

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

24th January	10.30am	Informal Communion	EPIPHANY 3
		Leader: Peter Hill <i>Jerusalem & the future</i>	Preacher: Roger Winson <i>Daniel 9</i>
		Reading: Heather Hindmarsh	Prayers: Ian Brown
	7.00pm	"How should Christians respond to the fashion and beauty industry?" Preacher – Erika Biscoe	
25th January	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
26th January	9.00am	Prayers in Church	
	10.00 -12.00	Rock Of Ages Café	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30-9.00pm	Prison Fellowship	
	7.30-10.00pm	Safeguarding Training	
27th January	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group	
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30-9.30pm	Connect small group	
28th January	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 7, 8 & 9 <i>Includes STIR from 7:30 to 8:00pm</i>	
	7.30-9.00pm	Youth Group in Church – Years 10+	
	8.15-9.15pm	Band practice	
29th January	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church	
	7.30-8.30pm	Contemplative Compline	
30th January	8am-11am	Men's Breakfast	
31st January	10.30am	Informal Worship	EPIPHANY 4
		<i>Doing it Differently</i>	
		Leader: Ian Biscoe <i>The Man above the river</i>	Preacher: Nigel Crook <i>Daniel 10</i>
		Reading: Ellie Dommatt	Prayers: Jackie Meek
	7.00pm	Churches In Bicester Joint Service Preacher – Steve Barber (Orchard Baptist Church)	



Welcome!

to the church
at the heart
of the community

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Notices: emmanuelnotices@live.co.uk

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Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**Sunday 24th
January 2016**

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.

Katie Jenkinson writes writes:

What does success look like?

Success is something I have been pondering recently. I don't know about you, but I often feel like a member of the 'not particularly successful club of Great Britain'. Certainly my life has not always followed the upward trajectory I expected in my early 20s!

As Christians, it is more helpful to ask what success looks like to God. The success that the world aspires to, and God's view of success are, I believe, two very different things. To God, success is about character and faithful service, not about gaining status, position or power. I have great admiration for the people in our church who do the 'unsung' tasks, such as cleaning, hospitality, PA

and those sacrificially helping with the children's and youth work. When any of us seek to serve, does a part of us, however small, want the roles that are seen, rather than unseen, I wonder? Jesus said of the Pharisees whose prayer and service were done in a public way, that the reward they received was only in the eyes of people, not in the eyes of God.

Neither is success always about results. If we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, what does success look like? We know during his ministry he healed the sick and taught his friends how God wanted them to live – but we never hear how successful his carpentry business was. At the point of his death, in the eyes of the world, he was an abject failure – dying the slow painful death of a criminal, with most of his followers denying him and running away. Of course, we now know that three days later he was to experience the greatest comeback

of all time – but not at the point of his death. His cry ‘It is finished!’ was the cry of faith.

I wish us all a successful 2016 – what will success look like for you, I wonder?



Blessings Katie

So, looking at Jesus, success looks like a faithful servant, a man saying ‘yes’ to his Father God in the garden of Gethsemene. Jesus, who was in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant (Philippians 2: 6).

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one please email the ECB prayer chain ecbprayerchain@hotmail.co.uk or pass details to Karen at the church office by 2pm on Monday so that they can be prayed for at Tuesday prayers.

Men’s Breakfast

Saturday 30th Jan from 8am to 11am. Organised by Highway Christian Church on behalf of Churches in Bicester. Register via Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-tickets-20454802866>

Christingle

Just to let everyone know that the collection at the Christingle service for the work of the Children’s Society was £299.21. many thanks to all those who collected and donated.

Looking forward

Lent Quiet day – *Journey to the Heart of the Cross* on Saturday 13th February from 10am to 4pm. Tea & coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. For further details contact Chris Shields – christinashields@btinternet.com

Small Groups

If you are not in a small group and are interested in joining one then pick up a list of groups meeting on different evenings or during the day. Speak to Ian, Erika, Pete or Carol for more details.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

24th January Jeanette Collett & Steve Willott
31st January Karen Stoddart & Andrew Collett
7th February Doreen Thompson & Tony Shields

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

24th January Potting Shed & MSG
31st January Oasis
7th February Spirited

Sunday Club

24th January Lindsey & Sophie
31st January *Doing it Differently*
7th February TBA & Rowan

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

Lindsey & Sophie
Doing it Differently
TBA & Rowan

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

Claire & Doyin
Doing it Differently
Helle & Qi

Sunday Club

24th January Jackie & Ken
31st January *Doing it Differently*
7th February Erika & Ian

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

Jackie & Ken
Doing it Differently
Erika & Ian

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

Nicola & Beckie
Doing it Differently
Andy & Maureen

Youth

24th January Sam G & Sandy
31st January *Doing it Differently*
7th February Sam W & Sandy

The Grid (School year 7 +)

Sam G & Sandy
Doing it Differently
Sam W & Sandy

Finance Team

24th January Roger Winson & Ian Brown
31st January Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott
7th February James Dunne & Geoff Saunders

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