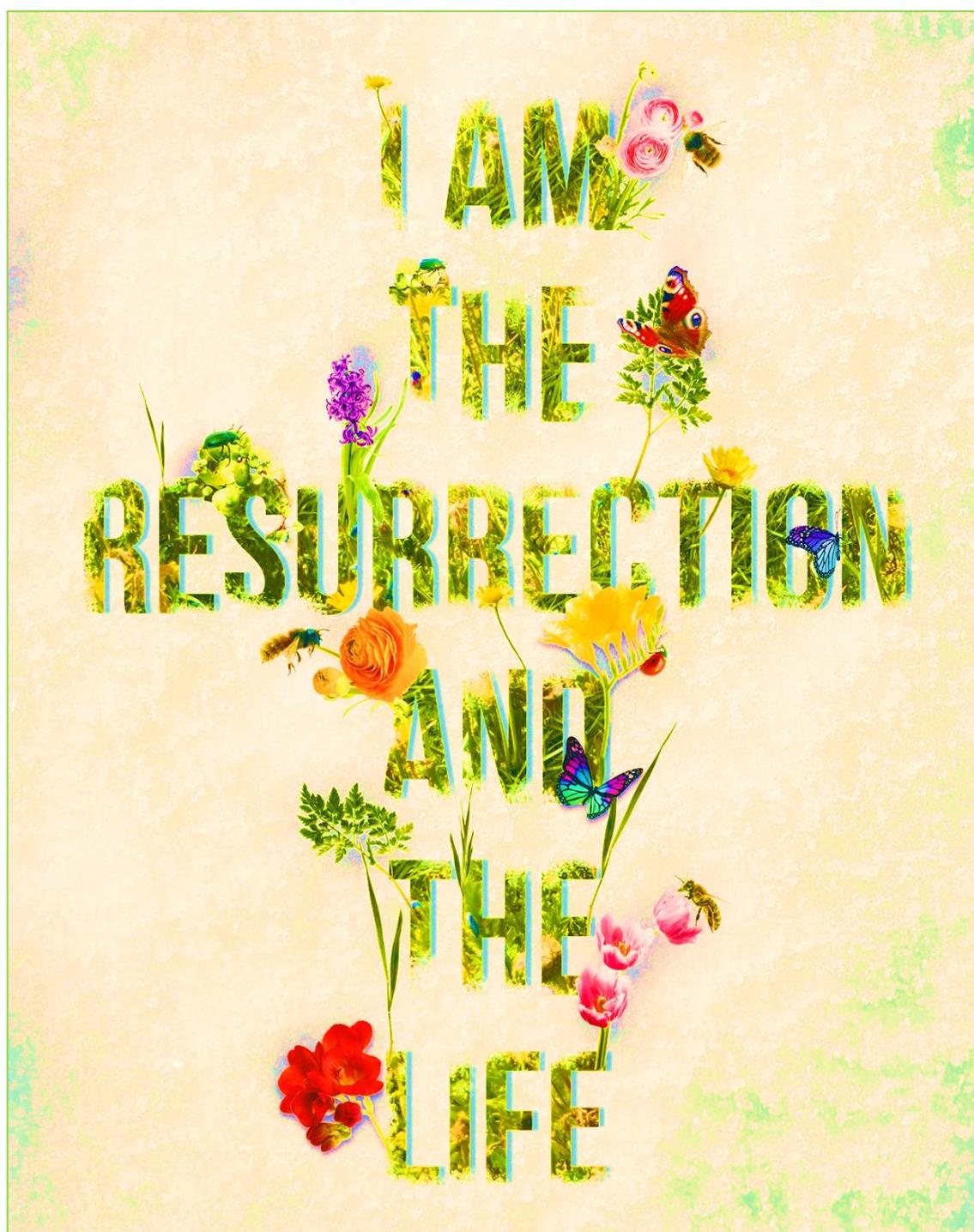


# Eynsham Baptist Church

April 2019



**SUNDAY MORNINGS:** pre-service prayers 10.00 - 10.15 a.m. at which all are welcome: service includes Creche & Junior Church.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNDAY THEME: Who is Jesus?</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Communion at EBC	
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>HC</b> 10.30 a.m.  Tea - 4.00 p.m. Service - 5.00 p.m.	The purifying Jesus <i>John 13: 1-15</i>  BMS Cluster Event Speaker: Rachel Conway-Doel	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Communion at EBC	
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup></b>  10.30 a.m.  3.00 p.m.	<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b>  Jesus the King <i>John 12: 1-19</i>  SONGS OF PRAISE for Easter - Café Style	Revd Zoltan Biro
	<b><u>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> 1.30 p.m. Day Centre Easter Service  <b><u>MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> 12 noon Communion at EBC 7.30 p.m. Reflections & Communion at EBC  <b><u>GOOD FRIDAY</u></b> 10.00 am. United Service of Witness in the Square <i>followed by coffee &amp; hot cross buns at EBC</i> 7.30 p.m. A quiet reflective service at EBC	The 3 churches      The 3 churches
<b>SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>  8.00 a.m.  <b>FHC</b> 10.30 a.m.	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></b>  Reflective service with Communion in the hall <i>followed by breakfast</i>  The resurrected Jesus <i>John 20: 1-18</i> <i>(service followed by Easter Egg hunt for the children)</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Communion at EBC	
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup></b>  10.30 a.m.  3.00 p.m.	<b><u>NEW SUNDAY THEME:</u></b> <b>“Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!”....</b> <b>He is Risen! So What?”</b>  You’re gonna need a bigger boat <i>John 21: 1-14</i>  Messy Church	Revd Zoltan Biro



