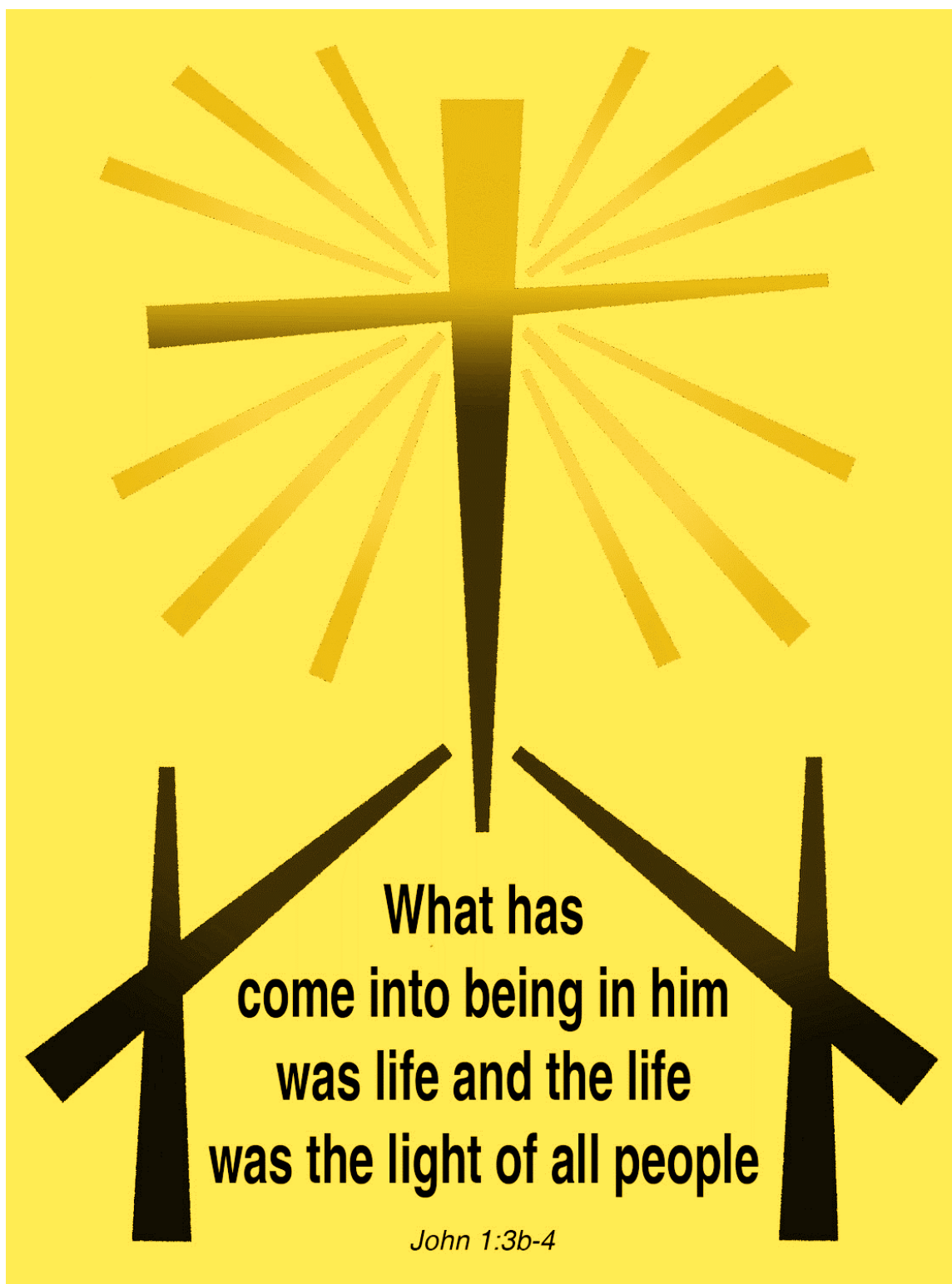


# Eynsham Baptist Church

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

## **MONTHLY DIARY**

### **BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 - 13<sup>th</sup> February** Zoltan is attending the Southern Counties Baptist Association Ministers' and Leaders' Conference in Cheltenham.

### **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

## **COFFEE AND CARNATIONS**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March** Pancakes at the Millers as usual between 12 - 2 p.m.

### **LENT QUIET DAY**

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March** from 9.30 a.m. until we finish so the more folk who turn up the better!

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> March** at Freeland Convent.

## **BMS CLUSTER SERVICE**

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

## **OASIS SPRING TEA**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** 2.30 p.m. at EBC

## **CHILDREN'S 3 CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB**

**29<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August** - venue to be confirmed.

## **AUGST OASIS**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**Tel:** 01865 882203

**Email:** eynsham.baptists@btinternet.com

### **CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Denise Launchbury - 881128

### **CHURCH TREASURER:**

Bob Thiele - 426203

### **HALL BOOKINGS**

**Tel:** 07900 066471

**Email:** rdavidmiller@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

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.**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

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