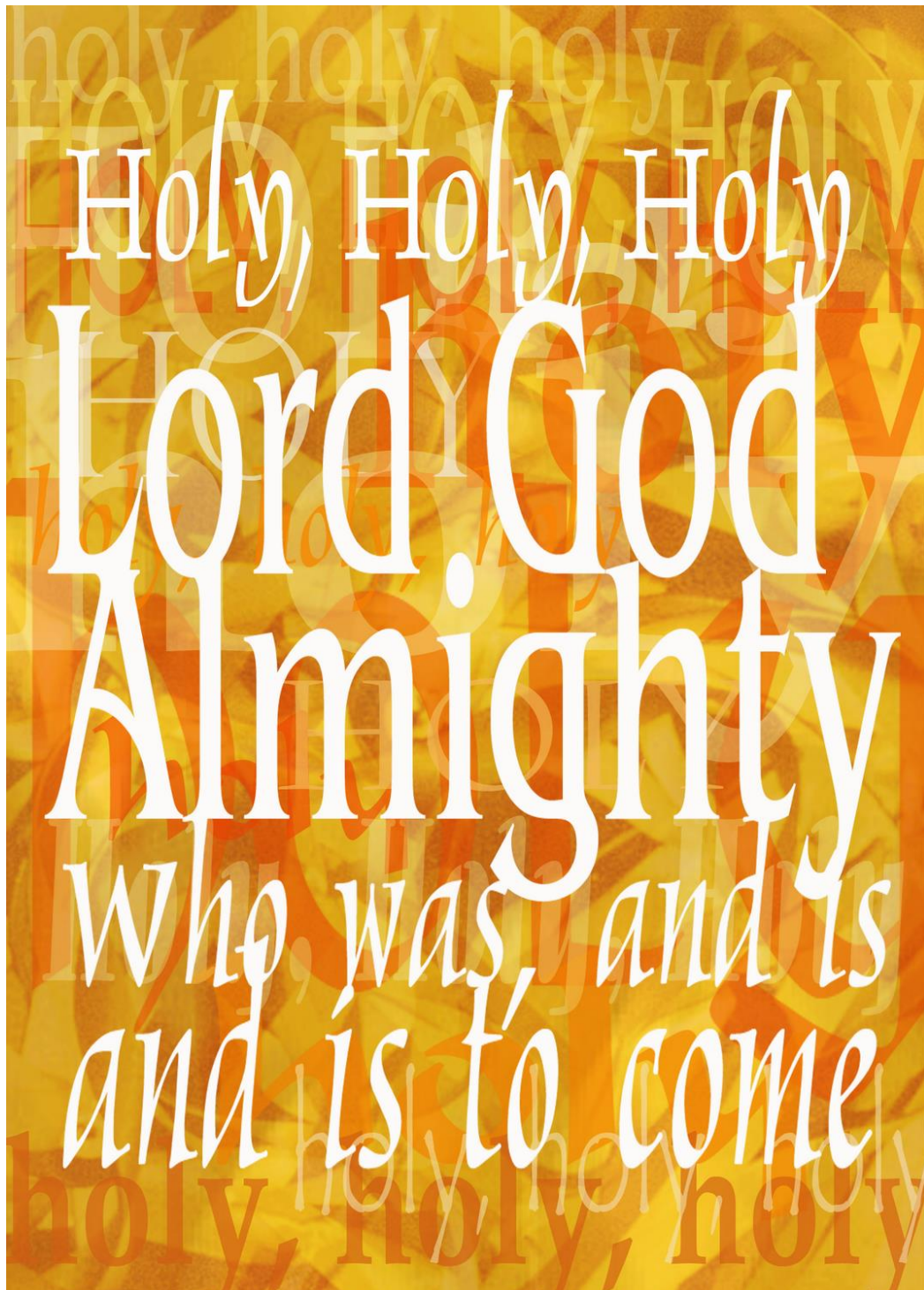


Eynsham Baptist Church

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

Newsletter – October 2018



SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday morning services include Creche and Junior Church.

Pre-service Prayers 10.00 - 10.15 a.m. at which all are welcome.

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

DATE	<u>THEME:</u> Names of God in the Bible	LEADER
Thursday 4 th	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 7th 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	God who is Ever-Present Exodus 3: 7-15 John 9: 1-11 Messy Church	Revd. Zoltan Biro
Thursday 11 th	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 14th HC 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	God who is Holy Isaiah 6: 1-9 Galatians 5: 16-26 SONGS OF PRAISE - Café Style 'Heaven'	Revd. Zoltan Biro
Thursday 18 th	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 21st 10.30 a.m.	God who is All-Knowing Psalm 23 John 11: 17-27	Revd. Richard Crippen
Thursday 25 th	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 28th FHC 10.30 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	God who is Righteous Psalm 139: 1-24 200 Year Anniversary Celebration and Thanksgiving <i>There is tea before the service from 3.00 p.m.</i> <i>Please sign the list so we know numbers</i>	Revd. Zoltan Biro Guest Speaker Revd. Prof. Paul Fiddes

O God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive
all who need human love and fellowship,
but narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block
to children, nor to straying feet,
but strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.
God, make the door of this church a gateway
to your eternal kingdom.

Thomas Ken (1637 – 1711)

STUDY GROUPS

Several **HOME STUDY GROUPS** meet regularly in various homes. To find a group to join please speak to Maureen.

