

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025

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## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

**9 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. GATEHOUSE** Drop donations at 15 Newland Street (between these times only) See the Gatehouse article by Marie Bridge below.

#### **10.30 a.m. ALL AGE SERVICE**

A short, lively service for everyone (**not livestreamed**).

**Led by Revd Zoltan Biro**

Theme: Discipleship for all ages: Serving

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

A café style service held in the hall with traditional hymns + tea and cake.

**Led by Angie Cox**

Theme - 'Love'

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### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February

**SCBA Minister's Conference** We pray Zoltan will find this a spiritually fulfilling time.

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

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

**12.00 noon Communion** A weekly short, reflective service. All are welcome.

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Deacons Meeting** We pray for Zoltan & Deacons as they meet to seek God's will.

**4.00 p.m. Informal Concert** of sacred renaissance music at St Peter's, Eynsham by Eynsham Abbey Singers. Retiring collection for Gatehouse and the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal.

**4.30 - 6.00 p.m. Teens** meet at EBC.

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**9 for 9.30 a.m. start Leaders Day** led by Steve Gaukroger at EBC with a break for coffee and lunch at 1.00 p.m.

### FURTHER AHEAD

### Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Exploring EBC** After the morning service this short course will explore what it is to be a Baptist, how EBC works etc. All are welcome. Information from Zoltan or the Deacons.

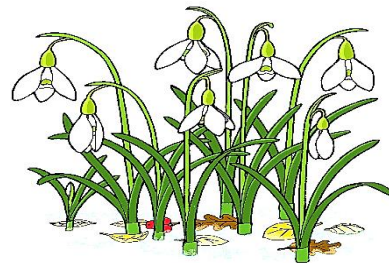
### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**10 - 11.30 a.m. Pancakes at EBC** Come along and enjoy delicious pancakes.

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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

12<sup>th</sup> - Robert  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Brian M.  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Bob T.  
25<sup>th</sup> - Zoltan  
26<sup>th</sup> - Kaye P.  
28<sup>th</sup> - Lin



**In God alone my soul quietly rests,  
for my hope comes from Him. Ps 62:5**

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Faithful Father, when we feel shaken by the events of the past; when we don't know quite how to go forward; when our confidence in what we thought we could control is undermined; remind us that one thing is needed - to sit at your feet and listen to You. You are our security. You will never fail those who belong to You through faith in Your Son, Jesus. As we take time to listen to You, Lord, and to meditate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word, may we know Your peace - and Your good plans for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Daphne Kitching*

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**PLEASE PRAY** for all in our church family who feel 'shaken' following ill health, difficulties and events particularly thinking of Barbara, Chris, Jean A. and Denise L.

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Dear EBC,

We would like to thank you all for your love, care, support and prayers, during the last week: these have been very much appreciated - you are all so amazing.

A very big THANK YOU

**Malcolm and Barbara**

## **GATEHOUSE – CHRISTIAN CHARITY FOR HOMELESS AND VULNERABLY HOUSED PEOPLE**

Gatehouse was set up 40 years ago by the churches in and around Oxford, initially to provide a drop-in café for people who were sleeping on the streets, plus clothing and bedding for them. Nowadays it also supports individuals and families who are vulnerably housed, or in food poverty.

Homelessness can happen to anyone. It just takes one stroke of bad luck, relationship break-up, job loss, the landlord deciding to sell up. Many homeless people have spent their childhood in the care system, emotionally homeless. Gatehouse provides trained case-workers who offer practical advice and also counselling to address the issues that might underlie homelessness.

Once every six weeks it is Eynsham's turn to make donations. Members of all three churches bake cakes, make sandwiches, or give shop bought food. Anything that can be used in the café is welcome. Homemade food is special for the clients. You need to warn of any allergens, but this is easy and I can provide labels.

We also welcome clothes and shoes (especially men's). Only underwear has to be brand new. All other usable clean clothes are needed, especially coats, hats & gloves in winter. Also rucksacks, toiletries, bedding and washable sleeping bags (we can't take feather duvets). Volunteers deliver items to my house 15 Newland St between 9 am -1 pm. on 'our' Sunday. The Rotarians collect and deliver to Gatehouse.

Can you help?

Please email me if you would like to go on the mailing list to receive notification of Eynsham Sundays. See also Eynsham Online <https://eynsham.org.uk/>

**Marie Bridge**  
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### **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**A STRENGTH & BALANCE CLASS has re-started in Eynsham Village Hall on Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m.**

A combination of seated and standing exercise: strength and resistance exercises which are beneficial for muscle, bone and joint health, and balance exercises which will improve posture, give greater confidence and help reduce risk of falls.

Participants can attend as and when they are available, there is no need to commit to every week. Your first session is a taster session and therefore free of charge. If you would like to take part in the class regularly, it is a £5 fee per class.

**How to sign up** - If you are interested in this class please call us on 01235 849403 or email [active@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:active@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk)

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**DEACONS**

Maureen Thompson, June Poole & Sue Law

**CONTACTS**

**Asylum Welcome**  
Marcus Thompson 01865 881808  
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**Care and Support**

Denise Launchbury - 01865 881128  
Malcolm & Barbara Cook - 07896 271905  
or 01865 375730

**Food Bank**

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

**Hall Bookings**

Rebecca Carley - 07554 012535  
[bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk)

**Lunch Club**

Maureen - 01865 881808  
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**Messy Church**

Maureen - 01865 881808  
June - 01865 375130  
Sue - 07796 955472

**Newsletter**

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(*subject to space/editorial discretion*)

**Teens**

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