

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 14th December 2024

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

10.30 a.m. **SERVICE**

Led by Janet Gaukroger
Preacher - Revd Zoltan Biro



Christmas Uncut - The Shepherds: Take a look

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

3.00 p.m.



THIS WEEK

Monday 16th December

11.00 a.m. **Day Centre Carols** in the village hall.

Tuesday 17th December

3.00 p.m. **114 Club** at David & Lin's.

Thursday 19th December

12.00 noon **Communion** a short, reflective service, in the hall, at which all are welcome - last one this year, resumes on Thursday 16th January 2025.

Sunday 22nd December

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. **GATEHOUSE**

Please drop donations at 15 Newland Street (*between these times only please*). Homemade cakes and sandwiches should be labelled with name, date and contents. Gatehouse welcomes all the usual items plus warm clothing, hats, scarfs etc and extra Christmas goodies if you can.

10.30 a.m. Communion Service EBC

6.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight EBC

FURTHER AHEAD

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Family Service at EBC

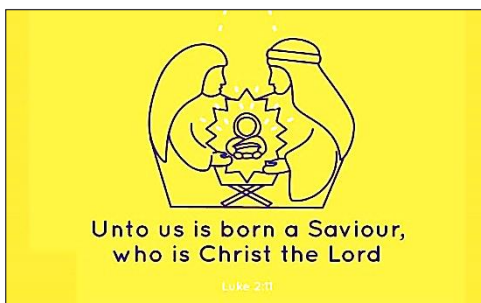
Sunday 29th December

10.30 a.m. Service at EBC.



We give thanks that Mary P. is now home from hospital and is doing well although still very tired. She thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and flowers and hopes to be in touch with people again soon.

Christmas Greetings are sent from Sandra and Brian Jones in Wales to their friends at EBC: they wish us all a Happy Christmas. They receive our newsletter by email and enjoy keeping up with our news.



The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.

Ralph Sockman

Writing in Parish Pump Nigel Beeton says the Letter of James, chapter two, opens with a warning not to show favouritism between those who may want to visit our church. James compares a rich, well-dressed man with a filthy smelly beggar, but there are so many other people that we can, unless we are very careful, show a bias against:

God so loves them all

If God so loved the world
He sent His only Son,
The meaning of that phrase unfurled?
That He loves *everyone*.

Oh yes, that does mean me,
And it means you, as well;
And those whose clothes are fine
to see
And those whose clothes may smell.

The homeless man, remote,
The Earl within his hall
The migrants in their rubber boat –
For God so loves them all.

And so both you and I
Must love all these the same;
For Jesus came down here to die –
For *all* these souls to claim.

Nigel Beeton



Humble shepherds (*probably dirty and smelly too*) were visited by angels and were first to see the newborn King!

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Marcus Thompson 01865 881808

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

DAILY HOPE

Free telephone line 0800 804 8044

24 hour music, prayers, reflections and worship services from Church of England.

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<https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

