

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT

SUNDAY 6th JUNE



EBC SERVICE ON ZOOM
at 10.30 a.m.

Led by : Janet and Steve Gaukroger
Heroes of Faith: Hebrews 11 - Faith means trusting in God's character

ZOOM LOGIN:

Meeting ID: 450 193 3567 No password needed.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4501933567>

TV & RADIO SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4
1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

Music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England: 24 hour free phone line.

EBC DEACONS MEETING

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

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 welcome.

Login details for both:

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EYNESHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

Call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email eynshamhelp@gmail.com Food **donation points** in the Co-op, the Spar, the Market Garden and Tesco. You can also donate online at the link below:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/eynsham-heroes-community-support-fund> Donations to this site are split between Community Larder and Eynsham Good Neighbour Network supporting our community with practical help wherever needed.

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 6th June Drop off food donations at 15 Newland Street between 9 - 12 noon. **Gatehouse are still only accepting shop-packaged food please:** unfilled loaves, sandwich ingredients (tuna, cheese, ham etc), biscuits and cakes.

Clothing donations: please check first that items are needed by emailing clothes@oxfordgatehouse.org and arrange a time to deliver them.

ASYLUM WELCOME

Donations are always needed. Please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808 or visit their website <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

THANK YOU

1 - 7th June is **Volunteers Week** and is a chance to say 'Thank You' to the millions of volunteers across the UK.

The many volunteers in our community are greatly appreciated: Asylum Welcome, Community Larder, Good Neighbour Network, Gatehouse Volunteers, Eynsham Heroes to name but a few. To say nothing of all who informally help out when and wherever they can, visiting and supporting others.

A local covert group (Mysterious Mothers of Mischief) have been going around the village giving out small thank-you parcels to people who are contributing to the good of the community and this banner recently appeared on EBC's gate!



Photo © Larry Poole

Tony Horsfall, a freelance trainer, retreat leader & author considers the challenge of change.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

I have had my walking boots for a few years now, and they have been faithful companions. We have walked many miles together during that time, on my daily walks as well as on holiday. They are partly responsible for my physical recovery after Covid-19, so they have a place in my heart. They fit me very well, and we have adjusted to one another. But they are very thin now on the soles and heels, and it is reluctantly time for a change.

So, one recent Saturday I bought a new pair. They are clean and smart, and fully waterproof. The soles are strong and new. There are no signs of wear and tear. But I know that change is never easy. They will take some time to wear in. They may rub and I may get a blister or two. Occasionally I will long for my old boots, and wonder, 'Did I make a mistake?' Hopefully, they will become as much a part of me as my old ones as we tread the miles together. But there is always a risk with something new, isn't there?

Change is never easy in whatever form it comes. But change is inevitable because life does not stand still, and we have to keep adjusting and adapting and being open to fresh winds of the Spirit. Never more so than in these present, troublesome days.

Strangely enough as I have been meditating on this, my reading this morning (Isaiah 9) contained a reference to - 'Every warrior's boot used in battle ... will be destined for burning (v5).' Oh dear. I'm sure like me, warriors were fond of their boots too and found it hard to part with them.

PRAYER

We continue to pray for Zoltan and the family, that they will all know God's peace and healing, and might feel love and prayers supporting them.

We remember in prayer all who are sick, sorrowful or suffering, in our fellowship and throughout the world.

We pray for Felix and Bona in Albania: that they will be blessed in their endeavours and will in turn be a blessing to others.

Fulbert of Chartres (c.970–1028), son of a peasant family in northern France, rose to become the Bishop of Chartres, renowned for his brilliant sermons. A powerful man, but his prayers reveal his keen appreciation of how fleeting worldly success can be....

God's Care

How brief is our span of life compared with the time since You created the universe. How tiny we are compared with the enormity of Your universe. ... yet during every minute and every second of our lives You are present, within and around us.

You give your whole and undivided attention to each and every one of us. Our concerns are Your concerns. And You are infinitely patient with our stupidity.

I thank you with all my heart

Please Note:

Any contributions for next week's newsletter need to be sent to Lin by **7.00 p.m. on Thursday 10th June** at the latest please.

Looking Forward

It seems such a long time
since we have been free
To ask friends for coffee,
or family to tea;
To meet real people
sat down in the room
And chatter amongst us,
instead of on zoom.

To go to the Craft Group,
or out for a day,
To sing in the choir,
hear children at play;
To browse round the library
or charity shop,
To chat in a queue at the
village bus stop.

I've booked up a haircut,
it's long overdue,
I've snipped at the fringe,
it was blocking my view.
I've put on a hairband,
my glasses, my mask,
My ears just rebelled and
aborted the task!

I'm watching the figures
on regional news
Of Covid admissions and
A & E queues,
The vaccine is working,
we're reaching our goal
The long hours of research
bring Covid control.

We've learned many lessons
since Covid began,
The value of life,
of our planet, of man,
The place that we live in,
the kindness of friends,
Let's keep this our mission,
whatever life sends.

Mary Thomas
May 2021

Food for Thought?

Tony Horsfall's reflection has made me think: I also recently got new boots, but still wear the old ones because they are 'comfy'. We look forward to the easing of Covid restrictions soon, but lockdown has in many ways become comfortable and we might feel reluctant to move on.

Perhaps though, we will have learned to do things differently. To consider more prayerfully how we use our time, to live at a less hectic pace, to take time to appreciate the good things God has given us, especially the people He has surrounded us with. (It might mean however, that we have to learn to say 'no I can't do that' a bit more often - which *won't* be very comfortable !)

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