

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY 23rd MAY

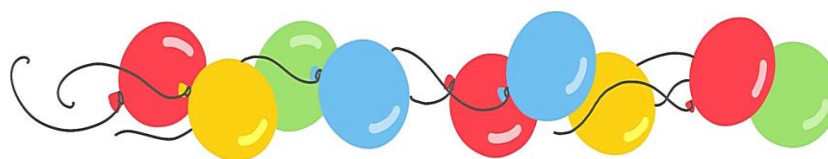
COMMUNION SERVICE ON ZOOM at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Revd Dr Nick Wood

Made new at Easter: Endlessly new Spirit

Readings: John 16: 5 - 15 and Acts 2: 14 - 24

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH - LET'S CELEBRATE!

2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

at EBC

we are inviting the community to join us for a party!

Games, crafts, a quiz, balloons and ice cream - something for everyone.

TV SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4
10.30 a.m. BBC1 Service for Pentecost
1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

Music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services: 24 hour.

TWEENIES BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 22nd 10 - 12 noon

For older Messy Church children (10+).

DEACONS MEETING

Thursday 27th at 7.30 p.m. We give thanks for the hard work of Zoltan and the Deacons, and Larry I.C. Health & Safety, through these last very challenging months, wading through the morass of Covid Regulations. We pray for them all as they continue to grapple with ever changing rules in order that we might all meet up soon.

MONDAY PRAYERS

7.00 p.m. on zoom
15 minutes - all welcome.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

at 11.00 a.m. on zoom
About an hour - all are welcome.
Led by Revd Richard Crippen.

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Zoltan has been signed off from work by the doctor for at least the next three weeks. Please remember him and the family in your prayers. **Please do not contact Zoltan during this period, but contact one of the Deacons instead.**

A BIG THANK YOU

Some of the ladies in our church have been busy during lockdown knitting teddies, hats/jumpers and shawls for Bronze Health Clinic in Uganda. We can't wait to get them out there.



June Poole

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 There are **Donation points** in Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco.

The Revd Canon Paul Hardingham (*writing in 'Parish Pump'*) considers how the Holy Spirit can change our lives.

Pentecost

The celebration of Pentecost this month could be described as a birthday party for the Church, as we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples (Acts 2:1-13). What are we celebrating?

God's Promise: The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised' (1:4). They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

God's Power: 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors, but energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but all are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.

God's Purpose: The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (4). The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own 'native language' (lit: dialect, v8). We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives and it's the Spirit who translates our words and actions into a language that those around can understand!

At Pentecost, 3,000 people were added to the church in one day! What do we expect of the Spirit in our day?



Prayer for Pentecost

Loving Father God,
Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit;
Your Spirit who knows no restrictions
or barriers;
Your Spirit who can reach us
and be with us and in us,
wherever we are,
whatever our circumstances;
Your Spirit who comforts and heals
and empowers us to live
with confidence that, ultimately,
all shall be well;
Your Spirit who connects us, through
the life, death, resurrection and
ascension of Jesus.
Because of Jesus' victory over death
we have hope and life forever.
Thank you, loving Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Come, Holy Spirit,
like a dove descending,
Rest Thou upon us
while we meet to pray;
Show us the Saviour,
all His love revealing,
Lead us to Him, the Life,
the Truth, the Way.

Come, Holy Spirit,
every cloud dispelling,
Fill us with gladness,
through the Master's name;
Bring to our memory words
that He hath spoken,
Then shall our tongues His
wondrous grace proclaim.

Come, Holy Spirit,
sent from God the Father -
Thou friend and teacher,
comforter and guide -
Our thoughts directing,
keep us close to Jesus,
And in our hearts
forevermore abide.

Fanny Crosby

Frances Jane van Alstyne (née Crosby) known as Fanny Crosby, was born in 1820, and was an American poet and composer who wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs. She was blind from the age of 6 weeks. She died in 1915.

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