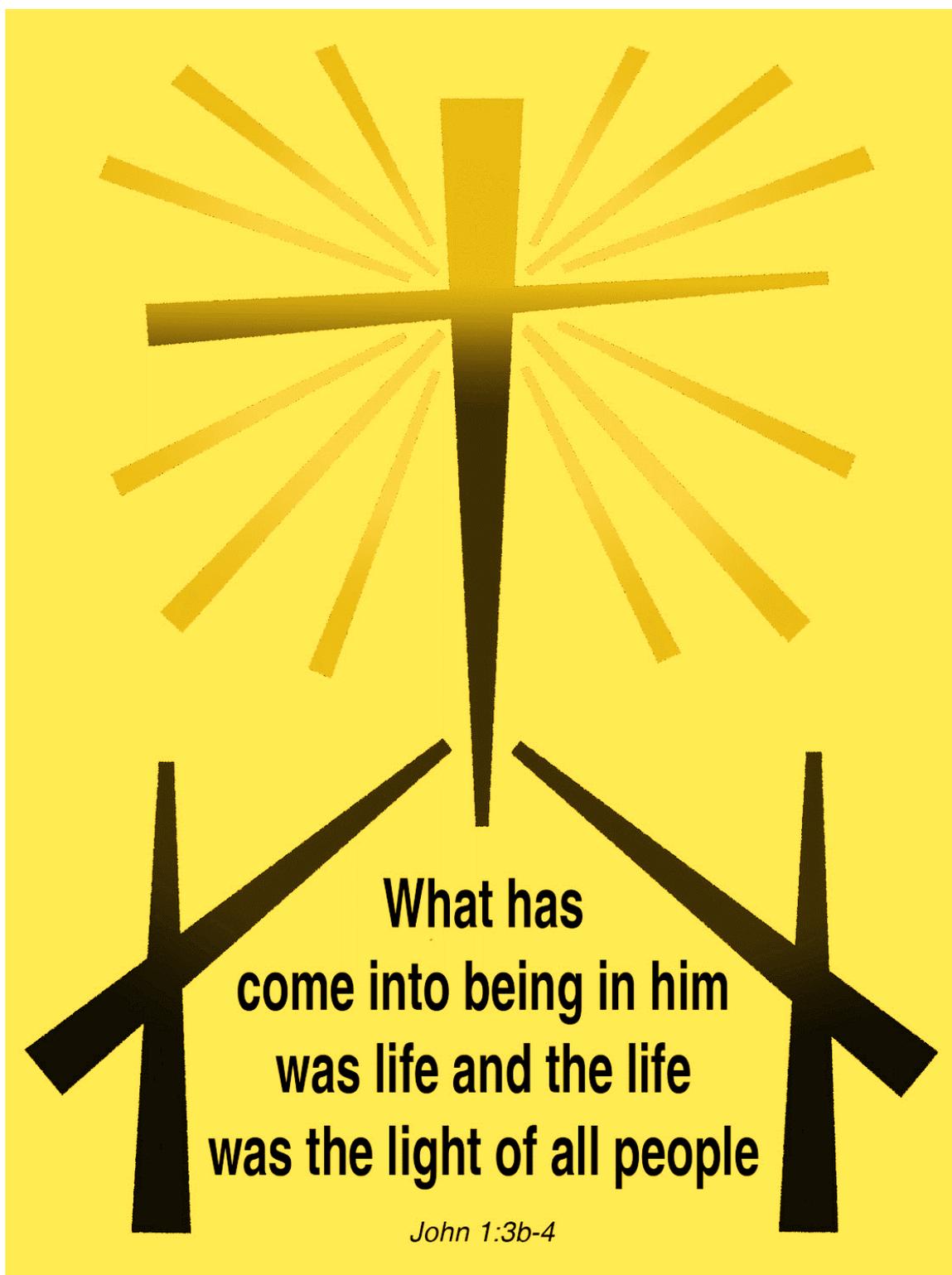


Eynsham Baptist Church

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

Newsletter – February 2019



SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday morning services include Creche & 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>SUNDAY THEME:</u> <i>(contd)</i> 'The Light shines in the Darkness'	<u>LEADER</u>
SUNDAY 3rd HC 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Encountering the light at night John 3: 1 - 21 Messy Church	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 7 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 10th 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Encountering the light at noon John 4: 1 - 26 SONGS OF PRAISE - Café Style 'Love'	Revd Zoltan Biro Revd Malcolm Cook
Thursday 14 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 17th 10.30 a.m.	Following the light John 6: 1 - 24	Mrs Maureen Thompson
Thursday 21 st	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 24th FHC 10.30 a.m.	Believing in the light John 8: 2 - 18	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 28 th	12 noon Communion	

STUDY GROUPS

HOME STUDY GROUPS meet regularly in various homes. To find a group to join please speak to Maureen.

SOUP & STUDY meets at 1.00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th 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 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 or see www.asylum-welcome.org

MONTHLY DIARY

BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 7th February 10 - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall. Tea/coffee, cake and sales table raising money for BMS. Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs.

