

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

28 th June	10.30am	Informal Communion – TRINITY 4 Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Tim Howard <i>World Views</i> <i>Jeremiah 29:1-14</i> Reader: Christine Thompson Prayers: Robert Jackson
	7.00pm	Science vs Religion – part II
29 th June	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
30 th June	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Drawing & Painting)
1 st July	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
2 nd July	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
	From 8pm	20's and 30's meet at Bure Farm
4 th July	9.30-11.30am	Holiday Club training
5 th July	10.30am	Informal Worship – TRINITY 5 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preachers: Carol Hill & Erika Biscoe <i>Testimonies</i> Reader: Hugh White Prayers: Katie Jenkinson
	7.00pm	Evening Communion Led by Peter Hill, presiding at his first communion
6 th July	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
7 th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 - 12.00	Seniors' Café (Jigsaws)
8 th July	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Small group – Yrs. 12 & 13
	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
9 th July	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7,8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10 & 11
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice
12 th July	10.30am	Interactive Worship – TRINITY 6 With dedication of Finlay Palman-Brown



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 28th
June 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.

Peter Hill writes:

Hi everyone and welcome to Emmanuel Church today from your team curate Peter. Some of you know me and some are probably wondering who I am, especially as I am not around much these days, and no I am not in bed ! As I have a lot to learn as a minister in the Church of England I am often at one of the other churches around Bicester.

However one thing I do on a monthly basis is go into the prisons locally and take a service; believe it or not we have over 1,800 men locked up on our doorstep in three prisons.



So let me take you through a typical service at our Open Prison. We generally meet at 9:30 for coffee and biscuits and the men make their way to the chapel. The men do not have to come but many arrange their visits and other activities to be there, quite a challenge to those of us with more freedoms. I encourage the men to put their chairs in a large circle so we face each other; we then greet new attendees, open in prayer and start to sing.

Despite their circumstances the men, usually accompanied by a guitar love to praise God, one of them even taught himself to play just so he could praise God. Jesus means so much to them, those who are forgiven much love much. We then get to the word of God and I usually preach from Gospel passage found in the Lectionary. After the sermon I open it up for questions as for many their first exposure to this amazing book we have, has been in prison, and to be able to discuss it brings us all a lot of joy.

We then have our time of intercessions and we pray for those about to be released that they find a church that accepts them, often that their families see the change in them and decide to follow Christ for themselves. They pray for the prison for revival, for staff and prisoners just about anything, very rarely for themselves. They also pray regularly for us at ECB as they are so appreciative of those who give up their time and fellowship with them. After the prayers we sing again then as time is getting on and their afternoon begins at 11:30 we close with a blessing.

So that accounts for one of my mornings and if I have made you curious about this type of outreach why not come to the Prison Fellowship meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. You never know, it could be the calling you have been looking for; because as well as praying we reach out in practical ways to prisoners and their families. God changes lives not just theirs but ours as well.

Regards

Peter

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – If you would like to be included in the new version of the church directory or have changed address/phone number or email please email Karen with details (administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk). The new version will be ready early next month.

HOLIDAY CLUB AT ECB – 20th – 24th July

Volunteers are still needed to help Holiday Club run smoothly. If you would like to get involved then please speak to Ian or Karen and get a volunteer form. Child registration forms also available. We also need materials for junk modelling and crafts so please start collecting boxes, lids, cardboard tubes etc. 😊

BICESTER FOODBANK

Foodbank will be holding their bi-annual food collection at Tesco, Pingle Drive on Thurs 2nd July, Fri 3rd July & Sat 4th July from 9am to 5pm each day. They need volunteers who can spare an hour or more to help with this collection. *Please contact Janet Ray on 01869 357181 if you can help. Thank You.*

VISIT BY MARCELO VARGAS – 19th July

The Mission and Outreach Team invite you to meet Marcelo over a BBQ lunch at the home of James & Jo Dunne starting at 1:30pm. Please book via the church office.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre
ECB Cycle Club – Sunday 5th & 12th July. Meet at church at 8.15am for 12 mile bike ride (1hr approx.)

ROTAS

Prayer Co-ordinator

28th June Chris & Tony Shields - Anointing
5th July Christine Thompson
12th July Katie Jenkinson

Sunday Club

28th June
5th July
12th July

Bubbles

Lesley & TBC
Helle & Sarah
Interactive Worship

Splash

And & Maureen
And & Beckie
Interactive Worship

Sunday Club

28th June
5th July
12th July

The Grid

Sam G & Debbie
Karl & Sandy
Interactive Worship

Crèche

Claire & TBC
Tosin & TBC
Interactive Worship

Welcome Team

28th June Nathan Argyle & Karen Stoddart
5th July Tony Shields & TBC
12th July Dave Bambrook & Heather Hindmarsh

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

28th June Potting Shed
5th July MSG
12th July Oasis

Finance Team

28th June Pete Stoddart & Nick Hebditch
5th July Roger Winson & Steve Willott
12th July James Dunne & Roger Winson

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