

Eynsham Baptist Church

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

Newsletter – March 2018



Blessed
is the one who
comes in the name
of the LORD!

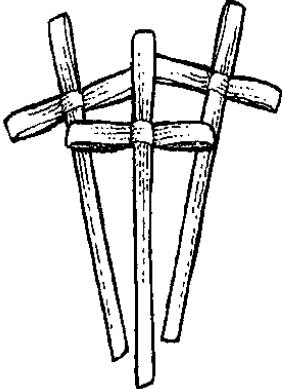
Psalms 118:26-27 Matthew 21:8-9

SERVICES IN MARCH

Sunday morning services at EBC 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 their own activities)

DATE	LENT: THE PRAYING JESUS <i>contd.</i>	LEADER
Thursday 1 st	12 noon Communion at EBC	
Sunday 4th 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	‘Prayer of Thanksgiving’ <i>Matthew 14: 13 - 21</i> Messy Church	Mr Bob Thiele
Thursday 8 th	12 noon Communion at EBC	
Sunday 11th HC 10.30 a.m. <u>Mothering Sunday</u> 3.00 p.m.	‘Prayer of Blessing’ Mark 10: 13 - 16 SONGS OF PRAISE – Café Style <i>Parenting & Mothers</i>	Rev Zoltan Biro Mrs Maureen Thompson
Thursday 15 th	12 noon Communion at EBC	
Sunday 18th 10.30 a.m.	‘Prayer of Intercession’ John 17: 1-19	Revd Professor Paul Fiddes
Thursday 22 nd	12 noon Communion at EBC	
Sunday 25th HC 10.30 a.m.	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u> ‘Prayer of Lament’	Rev Zoltan Biro
	<u>HOLY WEEK SERVICES</u>	
	<u>Monday 26th</u>	
	1.30 p.m. Service at the Day Centre	The 3 churches
	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY - 29th March</u>	
	12noon Communion at EBC	
7.30p.m. Reflective Service at EBC ‘Praying in the Garden’ <i>Matthew 26: 36 - 46</i>		
<u>GOOD FRIDAY - 30th March</u>		
10.00 a.m. Service of Witness in the Square - followed by hot cross buns at St Peter’s, Eynsham	The 3 churches	
7.30 p.m. Service at EBC ‘Praying on the Cross’ <i>Luke 23: 33 - 49</i>	Rev Zoltan Biro	

Dear Father,

Thank you that you want us, your children, to connect with you in prayer.

Thank you that we can come to you, rest in your presence and spend time with you, either quietly or crying out our thoughts and concerns from open hearts.

Help us to trust you; to be confident that you hear us and will answer our prayers, in the right time and in the right way for us, even if we don't always understand.

Thank you for the sustaining privilege of prayer,

In Jesus name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

MONTHLY DIARY

BMS COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 1st March 10 - 11.15 a.m. in conjunction with Derek's Traidcraft stall in our main hall. Tea/coffee, cake and sales table raising money for BMS.

DEACONS MEETING

Thursday 1st March at 7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 2nd March at EBC This year's theme is by the women of Suriname and we invite St Leonard's and St Peter's to join us. Refreshments – soup, rolls etc are being served from 12.30 p.m. with the service beginning at 2.00 p.m. If you intend coming and joining us for refreshments, please sign the list on the coffee table so we have an idea of numbers. You don't need to sign up for the service.

SINGING GROUP - POP-UP CHOIR

Thursday 8th, 15th and 22nd March at 7.00 p.m. in the church, rehearsing for our Easter services. New singers are always welcome: speak to Maureen.

LENT QUIET DAY

Saturday 10th March 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. at Burford Baptist Church. Please sign the list on the coffee table if you would like to attend.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 15th March at 1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

EBC YOUTH CLUB

Friday 16th March from 6.30 p.m. Please continue to pray for those who attend. If anyone can offer help please speak to Zoltan.

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 18TH March Current deacons Angie Cox, Derek Malin and Maureen Thompson are due to step down this year as they have served their 3 year term of office. Although these deacons are happy to stand again, new nominations would be very welcome as we are currently two deacons short. Bob Thiele has agreed to be nominated as Treasurer and Denise Launchbury as Secretary. If you wish to be nominated for any of these positions i.e. deacon, treasurer or secretary and would like further information, please speak to Zoltan or any member of the diaconate. Our church rules state that only church members of a least six months' standing can be nominated. We would encourage people to attend this important meeting: anyone can attend, but only church members can vote.

