

Eynsham Baptist Church

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

March 2019



Services in March

Sunday mornings: pre-service prayers 10.00 - 10.15 a.m. at which all are welcome and service includes Creche & Junior Church.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNDAY THEME: 'The light shines in the darkness'</u> <i>contd.</i>	<u>LEADER</u>
Friday 1 st March 2.00 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Leonard's Church	The three churches
SUNDAY 3rd 10.30 a.m.	From sight to light <i>John 9: 1 - 33</i>	Revd Malcolm Cook
Thursday 7 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 10th HC 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	<u>NEW SUNDAY THEME: Who is Jesus?</u> Jesus the Good Shepherd <i>John 10: 1-18</i> SONGS OF PRAISE - Café Style <i>'Friendship & Fellowship'</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro Revd Richard Crippen
Thursday 14 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 17th 10.30 a.m.	Jesus the Source of Life <i>John 11: 1-14, 38-44</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 21 st	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 24th FHC 10.30 a.m.	Jesus the Wine <i>John 15: 1-17</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 28 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 31st 10.30 a.m. <u>Mothering Sunday</u>	The Compassionate Jesus <i>John 17: 1-26</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro

STUDY GROUPS

Several **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. Details 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

MONTHLY DIARY

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March St Leonard's are hosting this year. There is a **light lunch at 12.45 p.m.** in St Leonard's Hall followed by a **service at 2.00 p.m.** in the church. If you are attending lunch please sign the list on the coffee table for catering purposes: you don't need to sign up for the service. **The origins of World Day of Prayer** date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA & Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from these roots that WDP takes its present shape - a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer & Prayerful Action. The World Day of Prayer service has an annual theme developed by women of a different country each year, this year the country is Slovenia and the theme is *'Come - everything is ready!'*

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 5th March David and Lin invite you for the usual freshly cooked pancakes at the 114 Spareacre Lane: drop in any time between 12 - 2 p.m.

BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 7th March 10 - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall. Tea/coffee, cake and sales table raising money for BMS. Fairtrade goods & cards, eggs etc.

DEACONS MEETING

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

LENT QUIET DAY

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

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 14th March 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods & cards, local free-range eggs, sales table in aid of Day Centre.

SINGING GROUP – POP-UP CHOIR

Thursday 14th March at 7.00 p.m. in the church, now practising for Easter Sunday: new singers always welcome, speak to Maureen for details.

FUNKY FRIDAY

Friday 15th March from 6.00 p.m. for Year 5 (10s) and upwards. This is proving a popular event and average attendance is 24 youngsters. If anyone can offer help, particularly in the kitchen, please speak to Zoltan. Please continue to pray for the children who attend, as well as the leaders.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 16th March from 9.30 a.m. and the more folk who turn up the quicker we will finish! Don't worry if you are not able to physically do any cleaning as coffee makers and encouragers are also very welcome!

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 church officers. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting, but only church members can vote. Denise is standing down this year as Church Secretary so nominations are invited for this post: Bob Thiele is willing to be nominated again for Church Treasurer. We also have two Deacon vacancies. You can nominate someone else (with their permission of course) or yourself for any of these positions, but church rules state that they must be church members of a least six months' standing.

LUNCH CLUB

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

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COFFEE AND CARNATIONS

Monday 25th March We will be going to Hilltop Garden Centre and meet in the cafe at 10.30 a.m. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETER THOMAS

Wednesday 27th March at 2.30 p.m. A memorial service for Peter Thomas who died last October, is taking place in our church and all are welcome to attend. Peter was a very close friend of Anne Wrapson and when visiting her always came to our church, continuing to do so after her death when in Oxford. Peter's sister Anne in Australia writes:

"We would like to invite you to a Memorial Celebration of the life of Michael Peter Thomas. Peter died on 28th October 2018 in Nobles Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man and although my brother lived for the past 30 years on the Isle of Man, his roots were in Oxfordshire. For this reason our family are so pleased to have the opportunity to hold a Memorial Service in Eynsham Baptist Church, (Lombard Street Eynsham Oxon) where he had many friends and there are so many happy memories. So do please join our family on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 2.30 p.m. to celebrate and reminisce about Peter's life. There will be a short service, led by Revd Zoltan Biro, when family and friends will be able to speak about him. You are invited to afternoon tea in the Church Hall to follow. Peter's life was a very happy one, he was a unique person who never did harm to anyone and always had a cheery greeting for his friends and his family. He is very sadly missed. Although I am unable to make the long journey to be there, Malcolm's and my thoughts will most definitely be with you all. It would have been Peter's 78th birthday on 30th March."

