

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

29th October	10.30am	Informal Worship (<i>Doing it Differently</i>) Trinity Last <i>Stewardship – Money John 12:1-8</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Robert Jackson Reading: Lisa Verman Prayers: John Thompson
	7.00pm	Evening Service Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton
30th October		No After school club (<i>Inset Day</i>)
31st October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00pm	Prayers in church
	7.00pm	Death and Cake
1st November	7.00pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	CAP Money Reunion (<i>June course</i>)
2nd November	7.00-8.30pm	Youth Group for Years 7-11
3rd November	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>What is Real? – Romans 7:14-25</i>
4th November	10am-4pm	Cherish - Ladies Craft and Pamper Day
5th November	10.30am	Informal Worship 4th Before Advent <i>Stewardship – Faith & Prayer Eph.6:10-20</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Katie Jenkinson Reading: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Susan Cuin
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Safe? – Into All Blessing Isaiah 64:5-9</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Robert Jackson
6th November	3.10-4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
7th November	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00pm	Prayers in church
	7.00pm	Death and Cake (<i>Final Session</i>)



Welcome!

**to the church
at the heart
of the community**

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**29th
October
2017**

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.

Phil Trout writes,

Perseverance is a word most of would not choose for ourselves, but the truth is - we all must persevere; in our faith, and in our calling - to see all that God has for us come to pass.

We all fall short sometimes, we all feel low at times, nobody is immune – but God's promises never fail. The truth is - God knew this would happen and has already given you the tools to overcome – so see this is an opportunity to grow in faith....

I don't believe in glib, pat, answers for what are often, very real, and difficult circumstances we all face from time to time - but unless we invite him, the

enemy can only test us for a time.

We are, in extreme times, encouraged to just stand (*Eph. 4.10*) - and there are times, that's all I can do, just resist, pushing away wrong thoughts, sometimes praying in tongues.

I have noticed some of God's promises seem so much more relevant to me in these times – His mercy is new every morning. (*Lam 3.22*) My Father in heaven knows where I'm at, and He provides a way for me to persevere. He answers before I call (*Is 64.24*), is also another truth that suddenly become a living reality. He loved us first (*1 Jn. 4 17-19*) - it's our response to Him that matters, for our own benefit - not God's!

For me, the key is not to look back or dwell on what's passed, but to press on (*Phil 3.13*).

<p>Through our Father in Heaven's love for us, we are a new creation in Christ - we really do not need to dwell in our old self.</p> <p>I find it helpful to ask myself, why are am I going through this now?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is God teaching me something new? – If yes – then good! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Find the antidote from His word and press on! 2. Is this old stuff resurfacing? - is there something else I need to address? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, then go through it in repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation, or seek help to get free. b. No there's nothing else, OK! - So, the enemy is trying to distract me... 	<p>Good –that means I'm close to a breakthrough! Press on, keep focused on God – spend time in prayer (that is our hiding place in Him) - and worship (the enemy can't stand to be anywhere near it!)</p> <p>We are more than conquerors (<i>Rom. 8.37</i>), with Christ in us the hope of glory (<i>Col 1.27</i>) – be strengthened in your inner man and let Christ arise in you. (<i>Eph. 3.16</i>)</p> <p>Let us stand together in friendship, love, and prayer, and encourage each other to persevere</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Blessings Phil</i></p>
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PRAYER REQUESTS
If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

BICESTER FOODBANK
Janet has reported that the Foodbank shelves are now full. Please can you consider giving financially or some "treats" ready for Christmas rather than the usual items. She is also looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov-2nd Dec.

DEATH and CAKE
Weekly Presentations and Discussions About End of Life and Ending Well. If you have elderly relatives, or if you *are* elderly and want to put your affairs in order, or if you are just 'interested' – please do come and join us on Tuesday evenings between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. through to and including 7th November. Pick up a flyer for more information or speak to *Carol Hill*.

CHERISH - LADIES CRAFT AND PAMPER DAY
Saturday 4th November - 10am - 4pm. Tickets are £8 each and can be booked via the ECB website (www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)
Includes light lunch, refreshments, treatments and craft. Come along and bring your friends too.
Further details from *Erika Biscoe*.

MENS BREAKFAST
Saturday 11th November 8am -10.30am. Speaker – Jimmy Martin.
Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-tickets-38866184805> or speak to Karen in the Church Office.

MENS BOWLING NIGHT (organised by one of the CIB churches)
Saturday 18th Nov. 2017. 7pm – 9 pm. This is an opportunity for the men from the churches to have fellowship and some fun. Come and bring your non-church friends. Speak to Ian for details.

ADVENT CALENDARS and CANDLES
If you would like to order a "Real Advent Calendar" with the Christmas Story and Fairtrade chocolate then please let Karen know before 5th November. They are £3.99 each. Also, we can order advent candles at £3.20 to help you countdown to Christmas.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAMME
The Bicester Prison Fellowship Group will be involved in supporting prisoner's families by buying Christmas gifts for children whose fathers are in prison locally. If you would like to donate money towards this, please speak to Peter Hill or Karen Stoddart.

DBS checks
The system of obtaining these has recently changed, so if you are planning to help with children and youth activities or your DBS is due for renewal please speak to Karen in the office for details on how to apply.

VOLUNTEERS always needed
Every week there are people who help the services run smoothly, often by doing things in the background. We need people with a variety of skills and gifts to make things happen. Could you volunteer to join one of the rotas? Speak to Ian or contact Karen in the office if you are interested.

Any notices for next week to Autumn by 7 p.m. Wednesday
at newsletter@emmanuelbicester.org.uk