

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

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## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

**10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE**

Led by Revd Zoltan Biro

**Preacher Hayley Young - Regional Minister at SCBA** (Southern Counties Baptist Assoc.)

Growing & Serving: we commit to care for the world socially and environmentally (Galatians 6: 9-10 and Psalm 24: 1-2)

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

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### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**10.30 a.m. Bible Study** led by Zoltan. We meet in the hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays and everyone is welcome.

**12.00 noon Communion** A short, reflective service, held weekly in the hall at which everyone is welcome.

## FURTHER AHEAD

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent

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

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

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**12.00 noon Church Meeting** N.B. This will be a normal meeting instead of the AGM to consider plans in the light of Zoltan's move to Reading: the AGM will now take place in May. All members and attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting (although only members are eligible to actually vote).

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

**Exploring EBC** A short course exploring what it is to be a Baptist, how EBC works etc. It will be held after our morning services and will include lunch. All are welcome.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

### **CHURCH SPRING CLEAN**

**9.30 a.m. onwards, finishing at the latest by 12 noon.**

We have not had a Spring or Autumn clean for a couple of years and the sanctuary in particular is in need of a deep clean, especially since it is in regular use for the Food Bank throughout the week. As many people who can come along and help the better please - the more there are the sooner we will finish!

### **P.S. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE ON THE WEEKLY ROTA TOO PLEASE.**

Although we have a paid cleaner for the rest of the premises, there are only 5 people on the church (sanctuary) cleaning rota, who are mostly of 'a *certain age and un-fitness*', so if you can offer some time please speak to Lin.



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**Please pray for** those in our church family who are suffering ill health and/or infirmity, in particular Chris, Jean A. Mary S. Audrey, Denise, Barbara & Malcolm and Nick G.

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### **Sad News**

We are sorry to report the recent death of Shirley White. Shirley has been a regular attendee at Songs of Praise, Lunch Club and other events at EBC until quite recently. She celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in November 2024. The funeral will take place at 12.30 p.m. on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March in St. Leonard's Church, Eynsham and will be led by Revd Zoltan Biro. We send our sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Shirley's family at this sad time.

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### **Greetings from Jeanne Smith**

Some people will remember Jeanne from her time at EBC, or will have seen her when she joined us on Zoom during lockdown. She also came to our anniversary celebrations some years back. Jeanne gets a regular copy of our newsletter by email and has sent the following greetings and encouragement:

*Hello. I was interested to see that Zoltan will be moving to Abbey Baptist Church in Reading. That was the church we joined when we moved to Reading from Eynsham all those years ago. It was there that Ros was married and where Peter was baptised. It also had close ties with the village church at East Ilsley which I pastored for 7 years before we moved to Somerset, but that church eventually closed. I think Zoltan will do well there. Reading is a very cultural mix of people. Be assured that he and both churches will be in my prayers through this time of change.  
Love and God bless you all.  
Jeanne.*

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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  
Pamela - 01865 426203

### **Messy Church**

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

### **Newsletter**

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Available on church website and by email  
Print Deadline mid-day Fridays  
(*subject to space/editorial discretion*)

### **Teens**

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