

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 27th July 2024

THIS ISSUE COVERS THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The next weekly issue will be on Saturday 31st August

SUNDAY 28th JULY

10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE
Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

Prophets in the Old Testament: Nathan - a prophet who made a king repent (2 Samuel 12: 1-15)

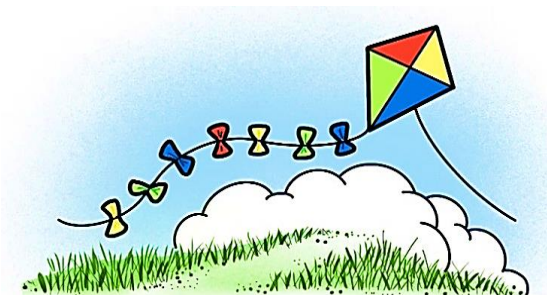
Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXSLz5V86D98t1FqLLAwWlg/live>

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 30th July

Deacons' Meeting We pray for Zoltan and our Deacons as they meet to seek God's will for the church.

3.00 p.m. 114 Club at David and Lin's (continues weekly through August).



Most of our regular events take a break in August, but we continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10.30 a.m.

'Summer Challenge': why not read the whole book for each of the three prophets listed!

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST

10.30 a.m. SERVICE

Led by Janet Gaukroger
Preacher Martin Groves, St Peters
Prophets in the Old Testament: JONAH

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST

10.30 a.m. SERVICE

Led by Janet Gaukroger
Preacher Maria Bond, lay preacher from Gold Hill Church.
Prophets in the Old Testament: HAGGAI

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

10.30 a.m. SERVICE

Led by Bob Thiele
Preacher Revd Stephen Gaukroger
Prophets in the Old Testament: AMOS

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

10.30 a.m. SERVICE

Led by Revd Zoltan Biro

Prophets in the Old Testament: **THE UNNAMED PROPHET** (1 Kings 20)

Tuesday 13th August

August OASIS 10.00 a.m. - 3.45 p.m. at Eynsham Baptist Church. **Pre-booking essential** - check with Maureen for any remaining availability.

FURTHER AHEAD

Stories of Jesus

Bob & Janet are back with another Bible study series!

**Thursday evenings -
Sept 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct 3**

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)

This series will look at five stories of Jesus from the Gospels and how they impact us today.

We'd love to welcome you for this short series - please speak to Bob or Janet for more info.

Transport available if needed.

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

10.30 a.m. All-age Service

3.00 p.m. Songs of Praise

Tuesday 3rd September

Deacons' Meeting We pray for Zoltan and our Deacons as they seek God's will for the church.

Thursday 5th September

10.00 - 11.30 a.m. **Coffee Morning**
Delicious home-made cake + Derek's cards and bric-a-brac.

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

Friday 13th September

4.30 - 6.00 p.m. **Teens** restart after summer break.

Saturday 14th September

OHCT Ride & Stride. Speak to Lin for more information.

Sunday 29th September

10.30 a.m. **Harvest Service & lunch.**

Sunday 13th October

12.00 noon **Church Meeting.**

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

3rd Jane
6th Nick G.
8th Patrik
14th Maureen C.
20th Catherine
21st Harold
21st Peace
25th Derek M.
25th Kimberley

SEPTEMBER

1st Mary P.
2nd Angel
11th Pamela K.
14th Adedoton
17th William
17th Lucy
19th Margaret
19th Noah
22nd Priscilla
28th Rebecca

A Prayer for August 2024

Lord, in a year of changes in our country and in the world, we thank You for the regular rhythm of each year.

We thank You for August, the month of holidays and rest for many, especially

for families and those tied to termly timetables. We pray for Your blessing and restoration for all. As we take time out of normal routines, help us to still make space for You; to be refreshed spiritually as well as physically.

Feed us, Lord, by Your Word; revive us by Your Holy Spirit; encourage us by Your indwelling presence, so that we might naturally reflect Your love to all we meet, on holiday or at home or at work. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Please pray for August OASIS: that all those participating will feel the love of God, and that those running the event will be given physical strength and spiritual wisdom.

'Biblical Uganda'

This month for 2 weeks Pam and I joined Steve and Janet on a trip to Uganda to see some of the work they have been doing there for the past 18 years.

Uganda is a beautiful country with many wonderful people. It is also a place with many significant problems such as widespread poverty and corruption, and also social values that greatly disadvantage women and children.

Steve and Janet are heavily involved with local leaders in the church programmes that are seeking to address these issues by both facilitating teaching and by fund raising for actions alongside of what the churches can do.

Pam and I saw some of this work by joining in on a training day with a local team working especially with children in need and at risk, and by also being with church leaders as these issues were discussed as well as engaging with fund holders and others who can influence the policies of government.

Uganda still has a realistic overlap between church and state. Whilst nominal Christianity is part of this there is still a clearer link than say here in the UK, so it is possible to pursue discussions about Christian values with political leaders. (Hence one lunch we were eating with one of Uganda's supreme court judges!)

For many Ugandans living outside the cities their lifestyle reminds of Israel in Old Testament times. They only survive by growing food on the small plots of land they have. Many children may have no or very little education, and many fathers are conspicuous by their absence.

