

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart



## **EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY at 10.30 a.m.**

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**

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship

1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise

**DURING THE WEEK** 9.45 a.m. BBC Radio 4 LW Daily service (Monday - Friday)

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

Steve's daily vlogs have now finished, but are still accessible on [www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking](http://www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking)

## **A TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Revd Dr Helen Paynter on BU YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/pww5eFHVop4>

## **SCBA REFLECTIONS**

'Pathways' by Revd Colin Norris <https://youtu.be/BS5w50bmSIE>



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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE MEMBERS' QUESTIONNAIRE IS FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY - NOT 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED.**

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>** at 11.00 a.m. This week studying Philemon. ALL WELCOME.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120898795?pwd=ejN4RU8rSkpDRFlxYlJQbEhHUytIZz09>  
Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795 Password: 994274

## **PRAYER**

We remember in prayer Zoltan's father and Steve's sister. We also pray for those who are ill, bereaved and stressed that they will know God's peace and comfort. Please pray particularly for the family of Dora Durbridge as Dora's ashes will be interred in St Leonard's churchyard on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 a.m. Only close family will attend. We all have such special memories of Dora and we think and pray for the family at this time.

## **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](mailto:eynshamhelp@gmail.com) and ask for further information. There are collection points for donations in the Co-op and the Spar.

## **A Spiritual Sunrise!** (Romans 8:1-11)

Setting our minds to physical pleasures leads to restlessness and self-destruction, but recognising spiritual reality brings life and inner peace. (v. 6, ZBV)

As an early riser I often have the chance to witness the sunrise when the shapeless darkness turns into grey silhouettes and slowly reveals our colourful vibrant world. Photographers love this time of the day, because when the light comes a low angle can produce dramatic views. In his blog photographer K. Bruce Lane explains that: *“People often describe photographs of sunrises & sunsets as “peaceful”. I try to watch as many sunrises and sunsets as possible and each one gives me a feeling of peace and joy. Photography allows me to share a scene and feelings I first experienced one cold winter morning 26 years ago. I always encourage people to watch the sun rising and setting; to take a few minutes each day to experience a little peace and quiet in their lives.”*

Our passage is like the Sunrise in Paul’s letter to the Romans. Up to this point has described in graphic and dramatic detail the “shadowlands” of the Gospel; the darkness into which the light of the Gospel has shone and the challenge that that light has to stay bright. Here, Paul focuses on the Gospel apart from the shadowy edges that it must contend with. With a ringing and positive and strong voice Paul says, with conviction, “so it is, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” He is saying what he has said before, but he is saying it one more time with feeling.

Humanity’s problem, which he has described so poignantly and powerfully - the problem that there is condemnation for all humanity because of our selfish human nature; this problem is solved by being “in Christ Jesus.” The solution to humanity’s problem is being “in Christ Jesus.” The solution is faith, but the faith about which Paul is talking is much more than accepting the statements of a creed; it is more than loyalty to Christ; it is even more than following Jesus. Faith means being “in Christ Jesus.” It is not simply putting faith in Christ, it is *being* in Christ, and in him there is no condemnation.

Paul thinks there are two realities, two worlds to which humanity can belong. The reality of darkness, sin, and death; and the reality of light, the Spirit and Christ. So, while the reality of darkness leads to destruction, the reality of the light is all about life. Paul believes that when we witness this spiritual sunrise, we recognise this alternative reality created by Christ’s death and resurrection - the reality of being “in Christ”. Let me finish with K. Bruce Lane’s poem entitled *Sunrise*. These words can also be applied to a spiritual sunrise.

*Brilliant rays of sunshine  
Filtering through thick, dark clouds  
Edged with light.*

*The light pervades the darkness  
And the golden orb we call Sun  
Rises above the clouds  
And spreads light on the world.*

**Prayer:** *Life-giving God, we gather in Your presence to 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 darkness that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit and free to worship! To You alone, life-giving God, belongs all praise and honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

Zoltan

## GRATITUDE

It's just like having a birthday  
With the kind gifts that have come my way  
Garden flowers from Derek and Denise  
With two bunches, in paper, from Janet G.

Then two little cakes and a marmalade pot  
All at the bottom of my letter box!  
Who did create them, just for me?  
Which EBC member? I'll have to see!

This awful virus has brought forth, both bad and good  
Unseen, unwanted, moving where it could  
Quietness, deflation, fidgets and tears  
So keep praying to our Heavenly Father, who is always near.

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### From the Peedell family

We, as a family, have been amazed at how kind everyone has been to us. We have received cakes, flowers, help with obtaining eggs and other produce, etc., as well as visits from our friends in the Church, and it has made such a difference to us in our lockdown/shielding time, especially for Robert. We are very grateful and would like to thank everyone. I think many others may feel the same and, like us, count themselves blessed to be part of the EBC Family!

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

