

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

30 th April	10.30am	Informal Worship with Doing it Differently Easter 3 Gifts Sunday & APCM Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Hugh White Prayers: Katie Jenkinson
	11.30pm	Meeting to Elect Church Wardens Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Encounter God evening</i> <i>Led by Rachel Bowen & Rose Hunt</i>
1 st May		No After school club this week
2 nd May	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
3 rd May	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
4 th May		ECB being used as a Polling Station
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>
	8.00pm	20's & 30's meet in Bure Farm pub
5 th May	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline
7 th May	10.30am	Informal Worship Easter 4 <i>Prophecy</i> <i>1 Corinthians 14:1-5</i> Leader: Al Bowen Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Heather Hindmarsh Prayers: Liz Winson
	7.00pm	Evening Service <i>Why Evangelism (new series)</i> <i>Matt 28:18-19</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe



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

**30th April
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.

Andrew Collett writes:

Early this morning we sat in our orangery and watched a blackbird peck for worms on our lawn. We marvelled at the ability of birds to spot worms through a thick, lush carpet of grass.

Worms are their central focus, we concluded as we watched our feathered friend struggling to come to grips with a very big, fat worm.



So with us, our central focus will dictate what we are able to achieve.... overcome..... or aspire to. It is so, so easy in life to fall into a certain pattern that becomes our daily focus: important things that are clamouring for our attention. We may feel unable to change anything, trapped by circumstances, emotions, or relentless calls on our time.

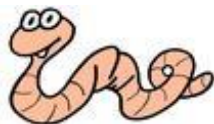
Maybe we all need to be like the early bird to catch our 'worm'. I do believe that, if we wholeheartedly purpose to do something in line with His will, God will give us the strength and ability beyond our own.

Maybe it is time to set that alarm clock for an early meeting with our wonderful Lord. We may lose sleep, but oh, how immeasurable is our gain. If concentration is a problem you could try writing out your prayers and allow the deepest needs of your heart to pour out.

Nothing gives our heavenly Father more pleasure than to have his children run to him and tarry in his Presence. He hears our every prayer and He will never—ever—fail us.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim as we look in His wonderful face.

Blessings Andrew



PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk Tuesday morning prayers are at 9am in the Community Room.

Safeguarding Training Courses being held on 23rd May (ECB) and 24th June (St Edburg's). Essential for all working with children. Speak to Karen or Ian for details.

TRIO responses

Please can all responses be returned as soon as possible and by 7th May at the latest. The Confidential envelopes for the Finance Team can be left in the Church Office to be collected by the Treasurer.

BICESTER FOOD BANK

Required items are tinned fruit, tomatoes and rice pudding plus cartons of long life fruit juice. Please do not give baked beans or pasta as they have a surplus of these items. Please put any donations in the blue box near the front door of church. Many thanks.

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR – these are now available in church, with dates for your diaries between now and the end of August. If you would like an electronic version then please speak to Karen in the office.

Starship Discovery Holiday Club 24th – 28th July 2017

Volunteers needed for a variety of roles within the club. Speak to Ian or pick up a Volunteer form from the Church Office.

Social badminton. Thursdays 20:30-21:30 at Bicester leisure centre.
Speak to Clare Bean if interested.

ROTAS

Welcome Team

30th April Heather Hindmarsh & Nathan Argyle
7th May Andrew & Jeanette Collett
14th May Del Hindmarsh & Doreen Thompson

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

30th April Connect
7th May Hilarious & More
14th May Tues 20's & 30's

Sunday Club

30th April
7th May
14th May

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Doing it Differently
Vicky W & Kate
Café Church

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Doing it Differently
Helle & Claire
Café Church

Sunday Club

30th April
7th May
14th May

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Doing it Differently
Jo & TBC
Café Church

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Doing it Differently
And & Maureen
Café Church

Youth

30th April
7th May
14th May

The Grid (School year 7+)

Doing it Differently
TBC
Café Church

Finance Team

30th April Roger Winson & Steve Willott
7th May James Dunne & James Sheppard
14th May Pete Stoddart & Geoff Saunders

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