony Shields  
10<sup>th</sup> May Heather Hindmarsh & Dave Bambrook

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

26<sup>th</sup> April Hilarious  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Connect  
10<sup>th</sup> May Potting Shed

##### Finance Team

26<sup>th</sup> April Roger Winson & Ian Brown  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Peter Stoddart & Tom Mitchell  
10<sup>th</sup> May James Dunne & James Sheppard

Any notices for next week please to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday at [administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)