

# 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)

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

<b>1st</b> 1 tin baked beans	<b>2nd</b> 1 tin tomatoes 80 teabags	<b>3rd</b> 1 tin fruit	<b>4th</b> 1 tin soup ½ kg pasta	<b>5th</b> 1 tin fish	<b>6th</b> 1 tin potatoes 1 jar jam	<b>7th</b> cereal (not oats)
<b>8th</b> 1 tin meat 1 packet mash	<b>9th</b> 1 tin baked beans	<b>10th</b> 1 pasta sauce 1 litre UHT milk	<b>11th</b> 1 tin rice pudding	<b>12th</b> 1 tin soup 1 sauce (brown/tom/mayo)	<b>13th</b> 1 tin fish	<b>14th</b> 1 tin sweetcorn ½ kg rice
<b>15th</b> 1 kg sugar (or 2 x ½ kg)	<b>16th</b> 1 tin meat chocolate bar	<b>17th</b> 1 tin baked beans	<b>18th</b> 1 tin tomatoes 1lt long-life fruit juice	<b>19th</b> 1 tin fruit	<b>20th</b> 1 tin soup jar of coffee	<b>21st</b> 1 tin fish
<b>22nd</b> 1 tin peas ½ kg pasta	<b>23rd</b> 1 tin sponge pudding	<b>24th</b> 1 tin meat 1 pack biscuits	<b>25th</b> 1 tin baked beans	<b>26th</b> 1 tin tomatoes 1 litre UHT milk	<b>27th</b> 1 tin custard	<b>28th</b> 1 tin soup
<b>29th</b> 1 tin fish	<b>30th</b> 1 tin carrots	<b>31st</b> 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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> August** We are encouraged to pray specifically for EBC at some time during this day.

## **FORWARD NOTICES**

### **GATEHOUSE**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> October** 10 - 12 noon More details from Angie Cox.

## **August OASIS**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sheila.wood1952@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH CONTACTS**

### **CHURCH OFFICE:**

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### **CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Denise Launchbury - 881128

### **CHURCH TREASURER:**

Bob Thiele - 426203

### **HALL BOOKINGS**

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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 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST to:  
[Lin Miller 01865 881780](mailto:Lin Miller 01865 881780) or [linmiller25@gmail.com](mailto:linmiller25@gmail.com)**

