

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

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

A short, lively service for everyone **Not livestreamed**

**Led by Revd Zoltan Biro**

**Lent & Easter preaching series:** Words under pressure - In the wilderness

**3.00 p.m.**

#### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

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

**Led by Revd Zoltan Biro**

Theme - 'Spring'

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

**Deacons Meeting** We pray for Zoltan and the Deacons as they seek God's will during this time of change and transition.

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

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH - ASH WEDNESDAY

**7.30 p.m. Bible Study** at 1 Penelope House, Cobbott's Close. A new short series of studies begins: each one stands alone so you don't have to commit to every week. Please speak to Janet or Bob for more information.

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



**10 - 11.30 a.m. Pancakes at EBC** – we are serving pancakes at our coffee morning so come and enjoy! There will also be Derek's card and bric-a-brac stall.

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

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

4 - 6 p.m. Teens meet at EBC

**7.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service** at Woodstock Methodist Church. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries and the theme this year is put together by women of the Cook Islands 'I made you wonderful' based on Psalm 139:14: '*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*'. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. The Cook Islands lie between the Tonga and Samoa Islands to the west and the Society Islands to the east, in the centre of the Polynesian Triangle. There is more information on the WDP website, as well as details of other services being held locally <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2025-theme-and-country-cook-islands/>

### FURTHER AHEAD

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Exploring EBC** Part 2 of the course exploring EBC. It will be held after our morning service and will include lunch. All are welcome, whether or not you came to the first one. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and last session will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**12.00 noon Church Meeting** All members and attendees are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Our AGM will now take place in May.

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

**9.30 a.m. Church Spring Clean** Please put the date in your diaries and come along and help if you can - many hands really do make light work!

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

20<sup>th</sup> - Riley

27<sup>th</sup> - Ethan

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all in our church family who are ill or suffering difficulties at the moment. We are especially asked to pray for Georgie who is very unwell: Georgie would really value prayer, *but she particularly does not want phone calls or visits please.*

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'Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.'

*Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference  
(published in Parish Pump in 2020)*



### **Desert Difficulties**

*Luke 4:1-12, John 16:33*

Life is difficult, sometimes.  
No matter how faithful,  
no matter how trusting,  
no matter how hard we try,  
life is difficult, sometimes.

Jesus understands.  
He walked in the desert,  
day after day after day.  
Faithful and trusting, yes,  
but hungry and weakened and vulnerable  
and tempted.

Even for Jesus  
life was difficult,  
especially for Jesus,  
knowing the end from the beginning.

But He overcame the desert.  
He overcame death.  
The world is full of trouble,  
but He overcame the world.

Take heart!  
Jesus can help.

*Daphne Kitching*

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We are proud of the young people at EBC and pray for them as they navigate modern life all with its complexities and dangers. We give thanks for the helpers in Splash, Teens and Messy Church who support and nurture the faith of these youngsters.

We send special **Congratulations to Annamae** who has just passed her LAMDA (*London Academy of Music and Drama*) exam. and got a Distinction.

We also send **Congratulations to Patrik** who is excelling at swimming, and has won several medals.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **Resources, Money and finances**

Until Nick Goodwin has fully recovered, all EBC finance and money matters will be handled by Larry Poole. Please ensure that requests for cheques, refunds, or payment authorisations are sent to Larry not Nick for the time being. And please have some patience as the service may be slower!

Use of hall and church, such as bookings, payments, heating, etc, should be referred to Rebecca Carley (07554 012535 [bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk))

Please don't assume that the space will be available and/or heated, unless you have used our system correctly.

**Larry**

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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 & 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  
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Sue - 07796 955472

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Print Deadline mid-day Fridays  
(*subject to space/editorial discretion*)

#### **Teens**

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