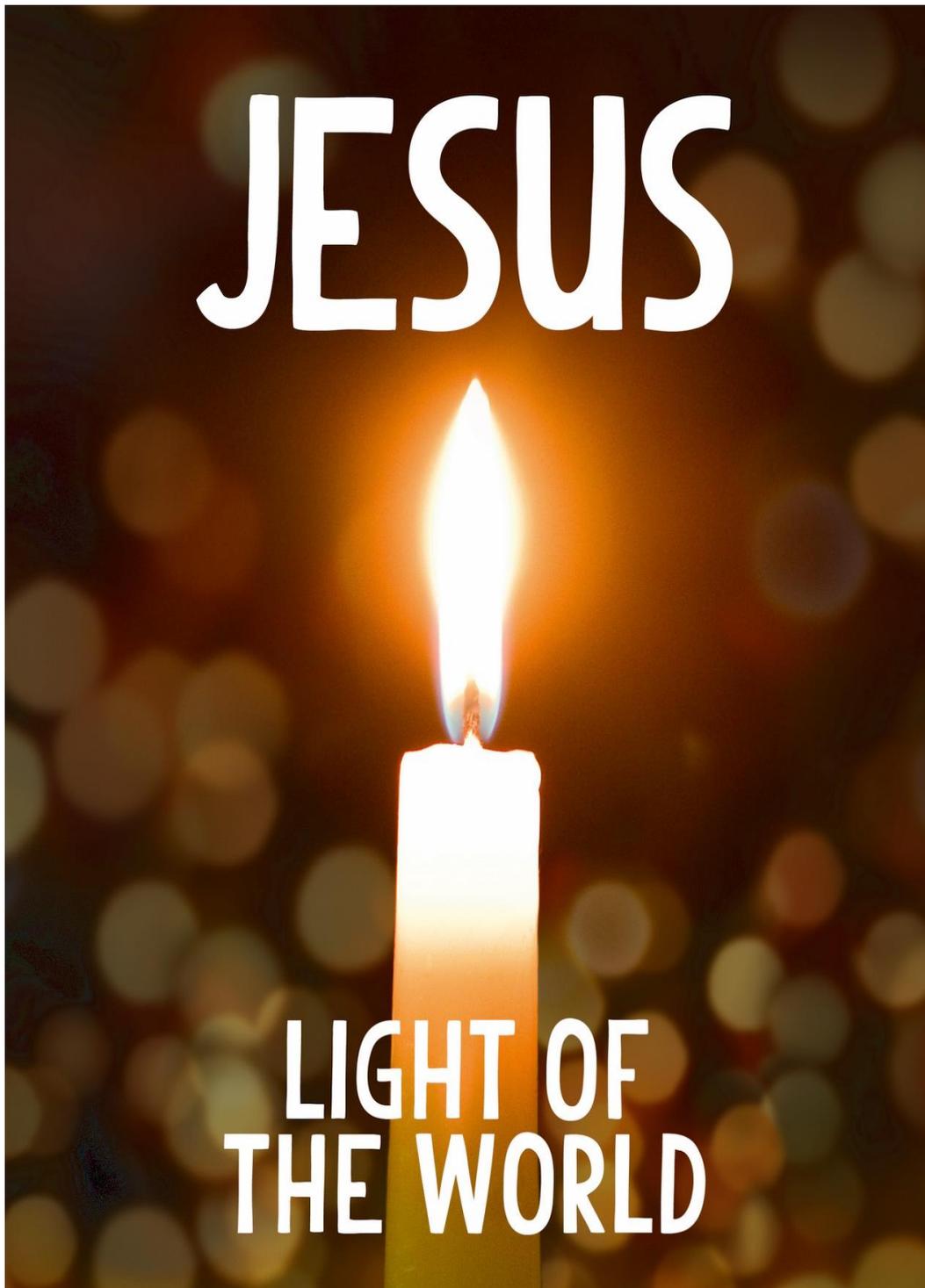


# Eynsham Baptist Church

Lombard Street, Eynsham, Oxford OX29 4HT  
Minister - Revd Zoltan Biro

Newsletter – January 2019





## SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday morning services include Creche and Junior Church.  
Pre-service Prayers 10.00 - 10.15 a.m. - all are welcome.

HC = Holy Communion    FHC = Family Holy Communion (creche have own activities)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME:</u> <b>'The Light shines in the Darkness'</b>	<u>LEADER</u>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon Communion	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 10.30 a.m.	The witness to the light John 1: 6 - 9, 19 - 34	Revd Dr Nick Wood
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Communion	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>HC</b> 10.30 a.m.  3.00 p.m.	The light of the world John 1: 1 - 18  SONGS OF PRAISE - Café Style <b>'New Beginnings'</b>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Communion	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 10.30 a.m.	Recognising the light John 1: 35 - 50	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Communion	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>FHC</b> 10.30 a.m.	The light shines John 2: 1 - 11	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon Communion	

## STUDY GROUPS

There are several **HOME STUDY GROUPS** who meet regularly in various homes. If you would like to find a group to join please speak to Maureen Thompson.

**SOUP & STUDY re-starts on 10<sup>th</sup> January** and meets at 1.00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month in our main hall. Zoltan leads this relaxed, informal time together to study the Bible after a soup lunch. Further information from Zoltan or Maureen.

