

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 4th May 2024

SUNDAY 5th MAY



10.30 a.m. **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE**

A short lively service for all

**Not livestreamed*

Led by Revd Zoltan Biro

Why do Christians ... ? Why Pray Regularly?
(Psalm 17:1-8 / Colossians 4: 2-6)

3.00 p.m. **SONGS OF PRAISE**

A café style service with traditional hymns
+ tea and cake

Led by Angie Cox

Theme - The Holy Spirit

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th May

3.00 p.m. 114 Club at David & Lin's. A sociable time playing rummikub and cribbage.

Thursday 9th May

10.30 a.m. Bible Study led by Zoltan. Meets in the hall 2nd and 4th Thursdays: all are welcome.

12.00 noon Communion a short, reflective service - all are welcome.

Friday 10th May

4.30 - 6 p.m. Teens youth group.

Also on Friday 10th May

7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Changing the world with a cross? Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter. Steve Gaukroger is giving a talk looking at current events and how we can think Christianly about them, particularly thinking of the general election which will come in the next year - which is more important, the Bible or the ballot box? Although it is clearly from a Christian perspective, it will also be relevant/interesting for those who don't have Christian faith.

At least one person from EBC is already interesting in attending so please speak to Janet so that car-sharing can be arranged.

Sunday 12th May

12.00 noon Church Meeting hybrid meeting, login details next week. All welcome and encouraged to attend, but only church members may vote.

Sunday 12th - Saturday 18th May

Christian Aid Week. No village collection this year, but donate online at: <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CA-M-006503>

OR

Call **020 7523 2269** to donate over the phone. Send postal donations (cheques) to: Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 13th May

7.00 p.m. Tolkien Room, St Peter's Eynsham, Season 1 Episodes 7 & 8 of 'The Chosen'. Each episode stands alone so it doesn't matter if you haven't gone along before.



A chance to look at some core elements of being a follower of Jesus.

Wednesdays evenings —

May 8,15,22 and June 5,12,19,26

Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m. (coffee/tea from 7:15 - we will finish by 9:00 at the latest)

Place: 1 Penelope House, Cobbetts Close, OX29 4FS (07742 313427)

Led by: Janet Gaukroger and Bob Thiele

We will be picking up on some of the themes from our current Sunday morning series. This group is for anyone - please ask Bob or Janet if you want more information.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

8th Paul A.
11th Sheena
15th Audrey G.
17th Jolyon
20th Rose
23rd Michael
24th Jackie
25th Gary
28th Janet
28th Georgie E.
30th Pamela T.
30th David

WHAT DID YOU DO?

Why be generous? was last week's preaching theme and if you were in church on Sunday you will have received a £5 note to use 'generously' for the benefit of others.



'A number of members of the congregation have done creative things with this money! If you'd be happy to tell Lin about what you've done with it (anonymously if you want), it would encourage others as we continue to be generous to God's work here at EBC, in the community and around the world.'

Please email Lin with contributions linmiller25@gmail.com or ring on 01865 881780.

Print deadline is mid-day on Friday.



Many of our church family members suffer pain, illness or infirmity daily, and find it difficult to deal with. Others may be undergoing difficult times and traumas which we know nothing about, but we pray for them all.

It's especially hard to pray in testing times and perhaps the following might be helpful.

'Using rest to pray

Most of us think of prayer as a very demanding activity, but did you know it can be extremely restful?

One of the great verses in the Bible says this: '**Be still and know that I am God**' (Psalm 46:10). It suggests we experience God most fully when we are still. When we cease rushing around, pausing for a moment of thought and recollection, we are becoming prayerful, and God is very near. Even a break for a morning coffee can be a moment of prayer, if we slow ourselves down and allow our thoughts to turn towards God.

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Sometimes we are forced to rest by circumstances ... illness, disability, growing older and so on slow us down and we can't rush around like we used to do. Never mind. Don't fight against your circumstances. Enter into the place of rest that God is giving you. He loves you for who you are, not for what you do. Turn your thoughts into prayer and offer them to God. You don't need to advise God as to what He should do; simply hold people before Him, leaving the outcome to Him.

Prayer should be a natural expression of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have words, sometimes silence is enough. We don't need to impress God

with our fervour. We can relax and be rested, even as we pray.'

Extract from an article by Tony Horsfall, a retreat leader, writing in 'Parish Pump'.

CHURCH HEATING

We now have a new super-duper, internet-enabled control system in place, and the heating is managed online from a smartphone app.

If anyone needs any last-minute adjustments to heating, it can be done via a telephone call to one of the trained operators as below:

Larry 07712 527261
 01865 375130

Rebecca 07554 012535

Zoltan 07846 653457

EYNESHAM FOOD BANK

Call 07450 328530 to request help.
Food donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar and the Market Garden
<https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

ASYLUM WELCOME

Marcus Thompson 01865 881808
<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

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