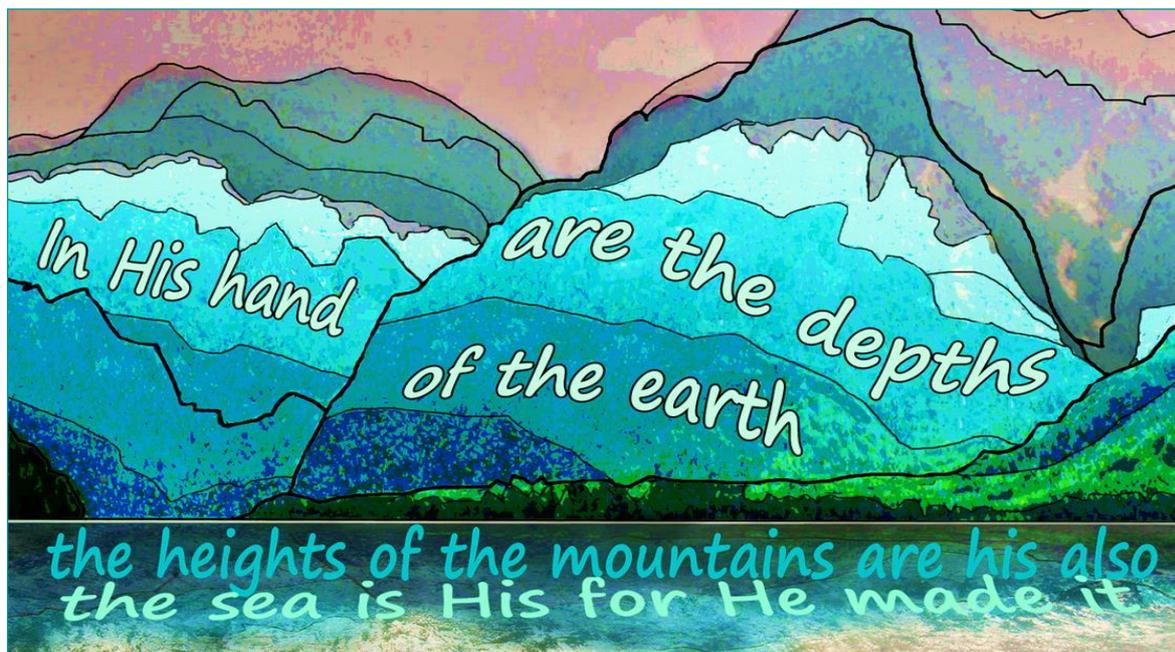


EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 4th July 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart



EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM

SUNDAY 5th JULY at 10.30 a.m.

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

Meeting ID: 753 5934 1499 Password: 024518

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

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship

1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise



DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday 9.45 a.m. BBC Radio 4 LW Short daily service

VLOGS IN THE TIME OF CORONA

Stephen Gaukroger's daily vlog on www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking

A TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE

Revd Dr Helen Paynter started a daily vlog in March going book by book through the Bible - highly recommended. Although the series is finished you can catch up from the beginning on Baptist Union YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/pww5eFHVop4>

SCBA's (Southern Counties Baptist Association) REFLECTIONS

'*Walking The Itchen Way*' by Joth Hunt <https://youtu.be/Gz9zS0uKomc> (Full version)
https://youtu.be/t7z9Yj_qd7Y (Edited version)

'*Choosing What is Better*' by Dave Llewellyn
<https://youtu.be/OQ2bbxRjSY8>

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

FRIDAY 10th at 11.00 a.m. We will be studying Jude. ALL WELCOME.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120898795?pwd=ejN4RU8rSkp-DRFixYlJQbEhHUytIZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795 Password: 994274

PRAYER

Please pray for Zoltan's father and Steve's sister and we are asked to remember all who are ill, isolated or lonely that they will know God's presence and healing. We pray especially for Audrey Andrews and family.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Steve (3rd) Christine (4th) Philip (19th) Ron Pritchard (27th) Anna (30th)

ASYLUM WELCOME

Donations are still very much needed. Please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

EYNESHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

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 and ask for further information. Collection points for donations are the Co-op and the Spar.

Doing what is right! (Romans 7:13-25)

So, you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I am in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free. (vs. 24-25 TLB)

In Romans 7 apostle Paul continues to unfold the idea of the corrupt human nature. Paul thinks that when it comes to right and wrong humans have a *moral compass* or *common sense*. In a given situation we know what is right and what is wrong. Even if we do the wrong thing, deep down we know what would have been the right thing to do.

