

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



SUNDAY 27th JUNE

COMMUNION SERVICE ON ZOOM
at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Revd Dr Nick Wood

Made for Mission: Why should we go? (*Mission commences with calling*)

Readings: Matthew 9: 9-13 and Luke 19: 1-10

ZOOM LOGIN:

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

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

TV & RADIO SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship
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 hours a day.

MONDAY PRAYERS

7.00 p.m. on zoom

15 minutes - all welcome.

LOGIN:

Meeting ID: 450 193 3567

No password needed.

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

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Now taking a break for the summer

Zoltan wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks. He is currently on a phased return to work so please check with a Deacon before contacting him for the next couple of weeks.

PLEASE NOTE:

Login for Sunday services is reverting back to the original one with Zoltan as host.

Monday Prayers login will not change, but will remain the same.

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY QUILT BIG REVEAL POSTPONED from 26th June until September.

FUNKY FRIDAY

Friday 2nd July 6 - 8 p.m. at EBC

for Year 5s (10) and upwards.

TWEENIES BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 3rd July 10.00 - 12.00 noon

For older Messy Church children (10+).

EBC DEACONS MEETING

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

THREE CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 26th - Friday 30th July

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

The Eynsham Churches Holiday Club will gather at St Leonard's Church and grounds. Primary School children are invited to attend and secondary school and university students and adults are invited as helpers (subject to DBS checks for those over 16). Please book and invite others to come: email for details on eynshamhc@gmail.com.



**The wedding of
Ben Thompson and Louise Williams
will take place at EBC on
Friday 16th July.**

Ben was dedicated, brought up and baptised, in EBC. He and his partner Louise are to be married in a simple ceremony in the church on Friday 16th July in the afternoon and Pamela Thiele is co-ordinating the wedding tea. She would be grateful for offers of help with cakes or to serve tea which we will have to do under Covid restrictions.

Ben and Louise are very grateful to EBC for enabling this wedding to go ahead and for all your prayer support in the past 18 months.

Canon Paul Hardingham (writing in Parish Pump) considers the need for encouragement.

Olympic Gold

Next month sees the start of the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A number of New Testament letters refer to Olympic sport including Hebrews: *‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith’ (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race, but despite the struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, He will enable us to finish the race.

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond was determined to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line. Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek’s father, ran out of the stands towards him. “You don’t have to do this,” he told his son. “Yes, I do,” said Derek, to which his father said, “We’re going to finish this together.” They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father’s shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to

give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn’t win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side. Let’s not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race!

UPDATE FROM UGANDA

We received the following email from one of our primary contacts in Uganda.

“In Uganda we are experiencing the second wave of Covid 19 which seems to be more deadly as compared to the first one. More and more cases have been reported. And reports are worrying as many people are dying of not being able to afford ICU and oxygen! We have been hearing these from a distance but it is now happening in our own villages.

Like many other countries in a bid to control the spread of the pandemic, Uganda has banned public gatherings like places of worship and all public and private transport, closed schools and restricted movement between districts. While it is helping to control the spread of the pandemic, but is having a hard negative impact on impoverished families. The president pronounced the lockdown from 7th June up to 30th July 2021. And we don’t know what will happen thereafter.

Looking at the impacts so far. "This Covid-19 period has handicapped us," says one of the caregivers of Bright Hope Orphanage. "Men who are breadwinners like myself are no longer able to provide even basic needs like food to our families. This has sparked big family misunderstandings and domestic violence", he continued.

Providing family necessities at this time is harder than ever. The normal situation here is hand to mouth on a daily basis. You don't work, you don't eat and providing for your family is difficult. There is a saying here "Zokola Zolya" (ZZ) meaning what you make is what you eat on a daily basis and no saving.

Food supply has decreased as farmers struggle to transport their produce to markets, and many markets have closed due to social distancing procedures.

Due to the lockdown, we are worried about a rise in teenage pregnancy and child marriage. Ever since schools were closed, so many girls and boys are idle and in one place. One youth said, "We feel so confined to one environment. We can no longer participate in social networks like sports galas, community dialogues and religious activities". They are keeping themselves busy by getting involved in behaviour which could lead to unwanted pregnancies and child marriage. I heard a rumour that in some villages parents are giving their girls to men for marriage so that they can get money for food.

In response to these, we want to translate the situation to ministry opportunities. We engage ourselves in biblical counselling, sharing the gospel, caring and meeting basic needs like food. We call upon your involvement and praying with and for us here. May the Lord Jesus Christ glorify himself in this situation?

Thanks and blessings,"

Pastor Hillary Wafula
(Busia/Lumino)

Larry and June would be pleased to co-ordinate any donations you might like to give for this situation. We are already supporting the **Bronze Healthcare Clinic**, which is run by Pastor Hillary's son, Sam. They themselves are going to need more support in the coming weeks as the lockdown bites once more. Our belief is that, having put so much effort into raising funds to build this marvellous clinic, we should not allow it to wither on the vine of the pandemic. We are talking with Sam about starting a fund to meet the cost of treatment for those who cannot afford to pay much. We have not got to the 'nuts and bolts' of how to organise it yet, but is an effective way of both keeping the clinic in business and reaching out to the increased numbers of people who can't afford treatment at this time. The tap flow can be turned up or down as the situation changes.

Larry & June Poole

GARAGE SALE FOR UGANDA Sunday 18th JULY

On 18th July there are going to be various garage sales in Eynsham. I would like to take part to raise money for the clinic in Uganda.

If anyone has any good quality things that I can sell I would be grateful. Anything goes: toys, household goods, jewellery, small items of furniture, good quality clothes etc. I can collect anything you have, or please deliver to 17 Back Lane. Many thanks.

June

PRAYER

We pray especially this week for friends and fellow Christians in Uganda, Baphumelele, India, Brazil, and all places around the world where the pandemic is still taking such a heavy toll. We pray for strength as they help their communities and maintain a Christian witness. We pray for all agencies and governments supplying vaccines, medical supplies and food: that they will be guided by compassion, wisdom, and integrity.

A couple of weeks ago the newsletter featured a picture of South Stack lighthouse on Anglesey.



Photo © Parish Pump

Mary Peedell (who was brought up in Anglesey) shared the following:

“Dear Lord Jesus, we remember the work of your disciples who served You faithfully during the early days of the Church. They went out among the people, who were often hostile, and spoke of their faith. They also encouraged others by their written testimonies. Together, they spread the word of Your teaching and of the joy of serving You, regardless of their own fate and well-being.

“I think it’s a shot taken from the RSPB observation post (Ellen’s Tower), where they have lots of binoculars trained on sea-bird nests for the public to be able to watch the progress of the eggs, from laying to fledging. There are also choughs on Holyhead Mountain, and puffins in the Spring, so there’s usually plenty to see. The steps to the lighthouse zig-zag down the side of the Mountain.

We ask You to help us today to continue Your work by witness and example. May we continue to draw comfort and inspiration from Your teaching, and so acknowledge and confess our faith wherever we go and to those we meet.”

Terence Trimmer

**Lord God, for the day ahead –
Renew my life,
Replenish my joy
Strengthen my faith
Through Jesus Christ.**

Amen.



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If you ever visit Anglesey’s west coast, and Holyhead Mountain, it’s usually particularly pretty in early September,

when the gorse and heather are in bloom together. The rocks on the mountain are white quartzite, and the crystals sparkle in sunlight. I describe it as the Mountain being 'in glow'.

Mary Peedell

Suzanne Peedell would like to thank EBC for the Birthday card & flowers. She had a nice quiet day with her family (human & feathered).

Our Church family members who are not able to join us for services on Zoom, have been invited to gather together, socially distanced, for tea and cake on Sunday, 4th July from 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. in Larry and June's garden. Transport is being arranged if required.

ASYLUM WELCOME

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

EYNESHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

Anyone who is finding it difficult to buy the food they need can request help, either a regular or a one-off food parcel. 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.

Contributions for the newsletter by mid-day Friday please to linmiller25@gmail.com tel: 881780 (*subject to space and editorial discretion*).

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Please make the Deacons aware of any pastoral needs.