

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 22nd August 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart

*Before the mountains were brought forth ...
from everlasting to everlasting,
You are God.*

Psalm 90:2



EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST at 10.30 a.m. - Communion Service

WE ARE NOW BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LOGIN DETAILS

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

Meeting ID: 753 5934 1499

Password: 024518

You can also join on the phone by calling one of the following numbers and keying in the Meeting ID followed by # key and then the Password also followed by # 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

Monday to Friday

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

 **DailyHOPE**
A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

0800 804 8044

ASYLUM WELCOME

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

EYNSHAM 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. There are collection points for donations in the Co-op, Spar and The Market Garden.

DEACONS' MEETING

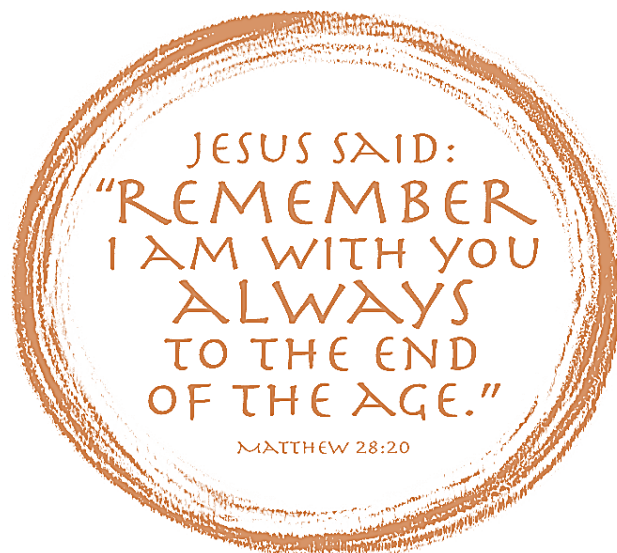
11.00 a.m. on Tuesdays via Zoom - please pray for Zoltan and the Deacons as they meet together.

PRAYER

We think of all those who are receiving treatment or awaiting results this week: in particular praying for Grace and for Ben Thompson: that they will receive healing and might know God's peace and presence with them. We also continue to remember Zoltan's father and Steve's sister as they continue their recovery journeys.

“ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may be able to comprehend with all the saints
what *is* the width and length and depth and height -
to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. “

Ephesians 3:14 - 19 (NKJV)



Humility in action (Romans 12:1-8)

“Don’t cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all. For just as you have many members in one physical body and those members differ in their functions, so we, though many in number, compose one body in Christ and are all members of one another.”
(vs. 4&5; J.B. Phillips New Testament)

The first two verse of Romans 12 is probably one of the most quoted and misquoted parts of Paul’s letter. Unfortunately, many who quote these verses take it out of context and squeeze in concepts which were never there. After all the phrase like “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice” can mean anything.

However, these verses are at a turning point in the letter, up to chapter 11 Paul enlightened us about God’s mercy and wisdom, from here on he talks about our appropriate (good, pleasing and perfect) response. So, when he talks about not conforming to the model provided by this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, he reveals that the Church is not an organisation with rigid structures, but an organism with living, interconnected and gifted members.

In our world if people want to get ahead in life, they need to generate an exaggerated idea of themselves where the strengths are over-emphasised while the weaknesses are downplayed. These self-images are often like soap bubbles look pretty on the surface, but there is extraordinarily little substance. No wonder that so many people are struggling with anxiety, insecurity, and self-doubt.

Paul believes that the Church must have a different approach, it needs a framework with built in humility, where the members do not have to pretend that they are perfect or good at everything, but they can use their gifts efficiently allowing others to use their gifts effectively too. When we have the same goal (same mind) members may be required to do different things to achieve the desired outcome. For example, our (long-missed) Songs of Praise service requires some to set up the tables, others to prepare the refreshments, others to play music and again others to sing. If any of these elements is missing, we would have a quite different service and none of these components are more important than others.

Prayer: *Lord don’t let the world around me squeeze me into its own mould, but let You re-mould my mind from within, so that I may prove in practice that the plan of God for me is good, meets all his demands and moves me towards true maturity. (v.2)*

Zoltan

Shared by Denise

Psalm 126 verse 6 reads:-

“Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.”

Sow a little hope - The growth cycle of a plant reassures us of the continuity of life. Germination, the sprouting plant, its growth and its eventual natural recycling, all show us that there is order and purpose in life.



Photo of crocosmia in
EBC's garden
(taken by Denise)

Shared by Chris Ward

This photo, of which I have taken many over the past years, is an Officer in Her Majesty's Gurkhas (2008). I took it when I went to one of the services and Parades they have every year at the National Memorial Arboretum, done by the British Legion. As this last week-end has been the **VJ Celebration** I thought this photo was appropriate as they fought so hard and lost so many.



The shadow cast before me
Carved out by the setting sun
Won't tell you of my journey,
Or the man I have become.
The man I am, the scars I bear
To see them look to me,
I'm proud, I am a soldier,
I'm the man I longed to be.

(British Legion Book of Poems written by Soldiers)

Shared by Una

You are very Special

In all the world there is nobody like you. Since the beginning of time there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair. Nobody owns your handwriting, your voice. YOU'RE SPECIAL.

Nobody can paint your brushstrokes. Nobody has your taste for food, or music, or dance or art. Nobody in the universe sees things as you do. In all time there has never been anyone who laughs in exactly your way, and what makes you laugh or cry, or think, may have a totally different response in another. So ... YOU'RE SPECIAL.

You're different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the universe. You are the only one in whole creation who has your particular set of abilities. There is always someone who is better at one thing or another. Every person is my superior in at least one way.

Nobody in the universe can reach the quality of the combination of your talents, your feelings. Like a roomful of musical instruments some might excel in one way or another, but nobody can match the symphonic sound when all are played together YOU'RE SYMPHONY. Through all eternity no-one will ever walk, talk, think or do exactly like you. YOU'RE SPECIAL. You are rare, and in all rarity there is enormous value, and because of your great value, the need for you to imitate anyone else is absolutely wrong.

YOU ARE SPECIAL and it's no accident that you are. Please realise that God made you for a special purpose. He has a job for you that nobody else can do as well as you can. Out of the billions of applications only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes and that one is you. YOU ARE SPECIAL.

***Each of us is infinitely precious to God.
He loves us as we are and where we are.***

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