

Eynsham Baptist Church

July 2019

SUMMER

a time to reach
your neighbours

Matthew 22:39



SUNDAY MORNINGS: All are welcome at pre-service prayers 10 - 10.15 a.m. Services include Creche & Junior Church.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNDAY MORNING THEME:</u> You will be My Witness <i>contd.</i>	<u>LEADER</u>
Thursday 4 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 7th 10.30 a.m.	Salt of the world <i>Matthew 5: 13 Mark 7: 1-13</i>	Mr Bob Thiele
Thursday 11 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 14th HC 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Sources of Light <i>Matthew 5: 14-16</i> SONGS OF PRAISE - Café Style 'Summer'	Revd Zoltan Biro Mrs Maureen Thompson
Thursday 18 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 21st 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Living Sacrifices <i>Romans 12: 1-8</i> Sundaes@3	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday 25 th	12 noon Communion	
SUNDAY 28th FHC 10.30 a.m.	<u>NEW SUNDAY THEME:</u> Pleading with God: Stories from the Old Testament Jonah: Pleading for Punishment <i>Jonah 4: 1-11</i>	Revd Zoltan Biro

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

From an article by Veronica Zundel in 'New Daylight' on 31.1.2019
..... "Often people shrink from evangelism because they think, 'I'm not a very good example of a Christian.' But if we wait 'till our lives are perfect to share our faith with others, we will never share it! We will always fail, and be battered by circumstances, but we can still witness to the God who loves, forgives and sustains us."

'But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us'

2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16

HOME STUDY GROUPS

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

**2nd and 4th
Thursdays**

SOUP & STUDY

Taking a break during July and August.

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, 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.

**Thursday
4th July**

BMS COFFEE MORNING

10.00 - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall. Tea/coffee, cake and sales table raising money for BMS.

**Thursday
4th July**

DEACONS MEETING

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

**Saturday
6th - 8th
July**

EYNSHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Leonards Church. Theme: "Stage & Screen". Open Saturday/Sunday 10am - 6pm, Monday 10am - 3pm

**Thursday
11th July**

SINGING GROUP

7.00 p.m. in the church. New singers are always welcome: speak to Maureen for more details.

- Thursday
18th July** **LUNCH CLUB**
1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.
- Friday
19th July** **FUNKY FRIDAY**
from 6.00 p.m. for Year 5 (10) and upwards. If anyone can offer help, particularly in the kitchen, between 6.15 - 7.30 p.m. please speak to Zoltan. Please continue to pray for those who attend.
- Sunday
21st July** **CHURCH MEETING**
12.00 noon. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.
- Thursday
25th July** **SINGING GROUP**
7.00 p.m. in the church - this is our last meeting until resuming in September, but new singers are always welcome: speak to Maureen for more details.
- Thursday
25th July** **EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER**
We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.
- Saturday
27th July** **‘BIG APPLE BAROQUE’ CONCERT**
7.00 p.m. in St Leonard’s Church
Admission free - Retiring collection for the Parish’s charitable projects. ***All about Elizabeth** In March 1603 as Elizabeth I lay on the cusp between life and death, her musicians were summoned to cheer her up and ease her passing. What did they sing and play? They were not exactly short of repertoire as for the last 44 years Elizabeth had been celebrated throughout the land in poetry, often unfortunate, and music, often dazzlingly good. ‘Big Apple Baroque’ and friends recreate the moment in a programme of vocal and instrumental gems of the age, including works by Byrd, Bull, Morley, Weelkes, Tomkins and anon.*
- Monday
29th July** **COFFEE & CARNATIONS**
We will be going to Notcutts Garden Centre. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We meet in the cafe at 10.30 a.m.

**29 July -
2 August**

THE 3 CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB

9 - 12 noon in St Leonard's Church: for children 5 - 11 years - 'Adventures in Athens'. Please pray for this three churches outreach.

FORWARD NOTICES

**Sunday
18th August**

The Judkin family, our Baptist Cluster missionaries, will be visiting Kidlington Baptist Church. There will be tea at 5.00 p.m. followed by a service at 6pm.

**Tuesday
27th -
Thursday
29th August**

AUGUST OASIS

10.15 - 3.45 p.m. in the village hall: cost £4.00 per day. Brochures/application forms available in any of the village churches, Eynsham Library or Evenlode DIY. *Pre-booking essential.*

It is EBC's turn to provide cakes on the first day so if you could make a cake please let Pamela Thiele know.

**Saturday
14th
September**

OHCT RIDE & STRIDE

Walk or cycle between churches, get sponsored and raise money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust: half the money you raise goes to your own designated church. ***Sponsor forms now available.*** 'Church sitters' are also needed on the day to greet riders/striders and there will be a list on the coffee table to sign if you are able to give an hour or so of your time to do this: and you could also be sponsored for that! Speak to Lin Miller for more information.

**Sunday
15th
September**

GATEHOUSE

This is the next date our help is required as Gatehouse are closed during August for their annual maintenance/cleaning. *More details from Raymond & Revel Elliot on 881346.*

**Saturday
26th
October**

ONE WORLD WEEK SALE

10 - 12 noon in our main hall - raising money for various charities. More information from Angie Cox.

**Saturday
16th
November**

CLUSTER DAY

EBC will be hosting a Cluster Day on the issue of new housing and pioneering. Times to be confirmed.

DEDICATION OF ABEL

Abel Morgan Linn was dedicated at our service on 16th June and we were delighted to share this special day with him and family and friends. Abel is the son of Bethan and Innis, and grandson of Nick and Jackie Goodwin. We pray that Abel might know God's presence, love and blessing throughout his life.