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 28th March 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.

EYNSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

Thursday 28th March 10.30 a.m. A group of children from Eynsham Primary School will be visiting us to look around the church and learn about what we do at EBC. This has arisen from Zoltan's regular contacts at the school in Assemblies and the Holiday Club. Please pray for this visit and for this continuing contact with the school.

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EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

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

DEACONS' AWAY DAY

Saturday, 30th March at Freeland Convent. We pray that our hard-working Deacons will find this a time of spiritual and physical refreshment.

KIDLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH INDUCTION OF NEW MINISTER

Saturday 30th March at 3.00 p.m. the induction of Revd Phil Durrant. The service will be led by Revd Steve Barber, Orchard Baptist Church, and the speaker is Revd Antony Wareham, Senior Minister at Clevedon Baptist Church. There will be a light tea afterwards: please sign the list on the coffee table if you will be attending so that they know numbers for catering.

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 31st March Supporting Oxford's homeless shelter with sandwiches, fruit and cake (preferably home-made). Please indicate sandwich content, date prepared and maker's name. Home-made cakes need to be labelled showing any possible allergens. *More details from Raymond & Revel Elliot on 881346.*

114 CLUB

Most Tuesdays between 7 - 9 p.m. at 114 Spareacre Lane: a sociable time playing Rummikub & sometimes cribbage: more details from David or Lin.

NB: NO TRADCRAFT STALL on 21st March.

FORWARD NOTICES

BMS CLUSTER SERVICE

Sunday, 7th April at EBC. Refreshments at 4.00 p.m. Service at 5.00 p.m. Speaker Rachel Conway-Doel talking about BMS Disaster Relief.

OASIS SPRING TEA

Thursday 30th May 2.30 p.m. at EBC in our main hall.

TRIP TO ISRAEL

2nd - 11th May 2019 Steve and Janet Gaukroger are leading this trip to Israel in May: please speak to them for more information.

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

18th - 19th May at the International Centre, Telford. Zoltan and Marta will be attending. Please speak to Zoltan or Denise for more details.

BOB CLARKSON

We are very sorry to report the death of Bob Clarkson on 27th January 2019. The funeral took place on 18th February. Bob and his wife Millie have been members at EBC for several years although latterly unable to attend regularly due to ill health. They maintained contact with our church family however, sometimes attending Lunch Club and mid-week communion. We send our sympathy, love and prayers to Millie and all the family at this sad time.

SEYMOUR CLAPCOTT

We also send our sympathy, love and prayers to Maureen Clapcott on the death of her husband Seymour. Our thoughts are with Maureen and the rest of the family at this sad time.



LENT, which comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for clearing out those things which hinder our relationship with Jesus Christ and our service to him.

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Frances Ridley Havergal

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Forgotten Youth

At the last church meeting when on the Agenda the Youth Club came up, or should I say 'Funky Friday', anyway it brought back many happy memories of my Youth Club days which were at the Methodist church in Banbury where I was born. I had such a good time sharing ups and downs from Sunday School to Youth Club, getting to know how important it is to share things, be it possessions or opinions, and learn to accept another person's situation. It was not all fun and laughter, there would be tears at times, but we all shared them.

And later in life when helping running the Cubs and Youth Club, I know quite well we should appreciate the leaders and helpers for giving the time to such a well worth event.

Can I say that some of us eventually married within the Club, and many of us still keep in touch with each other which I think is an achievement since that's from Sunday School days until now.

With grateful thanks

Chris Ward

CHURCH CONTACTS

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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 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 APRIL NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 24th March (subject to editorial discretion & space constraints) Lin Miller 01865 881780 - linmiller25@gmail.com

