

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart



## **EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM SUNDAY 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75359341499?pwd=U1IYRzk3N1ppeTJDcjVPWG5kNFQwZz09>

Meeting ID: 753 5934 1499

Password: 024518

### **OTHER SERVICES ON SUNDAY**

BBC1 at 10.15 a.m. Sunday Worship (do check as TV guide says 10 a.m.)  
BBC1 at 1.15 p.m. Songs of Praise

**KIDLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH** at 10.30 a.m. livestream on  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTELwMgnV32L3Uf6jTXnOog>

**NORTHWEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** at 10.30 a.m.  
[www.nwba.org.uk](http://www.nwba.org.uk)

## **DAILY**

Service on BBC Radio 4 LW at 9.45 a.m. (available on DAB as a side channel)

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

Stephen Gaukroger's daily encouragements on [www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking](http://www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking)

## **A TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Rev Dr Helen Paynter, Tutor at Bristol Baptist College is using her time at home to develop a daily vlog. She is taking a tour through the Bible and you are invited to join her. Each vlog will be hosted on the Baptist Union YouTube channel and shared on social media. Link <https://youtu.be/pww5eFHVop4>

## **Between Easter and Pentecost**

*Luke 24: 36-53*

Two Christians are talking about church life.

"*How can you tell it's the Sunday after Easter?*" – one asks.

"*The minister takes a Sunday off.*" – answers the other.

Easter is usually the second busiest time in the life of Christian churches, and the week after Easter often is the time for all of us – but especially ministers, choirs and worship groups – to recover from the agony of Holy Week and the ecstasy of Easter, to put up our feet and have a cuppa.

Easter kind of wears us out which is understandable, but it is also unfortunate, because Easter is the beginning, not the conclusion. Just as our faith does not end with Good Friday crucifixion, neither does it end with Easter resurrection. We may be exhausted, but the New Testament story continues. Resurrection is clearly a pivotal moment in this drama; but there is another act to follow. Pentecost. If we would stop the story here it would be only about getting people to heaven when they die. But the story of God's Kingdom is much, much more. It is about a lifelong following of Christ.

Clarence Jordan, founder of the Habitat for Humanity writes that, "The Good News of the resurrection is not that we shall die and go home with him but that he is risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, prisoner brothers and sisters with him."

However, right now we are in between times. Resurrection has occurred, but the coming of the Spirit's power is ahead of us still. Right now, we are still waiting and listening and reading the signs of the times. During this in betweenness the "Jesus gang" was redefined and reshaped not a global movement.

Living under the shadow of the corona virus makes me understand what the early disciples might have felt: *waiting to spring into action but staying put until the power of the spirit is revealed*. So, this time of in-betweenness can be a time of reshaping for us as well. When we recognise the real values in life and how the resurrected Jesus is with us all the way.

Zoltan Biro

## From Marta

I'm glad to say that my health is now better. I'm so grateful for all the prayers and calls and kind words! Thank you so much!

As I became well, I was busy to make something special for the children for this Special Easter. I have attached some photos.

These are 27 handcrafted felt eggs with the child's own name on it. While I was sewing them, I had time to think about them and their families. And my prayer was asking God's protection and may this time bring them closer to the Creator!



**FOOD BANK** - Please drop off donations at the Co-op.

**ASYLUM WELCOME** - Speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

**Eynsham Food Bank (in EBC)**

This photo was sent in by Janet who comments that she loved the view through the gospel/good news items on the Communion table to the gospel/good news items of the food bank!



**TIME OF DISTRESS**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

*by Barbara Glasson,  
President of the Methodist Conference  
(published in Parish Pump)*

## **LIGHT RELIEF**

The perfect antidote to our strange lives at the moment, shown on BBC4 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, **The Great Mountain Sheep Gather** - Herdwick sheep on Scafell Pike are gathered down to the farm for shearing. There is no background music, just a little gentle voiceover, and wonderful scenery. If you missed it do try and catch it on [BBC iplayer](#). If you did see it - why not watch again!

## **VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

Are you outstanding in your field? Eynsham Pre-school are bringing forward their Village Scarecrow Festival to bring a little jollity to your daily exercise!

Make your own scarecrow and display in a prominent position outside your home from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd May.

If you wish, post a picture of your scarecrow on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/preschooleynsham/> to enter their prize draw for best scarecrow.

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS: I CAN'T ALWAYS FIND ROOM FOR THEM STRAIGHT AWAY, BUT WILL EVENTUALLY. PLEASE SEND THOUGHTS, POEMS, DRAWINGS, REFLECTIONS OR SOMETHING TO RAISE A SMILE to Lin on [linmiller25@gmail.com](mailto:linmiller25@gmail.com) or telephone on 881780 (subject to the usual editorial discretion and space constraints).**

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