

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter - Saturday 4th January 2025

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2025

10.30 a.m.

ALL-AGE SERVICE

A short, lively service for all
Not livestreamed

Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

Discipleship for all ages: Connecting

3.00 p.m.

SONGS OF PRAISE

A café style service, held in the hall
+ refreshments
'New Beginnings'

Tuesday 7th January 2025

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

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

Thursday 9th January 2025

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

Friday 10th January 2025

4.30 - 6 p.m. Teens - meet fortnightly.

Sunday 12th January 2025

12.00 noon Church Meeting All members and attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thursday 16th January 2025

12.00 noon Communion resumes. A short reflective service, held weekly in the hall, at which all are welcome.

1.00 p.m. Lunch Club booking necessary: contact Maureen 881808 or Pamela 426203.

Thursday 6th February 2025

10.00 -11.30 a.m. Coffee Morning + Derek's cards and bric-a-brac.

Saturday 8th February 2024

EBC Leaders Day led by Steve Gaukroger. Details follow.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Heaven's gift of another year
As the old departs & the new is born,
Plans for a future and a hope
Preparing us for each new dawn.
Yesterday has gone forever,

New days and ventures lie ahead,
Even darkness turns to light
When we make the Lord our head.

Yielding to the Holy Spirit
Ever mindful that He's there,
As we live our lives before Him
Rejoicing in His loving care.

Megan Carter



As a New Year Begins

O Lord, our Father! ... at the turn of the year ... our hearts are filled with sombre thoughts ... our ears are deafened by the voices of the radio and newspapers, with their numerous predictions for the coming year.

Instead we want to hear Your word, Your voice, Your assurance, Your guidance.

We know that You are in our midst, and are eager to give us all that we need, whether we ask or not.

We ask for one thing only: that You collect our scattered thoughts, getting rid of the confused and defiant thoughts that may distract us, and thus enable us to concentrate on Your limitless generosity to us.

You were abundantly generous to us last year, and will be no less generous to us next year, and in every year to come.

Fill us with gratitude to You.

Karl Barth (1886 - 1968)

A prominent Protestant theologian, Karl Barth spent much of his life resisting the Nazi movement, so he knew a thing or two about entering a New Year undaunted by troubles.

Shared by Kay Jerred

I had been thinking of the late Richard and Rosemary Kidd (*who will have been known to several at EBC*) and how they used to occasionally send letters with poems or words of wisdom to a few of us, particularly at Christmas.

I remember one letter Rosemary and Richard sent containing the insightful words of the second verse of a poem by Howard Thurman, an American Baptist Minister and Civil Rights leader who'd been influenced by Gandhi in fighting for justice through non-violent means.

In these difficult times and when the news is depressing, this writing stirs and challenges us to think about the work of Christmas as beginning now ...

The Work of Christmas

'When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.'

Howard Thurman
(1899 - 1981)

BRONZE HEALTHCARE

If you have any baby clothes, sanitary products, spectacles etc for Bronze they need to be given to June by **Wednesday 15th January** as they will be going to Uganda shortly afterwards. For more information about what is needed please speak to June Poole.

TEENS CHRISTMAS PARTY!



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Food Bank

Call 07450 328530 to request help

Donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar and Market Garden - <https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

Hall Bookings

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