

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 25th April 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart



EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

10.30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 753 5934 1499

Password: 024518

**CONNECTION DETAILS WILL BE
THE SAME EACH WEEK.**

ALSO ON SUNDAY

BBC1 at 10.45 a.m. Sunday Worship (*do check times as they often change them*)

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

DAILY

VLOGS IN THE TIME OF CORONA

Stephen Gaukroger's daily encouragements on www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking

A TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE

Revd Dr Helen Paynter's daily vlog <https://youtu.be/pww5eFHVop4>

DAILY SERVICE on BBC Radio LW 9.45 a.m. Monday to Friday

Purity and Love

(1Peter 1:17-23)

“Having purified your souls by accepting the reality of Christ, you are capable now of sincere brotherly love. So, love one another sacrificially with fervour from the innocence of your heart.” (v22, ZBV)

Ever since Good Friday, when Christ died for the sins of humanity there is an argument about the importance of following the teachings of Jesus. Purely as a business exchange obeying the principles laid down by Jesus is not strictly required – after all the grace of God pardons our sins and in theory, we have a free ticket to Heaven. But this would be in contrary to what Jesus thought about the Kingdom of God throughout his earthly ministry.

Now, in our extended reading Peter argues that God’s deliverance is more than a business exchange. By accepting God’s forgiveness, we enter into a relationship or partnership with God where emotions like thankfulness, honour and love play an important part. It is similar to a marriage, which also has a legal/business element, but in the day to day life is mostly about relationships. At Easter, Christ came back to life, to his followers to transform the business deal of Good Friday into an intimate personal relationship with humanity.

Verse 22 is a gem in this argument because it interconnects purity with love: the purity of our soul springs from recognizing not only Jesus on the cross but also the resurrected Christ which in turn enables us to love *sincerely*. To love sincerely means that our affection has no ulterior motives, our love is pure because it is coming from an innocent heart. In Peter’s mind following Jesus is not a contractual obligation, but an affectionate congeniality, where we want to be in the presence of Christ just as much as Christ wants to be in presence of us.

Prayer: *Our Father, sincere love is the fruit of your Spirit, not something to be won, achieved, or deserved. This love conquers all things and brings healing and wholeness to those who are touched by your grace.*

May the love of Christ bring us healing and hope.

Amen.

Zoltan

DEACONS’ MEETING

During the lockdown, there will be a **weekly** Deacons' Meeting on **Tuesdays at 11.00 a.m.** Please pray for Zoltan and Deacons as they ‘meet’ together (via Zoom)

CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 11.00 am. (via Zoom) Based on **1 Thessalonians** we will focus on *Building Church in Changing Times*. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

Connection details for this series of events will be **the same for each week.**

Topic: Thursday Bible Study (via Zoom)

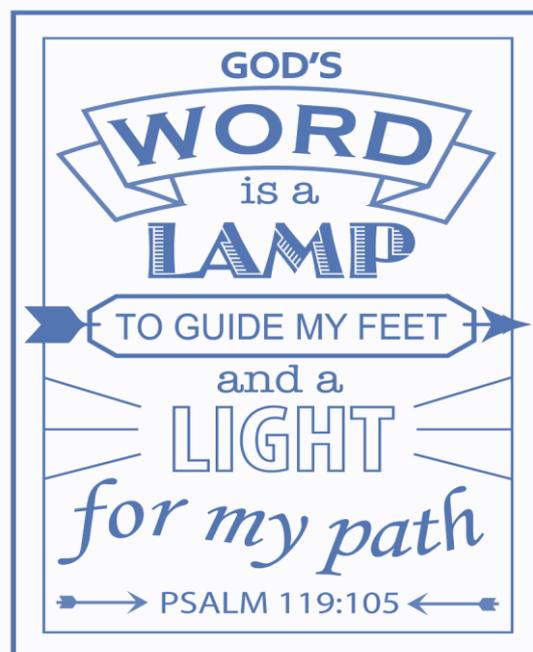
Time: April 30th 2020 11:00 AM London

Every week on Thursday until June 18th 2020 - 8 occurrences

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120898795?pwd=ejN4RU8rSkpDRF1xYlJQbEhHUytlZz09>

