

Eynsham Baptist Church

March 2020



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES include Creche and Junior Church. On the 1st Sunday of the month there are pre-service prayers in church between 10 - 10.15 a.m. at which all are welcome.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME:</u>	JESUS THE SON OF GOD ...	<u>LEADER</u>
SUNDAY 1st	10-10.15 a.m. 10.30 a.m. HC	Pre-service prayers Jesus ... can resist temptation <i>Luke 4: 1-12</i>	Revd Malcom Cook
Thursday 5 th	12 noon	Communion	
Friday 6 th	2.00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer Service in St Peter's, Eynsham <i>"The Day of Prayer begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last Services of this special day are held, back in the Pacific on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for about 36 hours."</i>	The three churches
SUNDAY 8th	10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Jesus ... has authority over the spiritual realm <i>Mark 5: 1-8</i> Café Style SONGS OF PRAISE <i>'The Life of Jesus'</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 12 th	12 noon	Communion	
SUNDAY 15th	10.30 a.m.	Jesus ... is recognised by His disciples <i>Matthew 16: 13-27</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 19 th	12 noon	Communion	
SUNDAY 22nd <u>Mothers' Sunday</u>	10.30 a.m. FHC	Jesus ... is the Lord of life <i>John 11: 17-27, 33-44</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 26 th	11.45 a.m. 12 noon	Prayers in church Communion	
SUNDAY 29th	10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Jesus ... is rejected by the powerful <i>Luke 20: 9-19</i> Messy Church	Revd Zoltan Biro

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

HOME STUDY GROUPS

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

2nd and 4th Thursdays **SOUP & STUDY**
12.45 p.m. in our main hall. Zoltan leads this relaxed, informal time to study the Bible after a soup lunch. Further information from Zoltan or Maureen.

Weekly **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

Weekly **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 at least 6 months to run on the 'use by date'.**

Weekly on Thursdays **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**
9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods & cards and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

Weekly on Tuesdays **THE 114 CLUB**
7 - 9 p.m. a sociable evening playing Rummikub, cribbage, etc - speak to David or Lin for details.

Sunday 1st March **GATEHOUSE**
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. Items of warm clothing (hats, scarves, sweaters etc) are also much appreciated during the cold winter months. *More details from Raymond & Revel Elliot on 881346.*

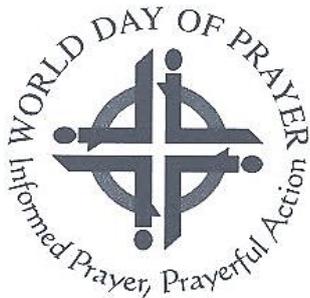
Thursday 5th March **BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL**
10.00 - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall. Tea/coffee, cake and sales table raising money for BMS. Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs.

Thursday 5th March **DEACONS MEETING**
7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.

**Friday 6th
March**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2.00 p.m. service in St Peter's Church, Eynsham which will be followed by tea at 3.00 p.m. please sign the list on the coffee table for catering purposes.



This year's theme for World Day of Prayer is **'Rise, take your mat and walk'** and is prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. They encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. *"It was back in 2012 - eight years ago - that Zimbabwe was invited to prepare the 2020 World Day of Prayer. At that time, the country was facing many challenges. Since then, Zimbabwe has gone through many changes notably the ousting of Robert Mugabe. But the new dawn that so many had hoped and prayed for has not happened. In fact, life for ordinary Zimbabweans is harder than ever... Please continue to pray for Zimbabwe."* 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

**Saturday 14th
March**

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

9.30 a.m. onwards. The more people who turn up the sooner we can finish: coffee makers and encouragers also very welcome!

**Sunday 15th
March**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.00 noon All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting at which we shall be electing Church Treasurer, Secretary & Deacons. Bob Thiele is willing to be nominated again for Church Treasurer and Sheila Wood for Church Secretary. We also have two Deacon vacancies. You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission) for any of these positions, but church rules state that they must be church members of a least six months' standing. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting, although only church members can actually vote.

**Thursday
19th March**

LUNCH CLUB

1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

**Friday 20th
March**

FUNKY FRIDAY

5 - 6.30 p.m. 9-10 year olds (Year 5) **7 - 8.30 p.m.** 10-11 year olds (Year 6). If anyone can offer help please speak to Zoltan. Please continue to pray for all those who attend.

**Saturday 21st
March**

LENT AWAY DAY

10 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. at Freeland Convent: includes lunch. There is a signing-up list on the coffee table.

**Monday 30th
March**

COFFEE & CARNATIONS

We will be going to **Charlbury Garden Centre, Ramsden** (formerly known as Hilltop Garden Centre). Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We meet in the cafe at 10.30 a.m.

FORWARD NOTICES

**Saturday 4th
April**

DEACONS AWAY DAY

10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. at Burford Baptist Church.

8th - 10th May

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Bournemouth International Centre. Please speak to Zoltan for more details.

BRONZE HEALTHCARE CLINIC, UGANDA

As you know, part of the financial gifts from our various Christmas services were sent to the Bronze Healthcare Clinic, Busia, Eastern Uganda. This was set up by 2 trained nurses to enable women in this very poor area to have access to all aspects of pregnancy advice and a safe place to give birth. Larry and June Poole are in regular contact with the clinic and organise ongoing fund-raising.

Here is the latest email news just received from the clinic:



“Here's Shakira Namukose whose life made me tremble! She's only 19 years, got engaged with a man who advised her to terminate the pregnancy because he was not ready to take her as a wife, she insisted but later discovered she was HIV positive, the man neglected her, she doesn't know his whereabouts. Now yesterday a Good Samaritan found her alone in labour at home and on the veranda so she rushed her to Bronze and we received her, cared for her till we witnessed her smile at her baby girl this morning. Now to prevent the innocent soul from contracting HIV we need to transport her to an HIV clinic, she needs to eat lest her fail to breast feed the baby. We don't know how it will happen yet. But our caring spirit is inspired by the love and support we have always received from good people like you so we're confident that this sad story will be changed into a happy story!

Blessings.

Sam at Bronze Clinic, Busia.”

If you'd like to know more about Bronze's work please speak to Larry and June.

The Knots Prayer
from 'World Day of Prayer'

Dear God: Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the '**HAVE NOTS**', the '**CAN NOTS**' and the '**DO NOTS**'
that I have in my mind.

Erase the '**WILL NOTS**', '**MAY NOTS**', '**MIGHT NOTS**'
that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the '**COULD NOTS**', '**WOULD NOTS**' and '**SHOULD NOTS**'
that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life
all of the '**AM NOTS**' that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought that I am not good enough.

AMEN

Cover photo: *Interior of a church in Makia in the Kingdom of Lesotho, an enclaved country within the borders of South Africa. South Africa itself borders Zimbabwe whose women have chosen the theme for this year's World Day of Prayer.*

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PLEASE MAKE MINISTER OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANYONE NEEDING PASTORAL SUPPORT.

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