

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



SUNDAY 9th MAY

SERVICE ON ZOOM at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

Made new at Easter: Expanding new perspectives

Readings: John 14: 15 - 21 and 1 Peter 3: 13 - 18

CHURCH MEETING

Following the service at about 11.30 a.m.

Please stay logged in after the service or join using login below:

Zoom login for service and meeting:

Meeting ID: 753 5934 1499 **Password:** 024518

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75359341499?pwd=U1lYRzk3N1ppeTJDcjVPWG5kNFQwZz09>

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0203 481 5240, 0131 460 1196, 0203 481 5237, 0203 051 2874

BBC SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4

1.15 p.m. **BBC 2** Songs of Praise

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

A free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections: available 24 hours a day.

EBC DEACONS MEETING

Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. Please pray for Zoltan and our Deacons.

MONDAY PRAYERS

7.00 p.m. on zoom

15 minutes - all welcome.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

11.00 a.m. on zoom

About an hour - all welcome.

Login details:

Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795

Passcode: 994274

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120898795?pwd=ejN4RU8rSkpDRFlxYlJQbEhHUytlZz09>

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BAPTIST ASSEMBLY ONLINE 2021

Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th May

www.baptist.org.uk/baptistassembly

The Sunday morning service from the Baptist Assembly on 16th at **10.30 a.m.** will be livestreamed on YouTube, link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6h5vVaPjM>



There will not be the usual door-to-door collection for Christian Aid in Eynsham this year, but you can donate online at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> or by phone 0207 523 2269. (Due to current Covid restrictions unfortunately there is a delay in postal donating.)

Please contact Maureen Thompson if you need more details.



EYNESHAM CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday 15th May

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

on the new Thornbury estate

There is still time to offer help:

- 1) provide plants
- 2) bake cakes
- 3) help set up on the day
- 4) help staff the sale.

If you are able to do any of these, please contact Chris Sugden: 07808 297043 or: csugden@ocrpl.org

ASYLUM WELCOME

Donations still needed. Please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

EYNESHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

Call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email eynshamhelp@gmail.com and ask for further information. **Donation points** in Co-op, Spar, The Market Garden and Tesco.



THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH LET'S CELEBRATE!

Pentecost Sunday is 23rd May
and we will be celebrating
as a church by inviting the
community to join us for a party!

**between
2.00 - 5.00 p.m.**

There will be games, crafts, a quiz,
balloons & ice cream -
something for everyone.

We need your help:
Welcoming and stewarding
on the day.

Delivering leaflets ***this coming week.***

Let Janet know if you can help
Tel: 07742 313427
Email: janet@clariontrust.org.uk

Thank you !
Maureen and Janet

**Thank God
for what you have**

**Trust God
for what you need**

PRAYER

We pray for all who are ill, bereaved or struggling, and those who have health and mobility issues, or who are undergoing surgery, thinking especially this week of Jean Alder and Maureen McC. We pray for all in these still challenging times, that we will continue to support each other and show Christ's love in our community, by what we do and what we say.

In this Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for all struggling with mental health issues, that they may not be afraid to ask for help and that the stigma of mental health will disappear.

We pray particularly for India at this time, which is suffering terribly with the pandemic. EBC has many connections there and we would hold our Christian brothers and sisters before God in prayer as they seek to help and to bear Christian witness in such dire circumstances.

We pray for the work of Christian Aid, working in many countries to alleviate suffering and strengthen communities.

We give thanks for the vaccine roll-out here and in other countries, and pray that we may soon all be able to meet together again without restrictions or fear of infection.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

*James Montgomery
(1818)*

Love is a superweapon (1 John 5:1-6)

Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. (vs. 3&4, NLT).

The community to whom 1 John was written was facing a crisis.

Former members of the community were denying that Jesus was God's flesh and blood, fully human, son. Like many churches caught up in conflict, John's community seems to have been confused, afraid, and unsure what to do. Whom should they believe? How could they know what was true, and what was not? How should they react?

The letter's simple and confident response is as relevant today as it was when it was first written: "You know who you are, you know *whose* you are, and you know what you have been told from the beginning. God's Spirit shows us what is true, so there is no need to panic or argue. You should focus on living your faith instead. 1 John reminds the community that, they have no reason to be afraid, for they belong to God, and as God's children, they can rest assured that they are loved and protected by their divine parent.

Jesus is born of God and everyone who believes in him becomes his brother or sister. Which means, that every act of violence committed against a child of God reminds us of the violence committed against Jesus. He was genuinely flesh and blood. Nor was he God's Son only during his baptism and ministry. He shared the whole human experience of living and dying. He remained God's Son even in his agonizing death on the cross. Jesus

was born, baptized, and crucified to empower all of us to become God's children.

The main point of the writer is that true Christian faith conquers the world not by military might or doctrinal arguments or coercion, but by love. Christians believe in the Son of God who, rather than shedding the blood of others to prove that he was the Messiah, allowed his own blood to be shed. Therefore, God's children triumph not by inflicting suffering on others or by avoiding pain at all costs but by allowing God to work within and through them even in their suffering.

What applies to individual Christians applies also to the Christian community. The Church triumphs over false teaching not by force or argument, but because of and through the suffering love of the crucified Messiah.

- ✓ This is the truth to which the Holy Spirit testifies: *God's son was tortured and broken for us.*
- ✓ This is the faith that overcomes the world: *God's love brings life even out of brokenness.*
- ✓ This is the victory to which we are called: *by loving God's children, we live out our faith in the crucified, risen Son of God.*

Prayer: *God of all ages, the success of your kingdom does not depend on any one of us, but on Jesus Christ. Help us hold firmly on to Jesus so that neither death, nor the evil one, nor our own sins, and nor love of the world can separate us from him. We ask to cleanse us of all that would stain our lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

Zoltan

In our Thursday Bible Studies we are currently looking at the life of Peter. He got it wrong so often, yet was still greatly used by God: encouragement for us all!

Peter

I don't know the man.
I don't know Him.
I don't know Him.

But I did.
From the moment I turned to Him,
That day by the Sea,
I knew Him,
Knew He was the Lord.

I so wanted to serve Him,
Speak for Him,
Follow Him,
Fish for Him
Live and give my life for Him
No matter what.

He is the Lord
And I let Him down
Again and again and again.
I go on letting Him down.

But Jesus,
Who knows the best and worst of me,
Who knows how I rush in and blurt out,
Mix and mess things,
Fail and fall asleep,
Who feels the agony of the denied one
Understands the agony of the one
who denies.

He is the Lord
And He forgives
Again and again and again.
He goes on forgiving.

Feed my lambs,
Take care of my sheep
Feed my sheep.

Daphne Kitching

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aware of any pastoral needs.**

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