

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

30th June	10.30am	Trinity 5 – Informal Service Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Erika Biscoe Subject: 'Love your Enemies' Matt 5:43-48 Prayers: Dora Potter
2nd July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
4th July	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
	8.00pm	20's / 30's Group – in Bure Farm
7th July	10.30am	Trinity 6 – Informal Service Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Katie Jenkinson Subject: 'Prayer' Matt 6:5-14 Prayers: Emma Hayton
	7.00pm	Church Prayer Meeting – in Church – room 2 <i>See further details inside this newsletter</i>
9th July	9.00am	Prayers in Church
10th July	8.00pm	PCC Meeting in Church
11th July	6.00-7.30pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7-9
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10-13
	8.00pm	Worship Group Practice – in Church
	8.00pm	ECB Prayer Group – contact Katie Jenkinson
14th July	10.30am	Trinity 7 – Doing it differently all together Leader: Karen Stoddart Preacher: Paul Hayton Subject: 'Giving to the needy' Matt 6:1-4 Prayers: Ian Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Celebration Leader: Robert Jackson Preacher: Dan Beesley



Welcome!

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

30th June 2013

Prayer chain: ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk
 Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk
 email to receive either of these.
 Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk



If you are new at Emmanuel, or visiting, please do introduce yourself to one of the Welcome Team.

too fast.

In my sermon on Sunday 14th April I read the following:-

We welcome starving artists, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, or stinking poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion". If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because

We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or like our Vicar who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up or just got out of prison.

grandma is in town and wanted you to go to church.

We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up

We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters ...and we welcome you!

I think these few paragraphs have created more reaction than anything else in any sermon I have ever preached. From various requests to get it printed and placed outside the church, to someone who wanted to print it out on tea towels! One person told me that they fall into at least four of the categories!

Recently I have been thinking carefully at the welcome we receive in different settings.

Whether it is at a friend's wedding, in a shop or the local pub, the right kind

of welcome can change an average experience into a special one.

How can we at Emmanuel Church continue to provide such a welcome to all those who enter the church, that they feel the unconditional love of Christ, and are able to meet with the living God that takes us from darkness into his marvellous light?

Amen.

Ian Biscoe

Sunday 7th July 7.00p.m. in Church

Evening of Prayer for Lisa Hill and family.

Please come and pray for Lisa as she continues her brave fight against cancer. We will meet in Church on July 7th at 7pm and spend the evening in prayer offering our prayers of support and encouragement for Lisa and her family.

'Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up.'
Contact Chris Shields for further information.

Holiday Club: July 29th – Aug 2nd & 4th
Talk to Karen Stoddart to reserve places
and offer your assistance

Any notices please to Roger Winson by 7 p.m. Wednesday at
rogerwinson@btinternet.com

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

Prayer Ministry

30th June **Katie Jenkinson:**
Dora Potter & John Thompson;
Mike Watermeyer & Chris Shields

7th July **Chris Shields:**
Roger Winson & Tina Dunn
Howard Dunn & Sue White

14th July **Katie Jenkinson:**
Tony Shields & Chris Thompson;
Chris Shields & John Thompson

Sunday Club

30th June **Bubbles**
Helle Angeleri &
Andrea Pena

7th July
Andy Coleman &
Sue Perks & Ellen

14th July
Doing it Differently

Splash

Karen Stoddart &
Hannah

Andy Matheson &
Vera Spaenij

Doing it Differently

Sunday Club

30th June **The Grid**
Paul Hayton &
Andy Coleman

7th July
Nicola Cooper &
Debbie Winson

14th July
Doing it Differently

Crèche

Rachel Coleman &
Vicky Watermeyer

Jackie Meek &
Emma Hayton

Jane Gould &
Liz Newby

Welcome Team

30th June Del Hindmarsh, Debbie Winson, Paul Seston, Mark Verman

7th July Jacquie Finney, Hugh White, Roger Winson, Heather Hindmarsh

14th July Nathan Argyle, Sue White, Andrew Collett

Small Group Duties

30th June Rachel Bowen & Jackie Meek

7th July Rach & Sven Jolly

14th July Emma Hayton & Jan Butter