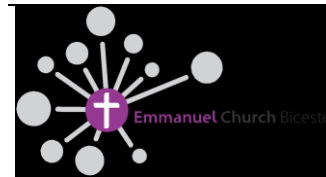


ECB's NOTICE BOARD

6th December	10.30am	Informal Worship ADVENT 2 Leader: Tony Shields Preacher: Tim Howard <i>Prepare the Way for the LORD Luke 3:1-6</i> Reading: Jude Cranston Prayers: Claire Bean
	7.00pm	Evening Service Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Carol Hill I didn't know the Bible said that
7th December	3.10–4.15pm	After school club for school years 4-6
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
8th December	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00 -12.00	Rock Of Ages Café
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
9th December	10.00 for 10.30	Oasis Small Group – Church Prayer Room
	7.00-7.30pm	Prayers in church
	7.30pm	Midweek Communion
	8.00pm	ALPHA course – at the Bure Farm
10th December	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
11th December	7.00-8.00pm	Contemplative Compline
13th December	10.30am	Interactive Worship ADVENT 3 Leader: Mandy Bentley Preacher: John Bentley <i>Luke 3:7-18</i> Reading: Interactive Team Prayers: Sam Williams
	From 3pm	20's & 30's Winter warm up @ Kate & James'
	7.00pm	Lessons & Carols by Candlelight Leader: Robert Jackson



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**Sunday 6th
December 2015**

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.

Sam Williams writes:

Recently others and myself have been discussing how best to talk about 40 or so members of this community. You probably won't have met most of whom I'm referring to or know much about them. This quite large number of ECB's body comes here every week, laughs, cries, comforts and experiences life together.

This large part of our body here at ECB is our youth group held here every Thursday evening. In my last year here it has been my privilege and that of others to journey with them throughout their doubts and worries but also in their celebrations! It's not always easy as with anything, not because of their behavior but because of what they go/have been through. Without understanding yet

how 'society' wants them to process their emotions you often find them wearing their heart on their sleeve, which as a youth worker is one of the most rewarding and also challenging times as you journey alongside them. The hardest choice you will often face is solutions or acknowledgement.

To offer wisdom from your years and what God is putting on your heart or to just simply acknowledge what they're going through and be with them in that moment making it clear that you have heard them. God is in both approaches and through walking with him he makes it clear which option to take.

When asked about what drives me in this ministry I have responded with the answer that I whole-heartedly believe our teenagers need God. When challenged upon this in 2014 and with having it written in my lounge for a month I realized how many times I had doubted and devalued youth ministry myself, believing the lie that faith was for adults.

A constant reminder to me is of how

many Christians I see who received God in their teens. Parts of so many people's story is how they discovered God as a teen or younger which fills me with joy that God throughout history has used and walked alongside teenagers! I see God working in our teenager's lives all the time. I see often their problems solved not by my hands but after prayer and many teens longing for something else, more than this world has to offer.

I whole-heartily believe this is God. Please pray for the teenagers in this church and also challenge yourself with the same question.

Do I believe teenagers in Bicester need God?

Blessings Sam

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.

YOUTH TRIP TO Moldova – February 2016

If you would like to know how you can support and pray for the young people going on this trip then speak to Sam Williams.

Thank you from Victim Support – to ECB for allowing them to use the church to host their fundraising concert on Tuesday evening. They raised the grand total of £616.71. Many visitors and Victim Support staff commented upon what a lovely place Emmanuel is.

Christingle Preparation – help needed

Would you be able to spare a couple of hours at home to thread cocktail sticks with sweets & dried fruit? Kits will be available soon from *Heather Hindmarsh*. Also, we will be assembling the Christingles on Weds 23rd December between 10am and 12 noon in the café. Refreshments provided. Speak to *Debbie Winson* if you can help.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

13 th Dec	7pm	Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
20 th Dec	10.30am	Carol Service
24 th Dec	3.00pm	Nativity
	4.00pm	Christingle
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion

NGM Ladies weekend with Nancy Goudie – 29th – 31st Jan 2016

If you are interested in joining the group of ladies going from ECB then please speak to Nicola Collison.

Badminton every Thursday 8.30 – 9.30 at Bicester Leisure Centre

ROTAS

Welcome Team

6 th December	Sue White & Andrew Collett
13 th December	Tony Shields & Steve Willott
20 th December	Nathan Argyle & Hannah Shipman

Sunday Team Duties (Refreshments, taking up the offering)

6 th December	Connect
13 th December	Potting Shed
20 th December	Hospitality Team and MSG

Sunday Club

6 th December	Chee & Rowan
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	Lonah & Vicky W

Mustard Seeds (crèche)

6 th December	Chee & Rowan
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	Lonah & Vicky W

Cherry Blossom (Pre-school/Foundation)

6 th December	Helle & Tosin
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	Claire & Doyin

Sunday Club

6 th December	Jo W & Jo T
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	Jackie & sam

Willows (School yrs 1-3)

6 th December	Jo W & Jo T
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	Jackie & sam

Silver Birches (School yrs 4-6)

6 th December	Andy & Maureen
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	Sandy & Ellie

Youth

6 th December	Sam W & Sandy
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	<i>Stay in Church</i>

The Grid (School year 7 +)

6 th December	Sam W & Sandy
13 th December	<i>Interactive Worship</i>
20 th December	<i>Stay in Church</i>

Finance Team

6 th December	James Dunne & Ian Brown
13 th December	Roger Winson & Ian Brown
20 th December	Pete Stoddart & Steve Willott

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