SOUP & STUDY at 1.00 p.m. on 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. 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 left 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

THE 114 CLUB

Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m. at 114 Spareacre Lane: an evening of fun and fellowship playing Rummikub, cribbage, etc - speak to David or Lin Miller for more details.

DIARY

BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 4th October 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 4th October at 7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 11th October 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.

SINGING GROUP

Thursday 11th October at 7.00 p.m. in the church. New singers always welcome: speak to Maureen for more details.

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 14th October 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. *For more information please speak to Raymond & Revel Elliot - 881346.*

TRADCRAFT STALL

Thursday 18th October 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.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 18th October at 1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

SINGING GROUP

Thursday 18th October at 7.00 p.m. in the church. New singers always welcome: speak to Maureen for more details.

EBC YOUTH CLUB HAS A NEW NAME - 'FUNKY FRIDAY'

Friday 19th October 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. *This is once a month on the 3rd Friday. Please continue to pray for all those who attend.

ONE WORLD WEEK SALE

Saturday 20th October 10 - 12 noon in our main hall: supporting charities such as Sobell House, Save the Children, Oxfam etc. Derek will be running his Traidcraft stall and we shall also have a stall selling cakes and good quality bric-a-brac in aid of Baphumelele Children's Home. If you have any sale items to donate or can make a cake(s) please speak to Ann Gurden.

TRADCRAFT STALL

Thursday 25th October 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.

EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday 25th October We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

SINGING GROUP

Thursday 25th October at 7.00 p.m. in the church. New singers always welcome: speak to Maureen for more details.

200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday 28th October at 5.00 p.m. service celebrating 200 years of EBC's current building when our guest speaker will be Revd. Professor Paul Fiddes. There will be tea before the service from 3.00 p.m. **Please ensure you sign the list on the coffee table** so we know numbers for catering as there will also be quite a few invited guests.

COFFEE AND CARNATIONS.

Monday 29th October We will be going to Lechlade 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

'BIG APPLE BAROQUE' CONCERT

Saturday 24th November at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church. More details follow.

EBC ADVENT QUIET DAY

Saturday 1st December 10 - 2 p.m. at Freeland Convent: details follow.

THREE CHURCHES 'OASIS' CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 6th December at 2.00 p.m. in Eynsham Baptist Church.

THREE CHURCHES CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Friday 7th December 7.00 p.m. in St Leonard's Church Hall. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served (cost to be confirmed).

THREE CHURCHES 'DAY CENTRE' CAROL SERVICE

Monday 10th December at 1.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

EBC CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Wednesday 12th December 10.15 a.m. in Eynsham Baptist Church.

THREE CHURCHES 'CAROLS AT THE SWAN'

Wednesday 12th December 7.30 p.m. at The Swan, Acre End Street.

2019

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 18th - 25th January
Monday, 21st January from 10.30 until 11.00 a.m. the churches will come together at Eynsham Baptist Church for a special time of prayer. The churches will also keep the usual format of being open for prayer during that week.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March, 2019 St Leonard's to host - usual format of soup lunch followed by service.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES



Burford Baptist Church are again doing shoeboxes via Link to Hope and are collecting items to go in shoeboxes as well as filled boxes. If you would like to provide items to send to Burford for them to fill boxes, or would like to fill a box yourself, suggested items for both family and elderly boxes are:

Toiletries, Toys, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Socks, Tights, Hair accessories, Torches, Candles, Paper, Pens.

They are also sending clothes - ladies, mens, baby items, children and teenage (both sexes), including shoes.

Deadline for getting items and boxes to Burford is 5th November. There will be leaflets in the church giving more information, or speak to Gill Crippen or Nick Wood.

THANK YOU

HOLIDAY CLUB and AUGUST OASIS

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Holiday Club (for children) and August OASIS (for over 60s), whether on the day or behind the scenes. Both events went well and were enjoyed by participants and helpers alike. At OASIS there were several new faces this year and clergy from our three village churches gave thought-provoking Epilogues. We pray that the love of God will have been evident in all that was said and done at both events.

GATEHOUSE PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS

It is 30 years this year that Oxford's Gatehouse Project for the homeless started. Grateful thanks to everyone for their support over the years and their continued support.

ASYLUM WELCOME - ADOPT A ROOM

As you know EBC adopted a bathroom a while back and helped equip it for a refugee family . A kitchen has also now been equipped – the photo below shows some of the things which were provided. Asylum Welcome send their thanks to everyone for their help and generosity: if you would like more information about their work please speak to Marcus Thompson.



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Eynsham Neighbourhood Car Scheme - New Co-ordinators Needed

ENCS plays an important part in the Eynsham Community Life. The scheme needs new co-ordinators to take calls from clients needing transport to the surgery and the hospitals etc. The co-ordinator needs to be happy with mobile phone and computer use and this voluntary role liaises between clients and the drivers. It is a role that might suit young mothers tied to the home with small children or perhaps those retired with some availability without being tied to specific times or place. If you are interested in helping with the scheme please contact the senior co-ordinator Celia Davies telephone 01865 882301 or email celia.davies@btinternet.com

CHURCH CONTACTS

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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 Thursdays.

PLEASE MAKE THE MINISTER OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANYONE IN NEED OF PASTORAL SUPPORT.

**Information for the November newsletter by Sunday 21st October to:
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