

Eynsham Baptist Church

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

Newsletter – April 2018



“Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered ...”

The Real Jesus

Some say Jesus was a good man
That He helped the humble poor,
Some say He was such a wise man,
But a prophet, and no more;
Some say that He was a hero –
Just a martyr for a cause –
But He is the Lord I follow
He’s the Christ – the Living Word.

For He was in the beginning,
Through Him everything was made.
He’s the light, no darkness dimming
The True Light, which cannot fade.
But the world has not believed Him
Those He made – unreconciled.
And yet those who have received Him
Each become God’s cherished child!

He has shown the Way to follow
He has proven how to live;
When in deepest pain and sorrow
He cried out “Father, forgive”,
So this is the real Jesus
Not a man from history –
But our living Lord who frees us
To new life, eternally.

SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday morning services include Creche and Junior Church.
Pre-service Prayers 10.00 - 10.15 a.m. - all are welcome.

HC = Holy Communion

FHC = Family Holy Communion (creche have own activities)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THE PRAYING JESUS</u> <i>contd.</i>	<u>LEADER</u>
Sunday 1st	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	
8.00 a.m.	Communion Service in main hall <i>followed by breakfast</i>	
<u>HC</u> 10.30 a.m.	‘Praying over Bread’ Luke 24: 13 - 32	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 8th		Revd Richard Crippen
10.30 a.m.	Theme TBA	
3.00 p.m.	SONGS OF PRAISE - Café Style ‘Easter’	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 15th	<u>NEW THEME</u>	
	H₂O: Substance and Symbol in the Scriptures	
10.30 a.m.	Water as beginning Genesis 1: 1-9 Matt. 3: 13-17	Revd Zoltan Biro
Thursday	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 22nd		Revd Zoltan Biro
<u>FHC</u> 10.30 a.m.	Water as judgement Genesis 7: 1-12 Matt. 7: 24-27	
Thursday	12 noon Communion	
Sunday 29th		Revd Zoltan Biro
10.30 a.m.	Water as boundary crossing Joshua 3: 7-8 & 14-17	

STUDY GROUPS

There are several **HOME STUDY GROUPS** who meet regularly. If you would like to join a group please speak to Maureen Thompson.

The **BETA GROUP** meet for lunch followed by Bible study in our main hall at 1.00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. If you would like to join this group please speak to Zoltan or Maureen.

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: an evening of fun and fellowship playing Rummikub, cribbage, etc - speak to David or Lin Miller for more details.

MONTHLY DIARY

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 1st April 8.00 a.m. Communion service followed by breakfast. Please sign the list on the coffee table so we know numbers for catering.
10.30 a.m. Morning worship.

BMS COFFEE MORNING & TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 5th April 10 - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall. Tea/coffee, cake and sales table raising money for BMS. Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs.

DEACONS MEETING

Thursday 5th April at 7.30 p.m. Please pray for our Minister and Deacons as they seek God's leading for the church.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 12th April 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs, and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 19th April at 1.00 p.m. To book your place please speak to Pamela Thiele or Maureen Thompson.

EBC YOUTH CLUB

Friday 20th April from 6.30 p.m. Please continue to pray for those who attend. If anyone can offer help please speak to Zoltan.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Thursday 26th April 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in our main hall: Fairtrade goods and cards, plus local free-range eggs, and sales table in aid of Eynsham Day Centre.

EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday 26th We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 29th April 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 on 881346.*

COFFEE AND CARNATIONS

Monday 30th We will be going to Bampton Plant Centre for coffee and Aston Pottery for lunch. Please sign the list if you need or can offer a lift. We meet in the cafe at Bampton at 10.30 a.m.

FORWARD NOTICES

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Saturday 12th May 10.30 a.m. - 18.30 p.m. at Kings Gate Conference Centre, Peterborough.

GATEHOUSE TALK

Thursday 17th May at 7.30 a.m. The Director of Gatehouse will be giving a talk in the Tolkien Room at St Peter's Church, Eynsham to which all are welcome. *More information from Raymond Elliott on 881346.*

EYNESHAM CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 30th July - Friday 3rd August in Eynsham Primary School. Please pray for this 3 churches outreach to the children. Further details from Zoltan.

AUGUST OASIS

Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th 10.15 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the village hall. The brochures/application forms will be available mid-June.

OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - 'RIDE & STRIDE'

Saturday 8th September. More details nearer the time.

Can You Help?



Ashley and I are getting married in July and we are trying to do a Vintage Wedding theme. We would be ever so grateful if you could possibly help us.

The following items are much needed to complete this theme:

Vintage style table cloths. We have 17 trestle tables and about 5 round small tables.

Any bunting.

Vintage decorations.

Vintage style tea cups and saucer.

If you think you could help us in anyway with these items, we will forever be in your debt.

Love Katie and Ashley xx

EBC 200 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

The first service in our current building was held on Palm Sunday 15th March 1818 and we celebrated with a church lunch after our service on Sunday 18th March 2018.



Due to the snow our numbers were a little depleted, but we nevertheless cut our celebration cake and enjoyed great food and fellowship together.

There are more celebrations planned through the year:

Saturday 7th July - Eynsham Carnival. If you would like to be involved in the walking float or handing out flyers please speak to Angie Cox.

Saturday 14th July - BBQ in the Square & Exhibition in EBC. Offers of help or old photos and other memorabilia please speak to Angie Cox.

There will also be a special celebratory service at the end of October when our guest speaker will be Revd. Professor Paul Fiddes.

NEW DEACON

Following our AGM Sunday 18th March we are very pleased to welcome Sue Law onto the Diaconate.

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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

DEACONS: Angie Cox - 880563 Derek Malin - 884107
 June Poole - 375130 Maureen Thompson - 881808
 Sue Law – 731263 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 MAY NEWSLETTER BY
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