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JOIN EBC'S LOCKDOWN COMMUNITY JOURNAL

Fellowship during unusual times

Humans have about 40,000 thoughts every day, many of them are only fleeting, but some stay with us and we often share them with important people in our lives. During the lockdown, however, one of the hardest things we have to face is not being able to meet with our friends and family and share our thoughts, so many of us feel that our important ideas are lost forever. So, I would like to invite all of you linked with Eynsham Baptist Church to keep a journal of your important thoughts – which you wished to share with others. Once a month (while social distancing is in place) I will collate them, in chronological order and create *EBC's Lockdown Community Journal*.

God Bless,

Zoltan

FOOD BANK - Please drop off donations at the Co-op. If you would like more information about the Food Bank please speak to Zoltan.

ASYLUM WELCOME - Donations are still ways needed. Speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

Shared by Barbara Cook

Love to the fullest once roamed our earth.
He arrived here by means of a heavenly birth.

From the very beginning most every one knew
There was something's special this child would do

As time would prevail he became a man,
Teaching us love from God's own hand.

Though to some he knew he would be such a dread.
They never could rest until he was dead!

He knew his own fate from beginning to end.
He knew and still loved His betraying friend.

He carried His cross using His own two feet
To die for our sins and our total defeat.

Why did he do it no reason but love
He wanted to help us to heaven above.

Who was this man with such merciful love?
None other than Jesus, our Saviour above!

Patricia Cisco



Patrik with his winning Junior Church
construction of
spaghetti and marshmallows.

Sent in by Larry

Shirley White shared this poem by her sister-in-law

COVID 19 VIRUS

We've got a world-wide crisis, it's spread through many lands,
Our country is in lockdown, it's cancelled all our plans.
We wash our hands with vigour a hundred times a day,
We have self-isolation, no school, no work, no play.

Our home smells of Domestos, we sanitize it all,
The worktops, sink and bathroom, the kitchen and the hall;
The doors, the drawers, the handles, the pencil and the pen,
And then to make quite certain, we wash our hands our hands again.

Our travel is restricted, we're keeping social space,
Hairdresser and chiropodist cannot come near the place.
I'll have to work around it – it's not a choice I'd choose,
I'll go around all scruffy, and wear some peep-toe shoes!

I trimmed my fringe on Tuesday, it's not a pretty sight,
I sterilized the scissors, then shut my eyes up tight;
I snipped a little bit off, then snipped a little more;
I'll wear a hat tomorrow when I go out the door.

Our village has a network of local volunteers,
I know most of the residents, I've lived here sixty years,
The gardening season's coming, the daffodils are through,
I'd better get my gloves on, there's lots of work to do.

And then I'll wash my hands.

Mary Thomas



Clematis in Jean Towns' garden -
photo sent in by
Pamela Thiele.



This is a photo of my spring flowers in front of my window. It brings much pleasure.

Tranquil Moments

In every humdrum day
There's a little glint of gold,
A purpose in the living
That is lovely to behold.

A reason for existence
In the dark – a glowing ember
That lights the dullest day
With a moment to remember.

Thinking of you all.

Chris Ward

HERBS

If anyone would like fresh herbs for cooking please text Norma on 07947 902430.

EYNSHAM PRE-SCHOOL VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

There's still time for you to make a scarecrow to brighten up everyone's walks round the village - put them outside your house between 1 - 3rd May.

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION TO CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sue Law's correct telephone number and email address are 07796 955472 and susieq26uk@live.co.uk

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PLEASE MAKE ZOLTAN OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANY PASTORAL NEEDS.