## FOOD BANK

Collection points are Derek's Traidcraft stall, or the CO-OP. Donations go to the North Oxfordshire Food Bank whose area includes Eynsham. **All need to have at least 6 months to run on the 'use by date' please.**

## ASYLUM WELCOME

There is a box at the back of the church for donated items: see Marcus Thompson for more details of how to help or see [www.asylum-welcome.org](http://www.asylum-welcome.org)

## THE 114 CLUB

Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m. at 114 Spareacre Lane: an evening of fun and fellowship playing Rummikub, cribbage, etc - speak to David or Lin Miller for more details.

## MONTHLY DIARY

**NO COFFEE MORNING or TRAIDCRAFT STALL on 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### **GATEHOUSE**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January** Supporting Oxford's homeless shelter with sandwiches, fruit and cake (preferably home-made). Please indicate sandwich content (cheese, egg, tuna or ham are very welcome), date prepared and maker's name. Home-made cakes should be labelled showing possible allergens. *Details from Ray & Revel Elliot - 881346.*

### **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January** 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs, and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

## **DEACONS MEETING**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.

## **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs, and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

## **LUNCH CLUB**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at 1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

## **FUNKY FRIDAY**

**Friday 18<sup>h</sup> January** from 6.00 p.m. for Year 5 (10) and upwards. If anyone can help, particularly in the kitchen, between 6.15 - 7.30 p.m. please speak to Zoltan. Please continue to pray for those who attend.

## **CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January** at 12.00 noon. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January)**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** 10.30 until 11.00 a.m. The three churches will come together for a special time of prayer at Eynsham Baptist Church. The churches will also keep the usual format of being open for prayer at various times during that week.

## **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January** 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs, and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

## **COFFEE AND CARNATIONS**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** We will be going to Yarnton Garden Centre. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We will meet in the cafe at 10.30 a.m.

## **EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

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## **FORWARD NOTICES**

### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** St Leonard's to host - soup lunch followed by service: more details follow.

### **EBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at 12.00 noon. This is an important meeting as we will be electing a new church secretary and also have vacancies for two Deacons. All members are encouraged to try to attend.

### **DEACONS AWAY DAY**

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March** at Freeland Convent. Please pray that our hard-working Deacons will find this a time of physical & spiritual refreshment.

### **TRIP TO ISRAEL**

**2nd - 11th May 2019** Jerusalem and Galilee, the places where Jesus lived, taught, healed and announced the kingdom of God. A visit to Israel brings the Bible to life in new ways. Steve and Janet Gaukroger are leading a trip and they would be delighted to have you join them. Please speak to them for more information and a brochure.

### **BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May** at the International Centre, Telford. More information from Zoltan or Denise.

## **CHURCH SECRETARY VACANCY**

As we know, Denise will be stepping down as church secretary at the AGM in March, after 12 years, so we will need to elect her replacement at that meeting. Please pray that God will raise up someone to fulfil this very important role: perhaps prayerfully consider whether it might be you!

## **CHARLES SEABROOK**

We are very sorry to report the death of Charles Seabrook on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018: the funeral took place on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Charlie was a much loved member of our congregation, as was his late wife Doris. He will be remembered with affection as a real gentleman with a great sense of fun & will be much missed. We send our love and prayers to his daughter Jean Andrews, her husband Richard, sons Tim and Phil and the rest of the family at this sad time.

Father of all,

You gave Jesus to be the light of the whole world.

Help us to receive His light and to reflect it.

Help us not to limit the extent of your love by the restrictions of our own understanding.

Give us wisdom to look upwards and outwards and to allow your Holy Spirit to transform us day by day as we serve you.

Thank you for the gift of wisdom and for those who respond to your prompting to find Jesus.

In His name,

Amen.

*by Daphne Kitching*

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH** from Denise

Sometimes we can feel overwhelmed by a difficult decision or bewildered by the many directions our lives could take.

How do we find the way ahead?

*“If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to all people, so he will give you wisdom.” James 1:5*

### *Small Ad. from Jackie Goodwin*

Friendly house group seeks new members for stimulating discussion and sharing of heresies in the pursuit of religious enlightenment. Meets on week day evenings to suit membership. Mixture of material provided by the church or by group members. Anyone interested should call Rebecca on 07554 012535 or speak to Rebecca Carley or Nick Goodwin at church.

## **HERE MIGHT BE A REASON TO JOIN EBC’S SINGING GROUP !**

If you have reached the age where the memory is going .....

Next time you forget something, try taking some deep breaths. It seems that inhaling stimulates our brain, creating electrical activity where emotions, memory and smells are processed.

In a recent American study (at Northwestern University in Chicago) individuals were able to identify a face two seconds more quickly if they were breathing in through the nose, rather than breathing out. This may also explain why we breath rapidly when afraid. “If you are in a panic state, you spend proportionally more time inhaling ... Faster breathing could have a positive impact on brain function and result in faster response times.”

*Let me know if it works !!*

## **CHURCH CONTACTS**

### **CHURCH OFFICE:**

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### **CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Denise Launchbury - 881128

### **CHURCH TREASURER:**

Bob Thiele - 426203

### **HALL BOOKINGS**

**Tel:** 07900 066471

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### **MINISTER:** Revd. Zoltan Biro

**Tel:** 881670 **Mobile** 07846 653457

Zoltan's days off are generally Wednesday and Saturday: on these days please first contact Church Secretary or one of the Deacons.

In an emergency Zoltan can be contacted by text or email.

He is usually in the church office on Thursdays.

### **DEACONS:**

Angie Cox - 880563

Derek Malin – 88410

June Poole - 375130

Maureen Thompson – 881808

Sheila Wood - 01993 650263

Sue Law - 731263

Please make the Minister or Deacons aware of anyone in need of pastoral support.

**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**subject to editorial discretion and space constraints:**

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