

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart



## EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
at 10.30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Meeting ID: 753 5934 1499

Password: 024518

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75359341499?pwd=U1IYRzk3N1ppeTJDcjVPWG5kNFQwZz09>

You can also join these meetings on the telephone by calling one of the following geographical numbers and keying in first the Meeting ID followed by the # key and then keying in the Password also followed by the # key.

0203 481 5240, 0203 481 5237, 0203 051 2874, 0131 460 1196

### OTHER SERVICES ON SUNDAY

- 8.00 a.m. BBC Radio Oxford service
- 10.45 a.m. BBC 1 Sunday Worship (*times subject to change*)
- 1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise

### DURING THE WEEK

**BBC Radio 4 LW** 9.45 a.m. Short daily service

#### **VLOGS IN THE TIME OF CORONA**

Stephen Gaukroger's daily encouragements on  
[www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking](http://www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking)

#### **A TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Revd Dr Helen Paynter's daily vlog  
<https://youtu.be/pww5eFHVop4>



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

## **DEACONS' MEETING**

11.00 a.m. on Tuesdays via Zoom - please pray for Zoltan and the Deacons as they meet together.

## **BIBLE STUDY on Zoom**

Thursdays at 11.00 a.m. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120898795?pwd=ejN4RU8rSkpDRFlxYlJQbEhHUytIZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795

Password: 994274

## **PRAYER**

Please remember in prayer Johnny Andrews who has had a mild stroke: he has now been able to return home to Audrey and we pray for his full recovery. We understand Jane Hale was due to leave hospital on Friday and we pray for her continued healing and recovery. Katy is also now out of hospital and staying with her parents until she is completely well enough to go home again. Kay continues to make good progress and we pray will soon be able to join us again on Zoom.

### **Card received from Margaret Hedges**



"I would like to thank everyone at EBC for their best wishes, prayers, cards and love after coming out of hospital. I am improving slowly and so lucky to be home. My thoughts are with you all.

Keep safe.

Much love x

*Margaret "*

**Many Thanks** to all those who organized the EBC delivery of cakes and cards at Pentecost. A lovely gesture in these times of isolation and very much appreciated.

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Claire M. (1<sup>st</sup>) Millie C. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Katie (9<sup>th</sup>) June (10<sup>th</sup>) Jenny (14<sup>th</sup>) Suzanne (18<sup>th</sup>) Sue M. (24<sup>th</sup>)

## **BRONZE HEALTH CLINIC**

News received from Bronze:

*"So far we have fallen below our income target by 35% but thanks to your support enabled us to subsidize prices and even offer others free so we are having a good turn up of the sick but poor payments. We continue to pray for better results in the coming months may be from August/September."*

Can we say a big thank you to all those who have made financial contributions, and also to those who continue to pray for this brilliant little organisation. We have about £400 a month committed at present.

June and Larry

## Trinity Sunday: *Grace, love, and fellowship!*

(2 Cor 13:11,14)

I close my letter with these last words: Be happy, perfect yourself, listen to what I have said. Live in harmony and peace. And may the God of love and peace be with you. So may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's love and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

These very familiar words which we often use as the final blessing at our church services signal not only the end of the second letter to the Corinthians, but also the conclusion of his ministry to a church wrought in conflict – a church which gave Paul immense joy, yet at the same time broke his heart. It seems that Paul's last words to this church echoes his mixed sentiments.

Apostle Paul's final instructions come in quick succession and try to reiterate his message throughout the letter: in order to be glad, they must live in harmony and peace, which may not happen in an instance, but can be nurtured and perfected with the help of the *God of Love* (only used here in the entire Old and New Testament).

As usual Paul closed the letter with a blessing which we call *The Grace*. However, unlike most Pauline blessings which contains two elements (dyad) this blessing has a triad, incorporating both God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person of the trinity delivering one aspect of what the Corinthians require to become a thriving community.

The unconditional, all-encompassing, and compassionate *grace* is a gift of Jesus Christ that clears not only the conscience of the individual Christian but can also clear the air in a divided church. The love is yet again reaffirmed to be an endowment of the Father, who is the creator of Love, after all he is the God of Love. A church which tries to re-establish unity needs a vast amount of affection to get through the past hurt. Finally, the Holy Spirit infuses us with a sense of belonging in the family of God and a sense of community with fellow Christians. This sense of belonging depends not on personal interests, nor on social hierarchies, but on the core experience of being adopted into God's family through the Holy Spirit. Paul prays that the members of the Corinthian church may experience a deep bond with each other, because he cannot see a sustainable future for a believer who is believing without belonging.

