

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

27 th March	10.30am	Informal Communion Easter Sunday LENT 6 Baptism of Tobi Jack The Resurrection Luke 24:1-12 (1. Cor. 15) Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: John Williams Reading: Sue White Prayers: Carol Hill
	7.00pm	Healing Service Led by Erika Biscoe
No Prayers in church or Groups meeting this week		
3 rd April	10.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH Easter 2 VISION - Led by Ian & Erika Biscoe <i>Café open, croissants served and Church done differently</i>
	7.00pm	Reflective/Contemplative Service <i>No café, but refreshments available</i>
5 th April	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Cafe
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
6 th April	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	8.00-9.30pm	Listening to God's Voice course
7 th April	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
8 th April	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
10 th April	10.30am	Interactive Worship Easter 3 Baptism of Loui <i>Superheroes - Everyone has a part to play</i> <i>1 Peter 4: 7-11</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Karen Stoddart Reading: Interactive Prayers: John Bentley
	7.00pm	Evening Service Leader: Lonah Hebditch Preacher: Geoff Saunders <i>"Our Calling"</i> <i>2 Timothy 1 v 9</i>



Welcome!

to the church
at the heart
of the community

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk

Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Sunday 27th
March 2016
EASTER SUNDAY

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.

Ian Biscoe writes:

The day that changed the world!

As we celebrate Easter year after year we can easily become overly familiar with the story and forget its incredible power and impact. God with us, Emmanuel, died on the cross so that you and I could be reconciled with our Heavenly Father and on the third day He overcame death and appeared to His Disciples as the resurrected Christ!

This is what unites us as Christians across the world, people from every race, every social and educational background can stand together confident that we are forgiven and accepted by God our Father and we have, through faith in this incredible Easter story the assurance and promise of eternal life. Read the story again for

yourself and pray that God will reveal to you afresh the power of the resurrection.

Luke 24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' ⁶ He is not here; he has risen!

Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

Often the world around us and particularly the media will try to say that the Christian faith is dying and that church attendance is reducing year by year.

But those of us who have believed the Easter story, know that faith in Christ can never end because He is the Saviour of the World!

Romans 10⁹ *if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.*

¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

For those of you concerned about church attendance watch

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b075634m>

Happy Easter
Ian

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain 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.

Electoral Roll - The Church Electoral Roll is being revised between 28th Feb and 3rd April. To be able to vote at the APCM on 24th April you will need to be on the Electoral Roll. Forms available in church to be returned to *Michelle Blackwell-Baker*.

APCM – 24th April (after the morning service - Bacon Rolls will be served) Nominations for PCC (4 vacancies) and Church Wardens need to be in by Thursday 21st April if possible. Forms available in the church office. Please pray for those standing and consider if it something God is asking you to do.

A request - Because of Steve Willott's hearing problem he has requested that his home telephone number should be deleted from your copy of the church directory and no longer used, and that his mobile should only be used for text messages. Best of all, email him. *Thank You*.

“Learning to Hear God’s Voice course”

Starting Wednesday 6th April in church from 8pm to 9:30pm.

This is an opportunity for us to explore how we can learn to become aware of what God is saying to us as individuals and as a Church. All are welcome.

There will be a sign-up sheet in church – or speak to *Chris Shields*.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

27th March Doreen Thompson, Andrew Collett & Nathan Argyle
3rd April Hannah Shipman & Del Hindmarsh
10th April Heather Hindmarsh & John Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

27th March Hospitality Team
3rd April Café Church
10th April Spirited

Sunday Club

27th March
3rd April
10th April

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

All groups together
Elizabeth A & Rowan
Interactive Service

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

All groups together
Helle & Qi
Interactive Service

Sunday Club

27th March
3rd April
10th April

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

All groups together
Vicky H & Sam B
Interactive Service

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

All groups together
And & Maureen
Interactive Service

Youth

27th March
3rd April
10th April

The Grid (School year 7 +)

Karl & Debbie
Sam W & Sandy
Interactive Service

Finance Team

27th March Roger Winson & Steve Willott
3rd April Pete Stoddart & Tom Mitchell
10th April James Dunne & James Sheppard

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