Whilst we were humbled by the generosity of people who have so little, the ongoing need was very clear: Namely, public services that include education and health care that is local, and social changes that include men being responsible for their families.

In Uganda the churches can still play a direct part in this but need more leaders who are able to manage this change programme and certainly for some time to come aid from the wealthier nations and charities.

Steve and Janet's work supports both parts of this essential task for Uganda.

Bob Thiele

P.S. Yes we did also have time for a wonderful Safari!

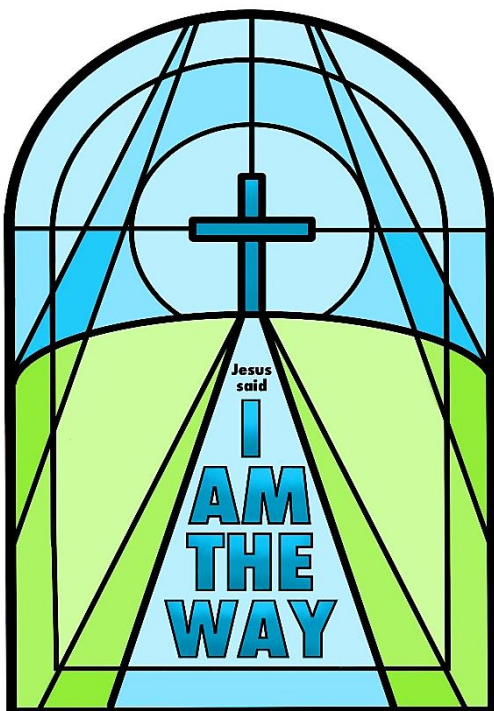
The Real Jesus

Some say Jesus was a good man
That He helped the humble poor,
Some say He was such a wise man,
But a prophet, and no more;
Some say that He was a hero –
Just a martyr for a cause –
But He is the Lord I follow
He's the Christ – the Living Word.

For He was in the beginning,
Through Him everything was made.
He's the light, no darkness dimming
The True Light, which cannot fade.
But the world has not believed Him
Those He made – unreconciled.
And yet those who have received Him
Each become God's cherished child!

He has shown the Way to follow
He has proven how to live;
When in deepest pain and sorrow
He cried out "Father, forgive",
So this is the real Jesus
Not a man from history –
But our living Lord who frees us
To new life, eternally.

Nigel Beeton



Nigel Beeton writes: *'This poem is not by me, it was written by a patient who (in the spirit of confidentiality) is happy to be known as 'Hilda' and gave permission to share it.'*

A Funny Old Lady

I look in the mirror
And who do I see?
A funny old lady
Looking at me

I don't know her
Who can she be?
That funny lady
She isn't me

A little like my Nan
A lot like my Mum
A face that shows
A life well run

Lines and wrinkles
Are all I see
That tired old face
Can't be me

I am young
With a life to live
Full of hope
And love to give

I can skip
And dance and run
The life ahead
Has just begun
The joys the pain
Are yet to come

I look in the mirror
And who do I see?
I see the young woman
I used to be.

by Hilda

This is such a poignant poem, but how wonderful to know that God doesn't look at age or imperfections, He just loves us.

*** something to raise a smile ***

Spare a thought for your postman -
and all newsletter deliverers - it's a job
fraught with danger

Ouch !

Delivering leaflets is dangerous,
The letterboxes bite!
I have a damaged finger
And it's not a pretty sight!

I really must be careful
(The dogs are tricky too!)
Perhaps I should just stay at home
And send out 'you know who'?

Game Rules

During the local football game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what co-operation is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "Okay," the coach continued, "do you also understand that when the referee makes a decision, you don't argue or curse or threaten to attack him, right?" Again, the boy nodded vigorously. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mother."



We've got stained glass windows in
our house. Stupid pigeons.

Note from Sheena - from 30th July please use her mobile phone number, which is in the church directory, as she will no longer have a landline.

EYNESHAM FOOD BANK

Call **07450 328530** to request help.
Food donations welcomed in Co-op,
Spar and Market Garden. **Extra
donations extremely welcome in
school holidays when families do
not have free school meals.**
<https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

