

ECB NOTICE BOARD

26th November	10:30am	Communion (Christ the King) "Time" Leader: Peter Hill Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Jeannette Collett Intercessions: Helle Angeleri
	6:30pm	Evening Service Series: Safe? When things go wrong Romans 8:15-17 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
27th November	3:10-4:15pm	After School Club (school years 4-6)
28th November	9:00am	Prayers in Church
	10-noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers in church
	7:30pm	Prison Fellowship
29th November	7:30pm	CAP Vision Night
30th November	6:30pm	Youth group
	7pm	Youth group (Years 7-11)
1st December	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline The Mystery- Genesis 2
2nd December	10-4pm	Quiet Advent Day
3rd December	10:30am	Mark 13:24-37- Lookup (1st Advent) Leader: Geoffrey Saunders Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Tom Mitchell Intercessions: Katie Jenkinson
	6:30pm	Evening Service Series: Safe? The gift of assurance Romans 8:9-11 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson



26th November, 2017

WELCOME!

To the church at the heart of the
community.

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors
alike!

If you are new to ECB, or visiting, please
do come introduce yourself to our
Welcome Team...



*A message from our
contributing writer...*

Do you have the time?

Read that as you choose, but we are all obsessed with time. 'Is that the time? I shouldn't be here, I should be.... .' Time forms a framework on which we structure and organise our lives, whether this is the family calendar hanging on the kitchen wall, or the chart of seasonal jobs to do on the farm or in the garden, or a bar chart programming a construction project, and if something upsets that programming, there is a tendency for rattles to be thrown from as missiles from the pram!

Perhaps a better question is 'Are you making the best use of your time?' That suggests we need to prioritise. You may be reading this at home before Sunday's service, or you may be reading it before the service starts, surely not during the sermon!?! I

confess I'm writing this and I know Ian has emailed me, but he will have to wait for a reply, sorry, Ian!

What is our priority, the primary objective for our time? Surely this is to be with God, to spend time in his presence. In planning for tomorrow, we run the risk of overlooking today, and in particular, today's opportunity to spend time in His presence.

Psalm 118:24 (KJV) says 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.' I may be quoting slightly out of context, please forgive me, but it speaks to this message too.

'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

This is the day that the Lord has made for us...to spend with Him!

How fickle we are that one moment we can be in deep and reverent conversation with God and the next we are completely distracted by a knock at the door, a ping from a phone, or a butt from an impatient and hungry ewe. Like an adoring parent, He wants to simply spend time with us in our everyday, every day. time with us in our everyday, every day. Most especially when we are troubled and distressed, yes, but also absolutely in the mundane routine of our lives.

I'm sure there are many 'black belt Christians' amongst us for whom frequently taking time to be with God comes so naturally, but for comparative novices like me, I'm afraid it takes effort and discipline. Perhaps one day it will come naturally to me as second nature, to recognise that He is walking beside me, and whatever the dilemma, He has an opinion worth asking.

Take your time, why? Take His time. He is offering each of us an eternity, why wait, now is the time, His time.

*Blessings,
Tim Howard*



Swap Shop! This time for real! This Weekend!

25th November, 10:30-12 In the Cafe

Things to swap can be anything - clothes, bric-a-brac, toys - as long as they can go on a table top. all at the same time. Cash donations going to refugee project! If anyone can help pack up afterwards and to take excess items to charity shops, that would be wonderful. Contact Sophie. (sophiemoyo@gmail.com or 07729931898).

CAP Vision Night

29th November 7:30

We would like to invite all previously trained CAP Money coaches, and anyone else who you think has the potential to join us, to an evening to share the vision and excite them about what God can do through them.

Angel Tree Programme

The Bicester Prison Fellowship Group will be involved in supporting prisoner's families by buying Christmas gifts for children whose fathers are in prison locally. If you would like to donate money towards this, please speak to Peter Hill or Karen Stoddart.

Advent Quiet Day

2nd December 10-4pm Join us for some creative ways to reflect at this busy time of year. Come for the whole day or drop in! Here at ECB with Bicester Methodist Church & the Catholic Church. More details from Carol Hill.

Providers At Christmas

Blessing those in mental health hospitals, away from family & friends at Christmas. We'd like to help donate shoebox's full of treats- we are currently taking donations for the boxes. Contact KatieBrunwin @ katiejbrunwin@outlook.com or contact the office.

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 also very welcome at Tuesday morning prayers which happen at 9am in the Community Room.

Bicester Foodbank

Janet has reported that the Foodbank shelves are now full :) Would you please consider giving financially or some "treats" ready for Christmas rather than the usual items! Sweets or colouring books would be great! She is also **urgently** looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside of Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov - 2nd December. Contact the office if you can help!

Any notices for next week to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday
newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Volunteers always needed! We need all skills to help things run smoothly! Where do you love to serve?! Speak to Ian or contact Karen in the office :)