NEWS FROM BAPHUMELELE

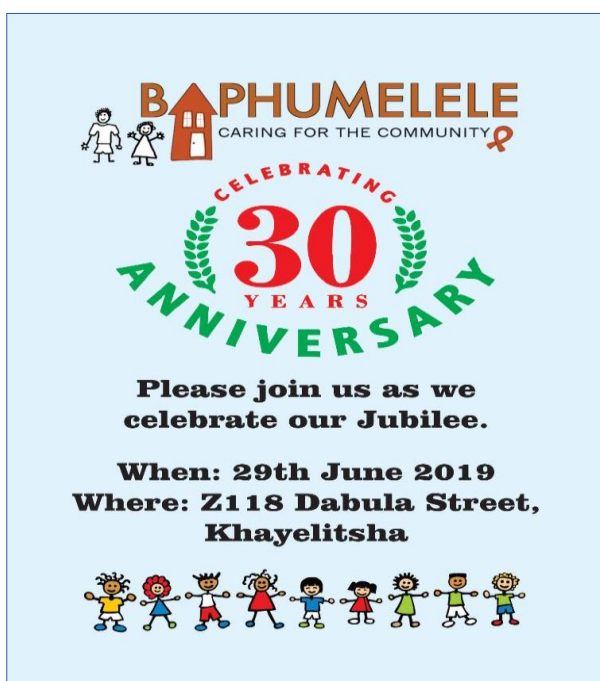
Baphumelele Children's Home

Eynsham Baptist Church has been a supporter of Baphumelele Children's Home, Khaleyitsha, South Africa since 2003 when one of our young people, Matt Jerred, spent a year with the SCORE organisation living with an African family in the remote district of Karoolande. He visited Baphumelele on one of his feedback visits to Cape Town and, on his return, asked for support in helping this project. The Home is for orphaned children from babies to young adults, who have been affected by the AIDS virus. It was started by a Primary School teacher, Rosalia (Rosie) Mashale who had seen orphaned children scavenging regularly on rubbish tips.

We have watched the project grow from its beginnings where babies shared cots and there were no fridges to store medication, to a Community with its own gardens and café where the young people can work and classroom areas where children can have an education.

Our regular contributions are of great value in the continuation of this project.

Rosie has written to us and shared the Anniversary celebration details with us:



“Dear Friends of Baphumelele,

Thank you for being part of our organization's success over the past 30 years, we greatly appreciate your support and help in shining the light on all the people of Khayelitsha and surrounding areas. The achievements of our organization are as a result of the efforts of all of you. We are extremely proud to be able to say we have been supporting our community through your support for 30 years which in today's economic conditions is very difficult achievement.

Baphumelele and staff would be honoured if you would be part of our

30th anniversary celebrations on 29th June 2019, however if you can't make it and would like to make a small donation to help us celebrate this day, please feel free to donate in lieu. May you continue to support us for many years to come and hope to see you on the 29th of June 2019 at 1300h Sharp !!!

All the best

Rosie Mashale, Managing Director “

A Thank You letter from Baphumelele

20th June 2019

Attention to: Reverend and the Congregation of Baptist Church Eynsham
Baptist Church Lombard Street Eynsham OX29 4HT England

Dear Reverend,

We, the management, staff and children of Baphumelele would like to thank you and your congregation for the ongoing yearly support since 2003, and do hereby acknowledge that I have received £510-97 on the 17th June 2019. We are deeply grateful for your continued support, for shining the light and touching the lives of these children, your donation will be used mainly to drill a water well point or a borehole to help us with much in short supply water in Cape Town. May God RICHLY bless you all for your generous contribution in all areas of your lives. Your contribution will help us to save young, innocent children, who have been orphaned and abandoned as little babies mainly due to the HIV/Aids pandemic which is rampant in our country. The majority of these children are HIV positive themselves. Many of the children taken in by Baphumelele Children's Home have already been exposed to death, malnourishment, neglect and abuse in their short lives and by making your donation you have helped us to ensure that we can continue to provide respite and love to these children who so desperately need it and perhaps help them to change not only their future but to help them shape the future of other children. It is people like you, who help to give them back their childhood, their smiles, their trust in life and hope for the future. We are very grateful for your support. Baphumelele Children's Home is part of Baphumelele Waldorf (Association Incorporated under Section 21). All enquiries in connection with this donation may be sent to the address in the footer below. This receipt is issued for the purposes of section 18A of the Income Tax Act, 1962, and your donation will be used exclusively for the operations of Baphumelele Children's Home.

Kind regards, Rosie Mashale
Managing Director 0827188275

There will be our usual stall raising money for the work of Baphumelele at the One World Week sale at EBC on Saturday 26th October. Further details in due course.

We've all had the experience of just sitting down for a meal, or something else which we wanted to enjoy without disturbance, and the phone rings and it is somebody wanting to talk about PPI. It is one of the plagues of modern life! But maybe, just maybe, it is also an opportunity

The Cold Caller

I sit me down for evening food
After a day at work
The phone then rings, I think, "How rude!
"I've barely raised my fork!"

"I'm sorry to disturb you, sir,"
(Now that's a fearful lie!)
"But I would like now to confer
"About your PPI."

I try to be a Christian, real.
And, though it isn't fair
To interrupt my evening meal,
I really mustn't swear.

So, if the chappie wants to chat
Well, that is fine by me:
"I have good news for you in fact –
"Christ died to set you free!"

Usually I hear a click
And then there's no-one there
But then I follow up this trick
By offering a prayer:

"Dear Lord, I thank you very much –
"I can resume my food
"But in your mercy, would you touch
"His heart, and do him good?"

Nigel Beeton

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

There is now a fabric report sheet alongside the other sheets inside the kitchen cupboard door for any maintenance issues that arise.

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Zoltan's days off generally Wednesday & 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 AUGUST NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21st JULY

subject to editorial discretion and space constraints:

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