CHURCH LUNCH CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Sunday 18th March We shall begin our celebration of 200 years since the building and opening of Eynsham Baptist Church in March 1818 with a 'bring and share' lunch after the church AGM. Please sign the list on the coffee table if you would like to come, and indicate if you are able to bring food to share. There will be more commemorative events during the year.

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 18th March 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. *More details from Raymond & Revel Elliot - 881346.*

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 24th March from 9.30 a.m. We need as many volunteers as possible please: the more of us there are, the sooner we will get finished! If you are not able to physically help with the cleaning, but could come along and keep the others supplied with tea and coffee that would also be much appreciated!

COFFEE AND CARNATIONS.

Monday 26th March We will be going to Hilltop Garden Centre. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We meet there in the cafe at 10.30 a.m.

EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday 29th March We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

HOME STUDY GROUPS and BETA GROUP

If you are not already in a group and would like to find one join please speak to Maureen Thompson.

TRADICRAFT STALL

Each Thursday 9.45 - 11.15 a.m. in main hall selling Fairtrade goods, cards, eggs: also sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre. **NB: No stall on 15th March.**

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 to run 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 - a sociable evening playing games like Rummikub, cribbage, etc - speak to David or Lin Miller for more details.

FORWARD NOTICES

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Saturday 12th May 10.30 a.m. - 18.30 p.m. at Kings Gate Conference Centre, Peterborough. For more information please speak to either Zoltan or Denise.

EYNSHAM CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 30th July - Friday 3rd August in Eynsham Primary School. Further details from Chris & Elaine Sugden on 07808 297043 or speak to Zoltan.

EBC CELEBRATES 200 YEARS



Eynsham Baptist Church was officially formed in 1812, although not on its present site. The original chapel was a converted barn in Mill Street at the back of The White House. When that became too small the original idea was to demolish the barn and build a chapel on the land. However, that never happened and the land on the present site became available. It was bought by the church (quite literally - people gave money as loans or gifts) and work began on the current building in 1817: the first service was held on 15th March 1818.

SATURDAY 7th JULY - Eynsham Carnival

As part of our 200 year celebrations we are planning a Walking Float in the Eynsham Carnival Parade. If anyone has any costumes which would be suitable for those taking part to wear, from any era in the past 200 years, or would like to be involved please speak to Angie Cox.

SATURDAY 14th JULY - BBQ & Exhibition

As well as a BBQ in the Square there will be an exhibition in the Baptist Church of EBC past and present. If anyone has any old photos or other memorabilia which could be used please speak to Angie.

TWAM – TOOLS WITH A MISSION

Thanks to everyone who donated tools recently. On 2nd February David and Lin took a car boot load of tools (including a classic Singer manual sewing machine) to just outside Baulking, near Standford in the Vale: it's beyond the church and across a cattle grid, on a Thomas Hardy like common. Worth a visit if you are near the White Horse of Uffington. The tools are taken to a base in Birmingham where they are sorted into 'Carpenter', 'Plumber', 'Builder', 'Sewing' etc tool kits. These are then sent across the world by TWAM enabling people in Africa and other countries such as Bangladesh, Romania, Kosovo and even the UK, to support their families and communities.

How TWAM began - In 1978 Jack Norwood, a deacon at Belle Vue Baptist Church in Southend, was asked by the Baptist Men's Society to head up a project making incubators. This was followed by a request for solar powered incubators and Jack went out to Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) for a year (1979-1980) to develop them. A teacher from Waterlooville, John Bennett, became interested and from this partnership Tools with a Mission was born - website www.twam.uk

If you still have surplus tools to donate David may be putting together another load later in the year. Further details will follow.

Free - Gentleman's Bicycle

If anyone would like a free gentleman's cycle, could they please contact Malcolm or Barbara Cook (01865 375730)

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Church Hall Bookings - 07900 066471 Email: rdavidmiller@yahoo.co.uk

MINISTER: Revd. Zoltan Biro - 881670 Mobile 07846 653457

Days off are generally Wednesday and Saturday: on these days please first contact the Church Secretary or one of the Deacons. In an emergency Zoltan can be contacted by Text or email. He will usually be in the church office on Thursdays.

CHURCH SECRETARY: Denise Launchbury - 881128

CHURCH TREASURER: Bob Thiele - 426203

CHURCH DEACONS: Angie Cox - 880563 Derek Malin - 884107
June Poole - 375130 Maureen Thompson - 881808
Sheila Wood - 01993 650263

Please make the Minister or Deacons aware of anyone in need of pastoral support so that they can initiate the appropriate action.

**Information for the April newsletter by 18th March to:
Lin Miller - Tel: 01865 881780 Email: linmiller25@gmail.com**