**How can we make a difference  
in a crisis?**

**Eynsham Baptist Church  
Hosts a BMS Event**

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**4pm - 5pm Tea and refreshments**

**5pm talk by:**

**Rachel Conway-Doel**  
**BMS Relief Facilitator**

**We hope to see you there!**



### **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 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 soup lunch. More 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)

- Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> April**      **BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL**  
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.
- Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> April**      **DEACONS MEETING**  
7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.
- Sunday  
7<sup>th</sup> April**      **BMS EVENT**  
Tea at 4 p.m. Service at 5.00 p.m. Please sign the list on the coffee table if you are coming so we know numbers and also indicate if you could provide a cake or scones.
- Thursday  
11<sup>th</sup> April**      **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**  
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.
- Thursday  
11<sup>th</sup> April**      **SINGING GROUP - POP-UP CHOIR**  
7.00 p.m. in the church. **N.B. this is the last Thursday rehearsal** as we won't be meeting on Maundy Thursday: speak to Maureen for details of a final rehearsal before Easter Sunday.
- Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> April**      **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**  
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.
- Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> April**      **LUNCH CLUB**  
1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.
- Thursday  
25<sup>th</sup> April**      **EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER**  
We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.
- Friday  
26<sup>th</sup> April**      **FUNKY FRIDAY**  
from 6.00 p.m. for Year 5 (10) and upwards. If anyone can offer help please speak to Zoltan. Please continue to pray for those who attend.

**Monday  
29<sup>th</sup> April**

## **COFFEE & CARNATIONS**

We will be going to Bampton Plant Centre for coffee and Aston Pottery for lunch. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We meet in the cafe at Bampton at 10.30 a.m.

**Most  
Tuesdays**

## **THE 114 CLUB**

7 - 9 p.m. for a sociable evening playing Rummikub, cribbage, etc - see David or Lin for details.

## **FORWARD NOTICES**

**Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> May**

## **GATEHOUSE**

This is the next date help is requested.

**12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
May**

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Volunteers will be needed as usual for delivery of envelopes please: see Maureen if you can help.

**Sunday  
19<sup>th</sup> May**

## **SUNDAES@3**

3.00 p.m. Please pray for EBC's new outreach initiative which will be happening during March, May and July. Flyers available from Janet, Barbara, Hayley or Dugan.



## **SUNDAES@3**

An informal, interactive event,  
giving space to consider some of the  
big questions of life and faith...  
with a cherry on top!

**March 17—SPOT THE MASTERPIECE**

**What's the deal with God and people?**

**May 19—READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?**

**Is the Bible a good book?**

**July 21—WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?**

**Is it worth taking Jesus seriously?**

VENUE: EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, LOMBARD STREET  
EVENT FROM 3.00-4.00PM,  
FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM SUNDAES ON US  
AN INITIATIVE OF EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
May**

## **BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**

at the International Centre, Telford: Zoltan and Marta will be attending, Marta as EBC's Delegate.

## **NEW CHURCH SECRETARY**

At our recent AGM Mrs Sheila Wood was elected as our new church secretary, taking over from Denise who stood down after 12 years in the post. We pray that Sheila will know God's blessing and guidance as she takes on this new role. Bob Thiele was re-elected as our Church Treasurer.

We thank Denise for the invaluable and often selfless contribution she has made to our church family life, helping to keep EBC thriving and growing. We are pleased to say that she is not retiring completely, but has been elected onto the Diaconate, with special responsibilities for pastoral matters. We wish her well in this new avenue of service.

## **Congratulations !**

to Derek and Sue Malin who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 17<sup>th</sup> March. We send them our love and very best wishes and pray that they will know God's continued blessing in their lives.



# The truth is ...

(1 Corinthians 15:19-26)

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!

This is the true, real and wonderful good news story.

Thank God that in this world of chaos,  
lies and fake-news messengers and moaners  
Here is truth to sustain and encourage ...

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

He has overcome the world.

He has overcome death.

Everything is bearable, faceable and possible,  
Sense and purpose restored, because...

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

Easter changes everything.

Love wins.

Hallelujah!

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Gracious, loving Father,

Thank you for the wonderful reality of Jesus' resurrection  
on that first Easter Day.

Thank you that, because Jesus is alive, life has meaning and purpose.

When we don't understand why some things happen,  
when life is difficult, when we are struggling through pain and loss,  
help us to know your risen presence and love in our lives.

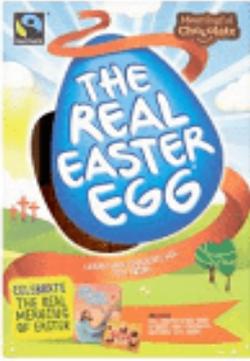
Help us to choose to trust you.

Help us always to be thankful for your amazing Easter gift  
of life and hope.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

*by Daphne Kitching*



## **THE REAL EASTER EGG - Share the Good News**

Introduced in 2010 The Real Easter Egg (*now completely plastic free*) is a Fairtrade egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. As well as introducing people to the real meaning of Easter, a charitable donation is made for every egg sold, supporting farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate. Available from Derek's Traidcraft stall.

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#### **CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Sheila Wood - 01993 650263

#### **CHURCH TREASURER:**

Bob Thiele - 426203

#### **HALL BOOKINGS**

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Denise Launchbury - 881128

Derek Malin - 88410

June Poole - 375130

Maureen Thompson - 881808

Sue Law - 731263

**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.

**Please make the Minister or Deacons aware of anyone needing pastoral support.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

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