The role of the law was more than just to codify cultural costumes and behaviours, it actually “set-it-in-stone” this common-sense morality and established the boundary between right and wrong. The law was *necessary* because it created a shared moral platform. However, the law was only intended to be neutral because its only purpose was to inform humanity about right and wrong. Therefore, the law was and still is *ineffective* because it cannot convince anyone to do the right thing. Moreover, the law *can generate desires* which might not have been generated otherwise. For example in Little Rock, Arkansas, is reported that people honk their horns more often since the city passed the policy that “no person shall sound the horn on a vehicle at any place where cold drinks or sandwiches are served after 9:00 p.m.”

Our corrupt human nature often tries to circumvent or even break the law because it is there, even if deep down we feel it is not the right thing to do. We are doing it almost for the sake of it. Like the people who attended mass gatherings during lockdown and later complained about lack of social distancing.

Finally, when I read about the apostle’s predicament of trying to do good and failing, I was reminded of the documentary about the spread of Covid-19 on cruise liners entitled *Billion Pound Cruises: All at Sea*. What struck me was that cruise ships around the world continued to board new passengers three weeks after the *Diamond Princess* incident showed how deadly can the virus be on cruise ships. A couple travelling on MS Zaandam boarded the ship on the eve of lockdown. When the reporter asked them if they were worried about the pandemic at the time they said that they were a little concerned about the virus, but because the government did not declare a ban on cruising, they were more concerned about losing their reservation fees. However, once they were stranded in the Pacific Ocean, chased off by a gunboat and unable to pass through the Panama Canal, they realised that boarding the ship was not their best decision. Thank God we are enabled through Christ to make the right decision and do what is right.

Prayer: Life-giving God, we offer You thanksgiving and praise for all that You have done for us. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been set free: free from the power of sin that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to love You with all our heart and soul and strength, free to approach you in prayer! To You alone, life-giving God, belongs all praise and honour and glory and blessing. Amen.

Zoltan

Shared by David

The Chapel

A little aside from the main road,
becalmed in a last-century greyness,
there is the chapel, ugly, without the appeal
to the tourist to stop his car
and visit it. The traffic goes by,
and the river goes by, and quick shadows
of clouds, too, and the chapel settles
a little deeper into the grass.

But here once on an evening like this,
in the darkness that was about
his hearers, a preacher caught fire
and burned steadily before them
with a strange light, so that they saw
the splendour of the barren mountains
about them and sang their amens
fiercely, narrow but saved
in a way that men are not now.

*R S Thomas
(1913 - 2000)*

Ronald Stuart Thomas was born in Cardiff in 1913, the son of a sea captain. Educated at University College of North Wales, he undertook theological training at St Michael's College, Cardiff and was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1936. He began to write poetry and verse and his writing career continued for fifty years during which time he was nominated for a Nobel prize and awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. He loved the countryside and spent his life as a clergyman working in rural parishes.

Shared anonymously

Oh Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
To all God's love, commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side
To light, to guard, to rule
And guide.

Congratulations !

Elliot Crippen married Emma Guy on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at Loch Ken Castle Douglas Galloway Scotland. This was their 5th attempt to get married due to lockdown restrictions.



Eight were present including Richard and Gill who took the service and Richard who was officially marrying them under Scottish law.

We hope to welcome them to Eynsham when permission is granted and to have a celebration of their marriage together.

Thank you for your prayers for us all.

Gill and Richard Crippen

Johnny Andrews' Funeral

Johnny's funeral will take place at 11.30 a.m. on 9th July at Caversham Crematorium. The service will be conducted by Zoltan, but under current lockdown regulations only family can attend. We hold Audrey and the family in our prayers at this difficult time.

The service will be live-streamed and we are welcome to join the family virtually: login details below.

9th July 2020 at 11.30 a.m.

Service Chapel: South - Reading

Website: www.obitus.com

Username: Xomo6534

Password: 771081

Webcast: Live Webcast and Watch Again

You can login to the website at any time to view a test connection, but will only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time. Please be aware this is a public building and the timing of the Live webcast is semi-automated to allow for services running early or late – please use your discretion if you can see activities not applicable to the service you are there to watch.

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PLEASE MAKE ZOLTAN OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANY PASTORAL NEEDS.