I wish, hope, and pray that through the COVID-19 crisis, self-isolation, shielding and social distancing we may experience Christ's *liberating grace*, God's *healing love* and the Holy Spirit's *bonding fellowship*. **Amen.**

**Prayer:** *Blow, wind of God,*

*Blow away the tight rules that hold me back from trusting, risking, loving.*

*Blow away my failings that stands in the way of link up with my neighbours.*

*Equip me with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner.*

*We cannot choose the stories we have inherited,*

*But we can choose the stories that we become.*

**Amen.**

Zoltan

## **ASYLUM WELCOME**

Donations are still very much needed please although the logistics are now more difficult. Please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

## **EYNHAM COMMUNITY LARDER**

There is a well-stocked food bank, funded by Eynsham residents, for residents of Eynsham and surrounding villages. Anyone who is finding it difficult to buy the food they need can request help, either a regular or a one-off food parcel. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email your number to [eynshamhelp@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamhelp@gmail.com) and ask for further information. There is a collection point for donations in the Co-op.

*I am only one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
What I can do, I ought to do,  
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.*

*Anon*

## **Shared by Mary Peedell**

When I was at school, every day began with assembly, which was a reading, a prayer and a hymn, followed by the headmaster's announcements. This was one that we had quite often but I don't think we sing it in EBC. I feel it embodies much of what we need to believe in today.

From Thee all skill and science flow,  
All pity, care and love,  
All calm and courage, faith and hope,  
Oh pour them from above.

Impart them, Lord, to each and all  
As each and all shall need,  
To rise like incense, each, to Thee  
In noble thought and deed.

And hasten, Lord, that perfect day  
When pain and death shall cease,  
And Thy just rule shall fill the Earth  
With health and light and peace.

When ever blue the skies shall gleam,  
And ever green the sod,  
And man's rude work deface no more  
The Paradise of God.

*Charles Kingsley*

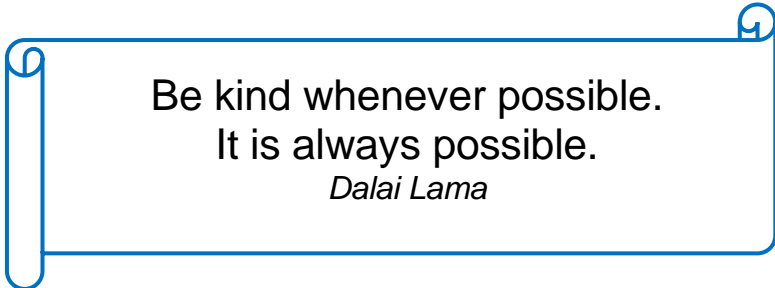
*1819-1875*

*(author of The Water Babies etc)*

### **A poem from Annamae**

Lockdown's nearly over  
Soon we can see family and friends  
Play outside  
Go on holiday  
Do all the things we used to do  
When lockdown ends.

Lockdown can be stressful  
But at least we always know  
That even when we're being mean  
Our family loves us so.



Be kind whenever possible.  
It is always possible.  
*Dalai Lama*

### **Peace be with you**

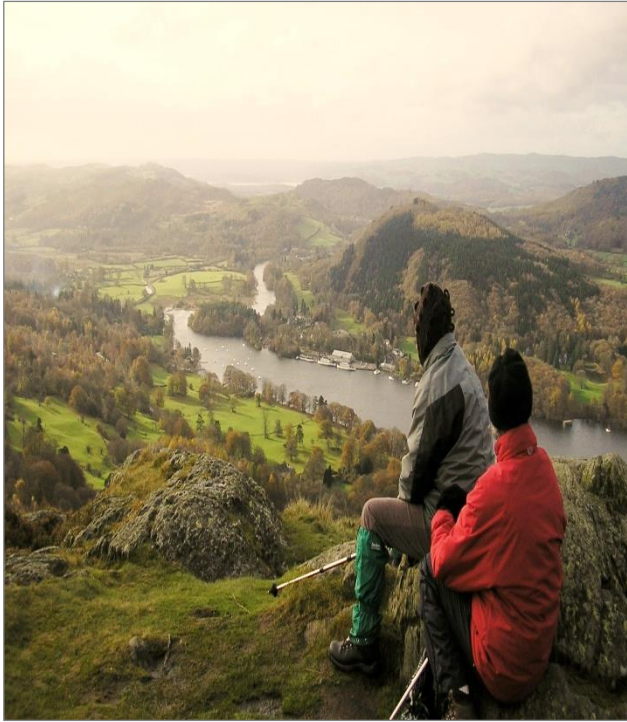
*(John 20:24-31, 14:5, 11:16)*

Through absence,  
Through doubt,  
Through questions  
And fears,  
Through locked doors  
And longing  
Jesus comes.

His risen presence  
Bringing blessing,  
Hope and healing,  
Restoration  
And His precious,  
Faith-affirming  
Gift of peace.

*Daphne Kitching*

## LEISURE



What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

*William Henry Davies  
(1871-1940)*

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**PLEASE MAKE ZOLTAN OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANY PASTORAL NEEDS.**