ASYLUM WELCOME

Marcus Thompson 01865 881808
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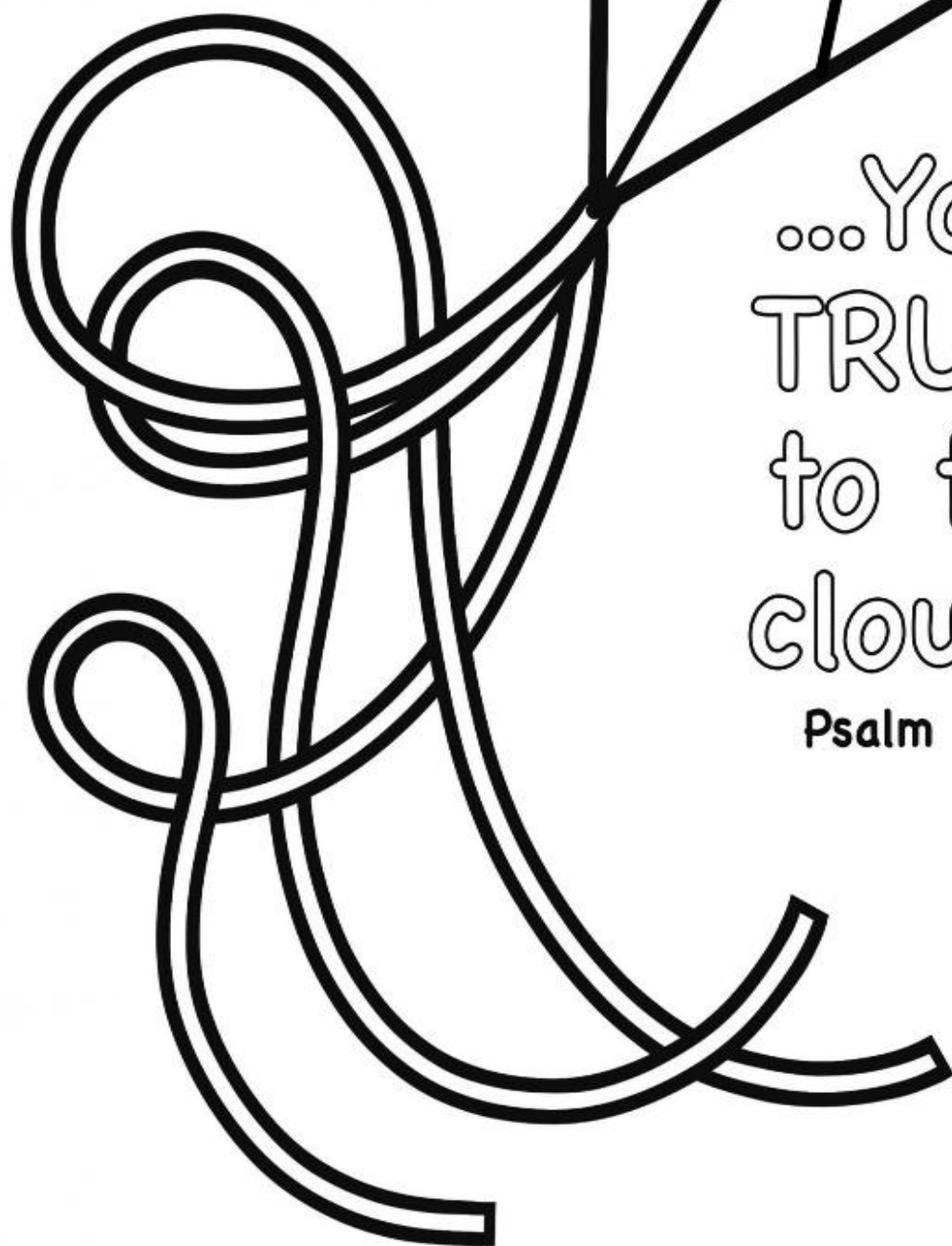
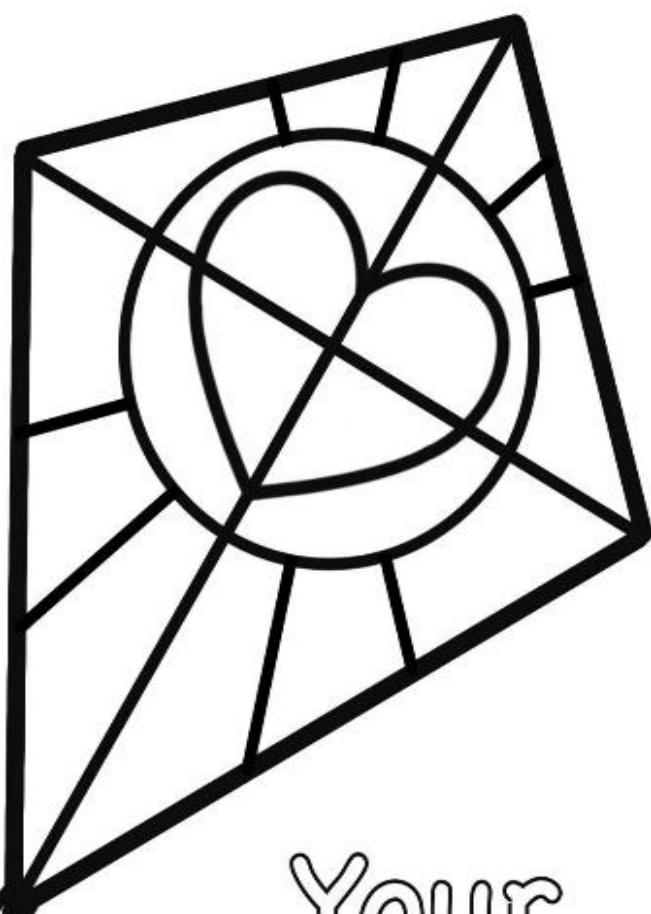
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<https://www.eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk>
Print Deadline mid-day Friday 30th August

Lord,
Your great
LOVE
reaches to
the skies...



...Your
TRUTH
to the
clouds!

Psalm 57:10