DEACONS MEETING

Thursday 7th February at 7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.

SCBA CONFERENCE

11 - 13th February Zoltan is attending the Southern Counties Baptist Association Ministers' and Leaders' Conference in Cheltenham.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 14th February 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.

FUNKY FRIDAY

Friday 15th February 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.

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 17th February 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 need to be labelled showing any possible allergens. During the cold winter months warm clothing, in particular hats, scarves and gloves would also be most welcome. *More details from Raymond & Revel Elliot on 881346.*

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 21st February 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our small hall: Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs, and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 21st February at 1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

COFFEE AND CARNATIONS

Monday 25th February We will be going to Millett's Farm Centre. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We meet in the cafe at 10.30 a.m.

EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday 28th February We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

114 CLUB

Most Tuesdays between 7 - 9 p.m. at 114 Spareacre Lane: a sociable time playing Rummikub and sometimes cribbage. We don't take it too seriously, and there's plenty of laughter while hopefully keeping our 'little grey cells' ticking over: more details from David or Lin.

FORWARD NOTICES

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March St Leonard's are hosting this year. There is a light lunch at 12.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Hall followed by a service at 2.00 p.m. in the church. If you are coming for lunch there will be a list to sign on the coffee table for catering purposes: you don't need to sign up for the service.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 5th March Pancakes at the Millers as usual between 12 - 2 p.m.

LENT QUIET DAY

Saturday, 9th March at Freeland Convent 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. including lunch. There will be a signing-up list on the coffee table.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 16th March from 9.30 a.m. until we finish so the more folk who turn up the better!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Sunday 17th March at noon. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting at which we shall be electing a new church secretary. There are also two Deacon vacancies. Church rules state that only church members of a least six months' standing can be nominated.

DEACONS' AWAY DAY

Saturday, 30th March at Freeland Convent.

BMS CLUSTER SERVICE

Sunday, 7th April at EBC. Refreshments at 4.00 p.m. followed by service at 5.00 p.m. Speaker to be confirmed.

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

18th - 19th May at the International Centre, Telford. More information from Zoltan or Denise.

OASIS SPRING TEA

Thursday 30th May 2.30 p.m. at EBC

CHILDREN'S 3 CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB

29th July - 2nd August - venue to be confirmed.

AUGST OASIS

Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th August in Eynsham Village Hall.

JUNIOR CHURCH/ CRÈCHE APPEAL



It must be nearly 8 years ago that I brought the issue of starting a crèche to the Church body. At this time we asked for volunteers to help, either with Junior Church or in the Crèche. Some people felt more comfortable in one of the areas, others chose to help in both situations. It meant most of us were CRB checked (now DBS, a requirement for those working with the children.)

I'm writing today to ask if people could please give some thought to helping other leaders with their work in Junior Church and/or the Crèche? As we know, children are the future of the Church and are very precious to us. Many of those working with the children are already in their seventies, or nearly there. It is not as easy as it was to play with the little ones, or prepare, set up & pack away in Junior Church. We have also lost a few leaders over the past year.

This means the burden is falling on a smaller group of people, just when the numbers in Junior Church are growing. This growth is a positive thing of course, but we also want the children to enjoy coming, as well as developing their Faith and Christian values. As long as there is one leader in the Hall who has been DBS checked, it is not a necessity for others helping to be checked. This is a very simple procedure though and do speak to Maureen Thompson, our Child Safety Officer, if you'd like to know more.

The rota covers two months of Junior Church and used to mean Leaders would do one Junior Church session and one Crèche session in that time. Recently, some people have had to do more, as numbers in Crèche increase and more than one pair of hands is needed for the little ones. Some of you have offered support in the Crèche on an occasional basis, for which we're very grateful, but if anyone feels they could offer some regular support either in the crèche, Junior Church or both, it would be very much appreciated by all.

The new Crèche rota will start on the first Sunday in March, so if anyone feels they'd like to watch a Crèche or Junior Church session before committing to anything, please do speak to Marta or Kay. Kay is also available to answer any queries on the phone or by email and to give support to anyone who feels a bit anxious initially (as most of us did!)

Please do pray for the future of our Junior Church/Crèche and for its Leaders.

Many thanks,

Kay Jerred

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

(Part of an article by Lester Amann in Parish Pump)

In a world that needs to see the healing and saving light of Jesus, we are called to be lights of hope, peace and love. What we do and what we say matters. Our actions and words should point people to our heavenly Father. Sometimes this is difficult and sometimes we fail. But we still should try to be like the psalmist who, while thinking about God, said : '*Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.*' *Psalm 119:105*

EBC 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2018

There are still some commemorative aprons, tea-towels and pens available from Derek's Thursday Traidcraft stall or in church: aprons £7, tea-towels £3.00 and pens £1.00.

CHURCH CONTACTS

CHURCH OFFICE:

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CHURCH TREASURER:

Bob Thiele - 426203

HALL BOOKINGS

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Zoltan's days off are generally Wednesday and Saturday: on these days please first contact the 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 needing pastoral support.

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

subject to editorial discretion and space constraints:

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