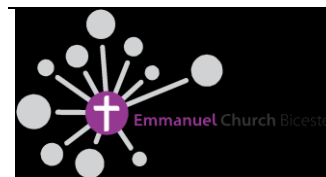


**ECB's NOTICE BOARD**

<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.30am <b>Informal Worship – Palm Sunday</b> ( <i>Doing it Differently</i> ) <i>Baptism of Anna-Sophia Watermeyer</i> <b>Leader:</b> Tony Shields <b>Preacher:</b> Robert Jackson <i>Jesus Arrested</i> <i>Matthew 26:47-56</i> <b>Reader:</b> Michelle Blackwell-Baker <b>Prayers:</b> Carol Hill
	7.00pm <b>United Evening Service</b> <b>Guest speaker Gordon Hickson</b> – “A Christian response to Islam”
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays – No Youth or after school groups
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9.00am <b>Prayers in Church</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	7.30pm <b>Mathetes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	8.00pm <b>20's &amp; 30's Group meet in Bure Farm</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	7.30-9.00pm <b>Passover Meal</b> (sign up required)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	11am <b>Walk of Witness</b> – starting at St Edburg's 12.00 -3.00pm <b>Good Friday Meditations</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	4.00-6.00pm <b>Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.30am <b>Sunrise service</b> – top of Sainsbury's car park 10.30am <b>Easter Sunday Communion</b> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> Nigel Crook <i>Resurrection</i> <i>Matthew 28:1-20</i> <b>Reader:</b> Michelle Blackwell-Baker <b>Prayers:</b> Chris Shields
	7.00pm <b>Healing Service</b> – led by the Prayer Team
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am <b>Prayers in Church</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm <b>ALPHA Introductory Meal</b> (sign up please)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am <b>Standing Committee</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am <b>Interactive Worship – EASTER 2</b> <b>Leader:</b> Ian Biscoe <b>Preacher:</b> John Bentley <i>Road to Emmaus</i> <i>Luke 24:13-32</i> <b>Prayers:</b> Mandy Bentley
	7.00pm <b>“Meet the candidates”</b> <i>A chance to question those standing locally at the general election.</i>



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email to receive either of these.

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

**29<sup>th</sup> March  
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.*

**James Dunne writes:**

Over the past few weeks I have been reflecting on the great diversity within God's creation. When we look at a wonderful garden we see a unified picture of beauty. Yet that unity is created from the coming together of a wide range of plants and colour. It is sustained by diverse biological processes, the activity of insects/ birds/ animals and humans. So our experience of life is enriched through our experience of diversity.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12 the Apostle Paul sets out a picture of Church unity based on diversity with the Spirit granting different spiritual gifts to individuals so that we can serve each other and the wider church in different ways.

Paul uses the model of the human body to emphasise the different roles we all play and just as the body functions when all its parts work together to we as the church function best when we work together in our diversity.

This diversity is shown right at the outset when we become a member of the Church of Christ through our individual acceptance of Christ as our saviour. We may have little or no knowledge of the practices and formal beliefs that over the years we will become acquainted with. But at that point of belief we become a child of God and a brother or Sister of every other believer. And it is at this point we begin our journey of diversity within Gods' family. Our starting point is who we really are with, all our hopes and fears, strength and weaknesses, visible and invisible baggage. We begin our encounter with God's love, periodically

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seeing that love in a new way, changing over time, but never in the way or timescale that we or others would like. Though we may have a common destination we each have a different departure point and so therefore a different journey.

We should try to appreciate each other's different journey and to make space for those differences, for those differences enrich our church community.

*Blessings James*

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#### 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.

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#### Doing it Differently – Today

All children (except those under 3) will be going over to the school hall after Anna-Sophia's baptism with Ian & helpers to have fun and learn all together. Crèche will operate as usual for the under 3s.

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#### Passover Meal - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30pm

Sign-up sheet at the back of church – places are limited to 80 people. Suggested minimum donation of £5 per person towards costs.

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**Prayer cover for Street Pastors** - Pat Hemmings, who currently is the prayer cover for the Bicester street pastors, has asked for assistance on Friday nights in praying for the members of the Street Pastor team. *Contact Chris Shields for details*

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#### Real Easter Eggs

If you ordered eggs they are now available from Karen. Also, we have a few extra milk or plain ones if anyone is interested. Milk £3.99 each and plain £5.50

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#### ALPHA Introductory Meal – 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm

Come along for a taster of what ALPHA is about , bring a friend– sign-up sheet available

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**Electoral Roll** – To be able to vote at the APCM on 19<sup>th</sup> April you must be on the electoral roll by the end of today (29<sup>th</sup> March). Forms at the back or from Michelle Blackwell-Baker

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**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>

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

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#### ROTAS

##### Prayer Co-ordinator

29<sup>th</sup> March Chris Shields  
5<sup>th</sup> April *Prayer Ministry Pool*  
12<sup>th</sup> April Chris Shields

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##### Welcome Team

29<sup>th</sup> March Steve Willott & Doreen Thompson  
5<sup>th</sup> April Tony Shields, Rachel Woods & Del Hindmarsh  
12<sup>th</sup> April Hannah Shipman & Hugh White

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

29<sup>th</sup> March MSG  
5<sup>th</sup> April Hospitality Team  
12<sup>th</sup> April Oasis

##### Finance Team

29<sup>th</sup> March James Dunne & James Sheppard  
5<sup>th</sup> April Roger Winson & Steve Willott  
12<sup>th</sup> April Peter Stoddart & Steve Willott

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