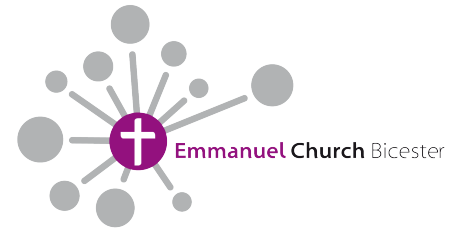


## ECB NOTICE BOARD

29th April	10:30am	<b>Doing It Differently Service- Matthew 4:1 - 11</b> "Practicing Silence & Solitude" Leader: Erika Biscoe    Preacher: Mark Ellis Reader: Sandy Addison    Prayers: Katie J.
	7pm	<b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b> New Series on Prophecy- What is prophecy? 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 Leader: Al Bowen    Preacher: Nigel Crook
30th April	3:10pm	<b>After School Club</b>
1st May	9am	<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>
	10am	<b>Rock of Ages</b>
	7pm	<b>Prayers</b>
2nd May	10am	<b>Oasis small group</b>
3rd May		<b>ECB being used as a Polling Station</b>
4th May	7pm	<b>Prayers</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
6th May	10:30am	<b>Informal Worship</b> Matthew 6:5-15 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Reader: Tamara Downs
	7pm	<b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b> Series: Prophecy/Dangers & Misuse of... Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Ian Biscoe



*29th April, 2018*



*A note from....*

Home is our sanctuary: a place to be ourselves- to be safe, comfortable and warm.

Jeannette and I have been creating just such sanctuaries, having recently prepared two flats for prospective new tenants. It is a labour of love as we clean, scrub, paint, and arrange everything in such a way to create the nicest possible welcome. We are excited in anticipation of creating something very special —for someone special. We ask God to bless the flat.... and the person- or people- who will be living there. All of our past tenants have loved their flats and appreciated the extra special touches we provided.

In the same way we prepare for and greet our B&B guests, knowing that the love and peace of God will touch each person who comes. We have met some truly wonderful people over the years and are always amazed at their appreciative comments. God has given us both the gift of hospitality and it is our joy and privilege to see people relax and be blessed. I think that all

of us who operate in our gifts are not aware of the blessing we provide to others, we just do what comes naturally. But we should never underestimate the power of God to work in and through us. When Jesus travelled he stayed at the homes of godly people who welcomed him in. What a privilege for them! And what a privilege for us to know that the king of the universe dwells in our homes! In turn, are we creating homes for one another? I'm sure Jesus would have us do that. Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus is creating a special place for each one of us? I feel sure he lovingly prepares our room in joyful anticipation of seeing our joy and pleasure (I just pray there will be no dust of dirty dishes!)

In Jesus's darkest hour he turned to the thief, hanging on a cross at his side, who spoke through his pain and agony, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus, so near death, answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

*Blessings, Andrew*

*Notices:*

GARDENTALK, Saturday 5 May Garth Park

As the café is closed on 5 May, we thought we would take the opportunity to meet at Savoir Fare, the café on Garth Park, at 10.30 for coffee, and then tour the Garth Park greenhouse site where we grow some of the vegetables and soft fruit for the Harvest Celebration. Advance notices: Plant Swap Friday 18 May and Garden Talk Saturday 2 June, 10.30-12noon, both at Emmanuel Church café, all welcome.

Debbie Winson. Email: drwinson@msn.com

Saturday 26th May

Rest & Renewal Day- Living in His Presence  
A day of music, teaching, prayer and fellowship with  
Marilyn Baker and Tracy Williamson  
10am to 3.30pm Upper Heyford, OX25 5TE  
Phone Geoff & Hope on 0779 555 4102 or email  
geoffandhope@yahoo.com to reserve your free place

Gill Gifford Special Event- 9th June

"The Message of the Cross"

9:30-3:30 pm

See Flyer for details

Heads Up For Holiday Club!

For those super organised people who are already booking holidays for summer break- please note that this year Ground Breakers Holiday club will take place between Monday 30th July until Friday 3rd August, with a Family Celebration in evening on Wed 1st August @ Bure Park school.

*\*deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays*