

Eynsham Baptist Church

Lombard Street, Eynsham, Oxford OX29 4HT
Minister - Revd Zoltan Biro

Newsletter – August 2018



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THE CHURCH PREMISES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST SO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE AS USUAL

Sunday morning services include Creche and Junior Church.
Pre-service Prayers 10.00 - 10.15 a.m. - all are welcome.

HC = Holy Communion

FHC = Family Holy Communion (creche have their own activities)

DATE	Lessons from King David's Life <i>continued</i>	LEADER
Sunday 5th 10.30 a.m.	Bravery: Choosing peace over revenge 2 Samuel 15: 1-14	Revd Malcolm Cook
Sunday 12th HC 10.30 a.m.	Balance: maintaining unity 2 Samuel 19: 5-23	Revd Dr Nick Wood
Sunday 19th 10.30 a.m.	Artistry: David the poet 2 Samuel 22: 7-20	Mr Gerald Goldstone
Sunday 26th FHC 10.30 a.m.	Faith: the King and His God 2 Samuel 24: 19-25	Mrs Maureen Thompson

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS TAKE A BREAK IN AUGUST ...

Midweek Communion

Deacons Meeting

BMS Coffee Morning

Lunch Club

Youth Club

Coffee & Carnations

Gatehouse (closed for annual maintenance & cleaning)

Songs of Praise

Soup & Study

Home Study Groups (but check with your leaders)

Traidcraft Stall (but check with Derek)

BUT THESE THINGS DO CARRY ON

FOOD BANK

Thanks to everyone for their support during the year. The Food Bank is particularly important in the school holidays as children do not have access to free school meals. Collection point for donations during August is the CO-OP. **All donations need to have at least 6 months to run on the 'use by date' please.**

This calendar shows the standard Foodbank allocation for a small family. Use it as a handy guide for your donations.

1st 1 tin baked beans	2nd 1 tin tomatoes 80 teabags	3rd 1 tin fruit	4th 1 tin soup ½ kg pasta	5th 1 tin fish	6th 1 tin potatoes 1 jar jam	7th cereal (not oats)
8th 1 tin meat 1 packet mash	9th 1 tin baked beans	10th 1 pasta sauce 1 litre UHT milk	11th 1 tin rice pudding	12th 1 tin soup 1 sauce (brown/tom/mayo)	13th 1 tin fish	14th 1 tin sweetcorn ½ kg rice
15th 1 kg sugar (or 2 x ½ kg)	16th 1 tin meat chocolate bar	17th 1 tin baked beans	18th 1 tin tomatoes 1lt long-life fruit juice	19th 1 tin fruit	20th 1 tin soup jar of coffee	21st 1 tin fish
22nd 1 tin peas ½ kg pasta	23rd 1 tin sponge pudding	24th 1 tin meat 1 pack biscuits	25th 1 tin baked beans	26th 1 tin tomatoes 1 litre UHT milk	27th 1 tin custard	28th 1 tin soup
29th 1 tin fish	30th 1 tin carrots	31st a special treat				

ASYLUM WELCOME

There is a box at the back of the church for donated items: see Marcus Thompson for more details or see www.asylum-welcome.org

THE 114 CLUB

Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m. at 114 Spareacre Lane: an evening of fun and fellowship playing Rummikub, cribbage, etc - speak to David or Lin.

EBC MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday 30th August We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

FORWARD NOTICES

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 2nd September This is the next date we are asked to help support Oxford's homeless shelter with sandwiches, fruit and cake.

OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE

Saturday 8th September Sponsor forms are available for anyone who would like to take part: half the money raised comes back to EBC. Also, as the church will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. we need people to sit in the church to welcome riders/striders. If you can spare an hour or two please sign the list on the coffee table. Sponsor forms and more information from Lin Miller.

ONE WORLD WEEK SALE

Saturday 20th October 10 - 12 noon More details from Angie Cox.

August OASIS

Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th August

There may be places left, application forms available from any of the churches, Eynsham Library and Evenlode DIY. **Pre-booking is essential.**

YOU CAN HELP BY

PRAYING

for this important 'over 60s' outreach by the 3 churches: that all the participants may sense the love of God and that those who are helping may be given energy and enthusiasm.

VOLUNTEERING

more help would be welcome on all three days, particularly with setting up and clearing away. You don't have to provide any personal care, just be willing to get involved with what needs doing: moving tables and chairs, serving food, helping with crafts etc.

If you would like to get involved, even if you can't do all three days, please contact Jane Hale on 0777 923 8225 or email her on *janehale6@gmail.com*

BAKING

it is EBC's turn to make cakes on Thursday 30th August so please speak to Lin if you can help by making a cake.

PRAYING

did I mention that already ? !

30° in the shade – a prayer in hot weather

Lord, it's too hot: we moan and groan and try not to do more than we have to in this weather. Remind us to pray for all those many people in the world who *have* to carry on working and toiling in the hot sun, just to scrape a living from the land. Those who have no choice but to work in intense heat, longing for rain to grow their crops.

Lord it's too hot: we long for cooler temperatures. Remind us to pray for all those people in the world who live in cold and frozen lands, where everyday life is a struggle against the elements and where the cold weather can kill.

Lord it's too hot: we worry about watering the garden and long for some rain. Remind us to pray for all those people in the world who sometimes have too much rain, whose homes are flooded and whose possessions are washed away, leaving them with nothing.

Lord it's too hot: it's hard to cope when temperatures are this high. Remind us nevertheless to be grateful for each day you have given us and to thank you for all our blessings.

Amen.

JULY HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH AT EBC !

Saturday July 7th saw us taking part in the Carnival Parade with our 'walking float', led by Larry in his classic car (see front cover). Members of our congregation dressed in costumes from the past 200 years, marking the 200th anniversary of EBC's present building. It was an extremely hot day, but they managed to win their class!





Carnival week-end also saw the Village Flower Festival in St Leonard's Church with floral arrangements from many local organizations, including EBC. The theme this year was 'Anniversaries' so was very appropriate for our 200 year celebrations.

Saturday 14th saw us in the Square with a BBQ with the church being open for tea and cake and an exhibition about Eynsham Baptist Church. The baptistry was open for people to see and we had a busy afternoon with lots of visitors.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Saturday 21st was a very special day when Katie and Ashley were married at EBC. We wish Katie and Ashley God's blessing on their marriage and pray that they will always know His loving presence in their lives.



The gardeners among us will know the effects of the present hot, dry weather, but there are other things to contend with !

The Gardeners' Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,
Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.

*All things spray and swatable,
Disasters great and small,
All things paraquatable,
The Lord God made them all.*

The green fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumbs.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

But still we gardeners labour midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours' will somehow bypass ours.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

STOP PRESS!

Singing Group : rehearsals for our Harvest service will be on Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th September at 7.00 p.m. Please put the dates in your diaries: music will be available beforehand so we can familiarise ourselves with it as we will only have these two rehearsals. See Maureen for more details.

PLEASE NOTE:

Sheila Wood has a new email address with immediate effect:
sheila.wood1952@gmail.com

CHURCH CONTACTS

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HALL BOOKINGS

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MINISTER: Revd. Zoltan Biro **Tel:** 881670 **Mobile** 07846 653457

Zoltan's days off are generally Wednesday and Saturday: on these days please first contact Church Secretary or one of the Deacons. In an emergency Zoltan can be contacted by text or email. He is usually in the church office on Thursdays.

DEACONS: Angie Cox - 880563, Derek Malin - 88410, June Poole - 375130, Maureen Thompson - 881808, Sheila Wood - 01993 650263, Sue Law - 731263

**Please make the Minister or Deacons aware of anyone
in need of pastoral support.**



**INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
BY SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST to:
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