

## ECB NOTICE BOARD

29th July	10:30am	<b>Summer Services</b> The Light of The World / John 8:1-12 Leader: Jackie Meek Preacher: Peter Hill Reader: Steve Willott Prayers: Lonah H.
	7pm	<b>Evening Service</b> Philippians/ The Cruciform Mindset Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe
31st July- 2nd August		<b>*Note- no activities booked due to Holiday Club/Summer break</b>
3rd August	7:30pm	<b>Contemplative Compline</b>
5th August	10:30am	<b>Summer Service/Informal Worship</b> John 10:9-10 Leader: Helen Collier Preacher: Clive Collier Reader: Tamara Downs Prayers: Heather Hindmarsh
	7pm	<b>Evening Service (Café open from 6:30)</b> Real Stars and True Celebrities Leader: Carol Hill Preacher: Sam Williams

*Note \*\*\*Café is closed \*\*\* on the following dates*

*August 1-3rd (Holiday Club)*

*15th-17th (Holiday at Home)*

*22nd-24th*

*.....5th September back to usual schedule!*

\*All notices to Autumn by 7pm Wednesday [newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk)



29th July



*From our contributing  
writer....*

A few weeks ago Jeannette and I were host to a gentleman seeking a break from his marriage for all the wrong reasons. We were captivated by his presence and his honesty when sharing his reasons. After reading two books about marriage relationships, and watching the first chapter of the Marriage Course, he announced that he was going back home to his wife, graciously accepting the faults lay with him. What wisdom!

We were blown away by the power of prayer that we both had prayed for this man who was seeking a resolution. Over many years of being a Christian, my faith has helped me be confident in sharing truths about our Christian life. Coupled with my confidence in Jesus, He prompts me to speak with authority and grace when the need arises.

Reflecting on the past few weeks reminds me that, as Christians, we can and should

speak with authority, because I see a distinct failing in our society to speak the truth for fear of upsetting someone. The Ten Commandments are pretty clear in my mind, but have been watered down to suit our modern society. What foolishness abounds! Our responsibility as Christians is to follow those rules to the letter without any deviation, and when we do God backs us with authority, compassion and grace.

I am amazed how many people have distorted views on marriage and relationships in general, pushed on us by the media, magazines, TV, films, and, worst of all, social media. Had this gentleman not come to us and found the truth, his life and his wife's could have descended into anger, bitterness, recrimination, financial cost and many years of good marriage thrown away.

Finally with these thoughts in our minds, let me encourage us all to speak out the truth at ALL times, even if we think we might sound odd. If we don't, who is going to? We are Jesus' lips.

*Every Blessing, Andrew*

## *~Notices~*

### Heads Up For Holiday Club!

Starting this Monday! 30th July - Friday 3rd August, with a Family Celebration in evening on Wed 1st August @ Bure Park school. Please remember to pray for the children's week and the seeds that will be planted!

### Garden Talk

Saturday 4 August 10.30am Garth Park café  
Saturday 1 September c/o St Edburg's Church coffee morning  
Further information from Jo Morey or Debbie Winson email:  
drwinson@msn.com

### Holiday at Home

Come and join us for a Holiday at Home- August 15th to 17th  
10am to 3.30pm @ Emmanuel Church Bicester  
To book: 01869 600299 or email [home4ew@gmail.com](mailto:home4ew@gmail.com)  
Places are limited so please book asap!  
For more details phone 01869 243479

### Women's Breakfast, "One Life"

September 29th From 9:30 until....  
"Belonging through being an inclusive and generous community and making a real difference as ordinary people living extraordinary lives!"  
Practical and user friendly so women of faith and even no faith will feel envisioned.

*\*deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays!!*

