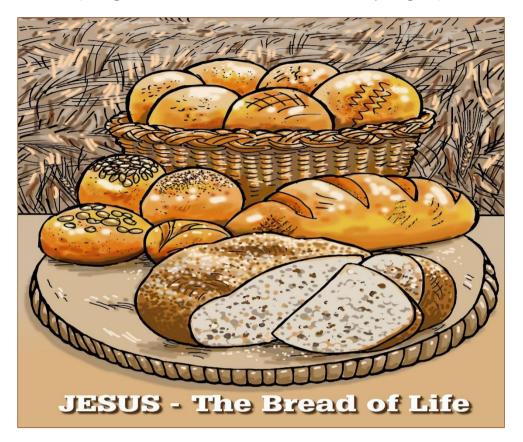
EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 25th July 2020 Keeping us connected while staying apart



SERVICE ON ZOOM

SUNDAY 26th JULY at 10.30 a.m.

The service will include Communion so please have a piece of bread ready if you would like to participate. Liturgy sheet attached separately.

PLEASE NOTE TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346465711?pwd=Sy9YMG0zdjVxczJnYIZHYTErakR0dz09 Meeting ID 873 4646 5711 Password 096829

You can also join these meetings on the telephone by calling one of the following geographical numbers and keying in first the <u>Meeting ID</u> followed by the # key and then keying in the <u>Password</u> also followed by the # key.

0203 481 5240, 0203 481 5237, 0203 051 2874, 0131 460 1196 <u>OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES</u> 8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise <u>DURING THE WEEK</u> 9.45 a.m. BBC Radio 4 LW Monday-Friday VLOGS IN THE TIME OF CORONA www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking

A TOUR THROUGH THE BIBLE on BU YouTube https://youtu.be/pww5eFHVop4



reflections and prayers

DEACONS' MEETING

11.00 a.m. on Tuesdays via Zoom - please pray for the Deacons as they meet together.

<u>PRAYER</u>

Remembering in prayer all those who suffer illness, depression or loneliness. We pray for those facing surgery or treatment, that they will know God's peace. We particularly remember those for whom the easing of lockdown has not actually made any difference, and who are still unable to get out due to infirmity or age, and who may now feel even more isolated.

"Forgive us, Lord, that as we grow to maturity, our faith is blighted with doubts, withered with worry, tainted with sophistication. We pray that you will make us like children again in faith – not childish, but childlike in the simplicity of a faith that is willing to trust you even though we cannot see what tomorrow will bring."

Peter Marshall

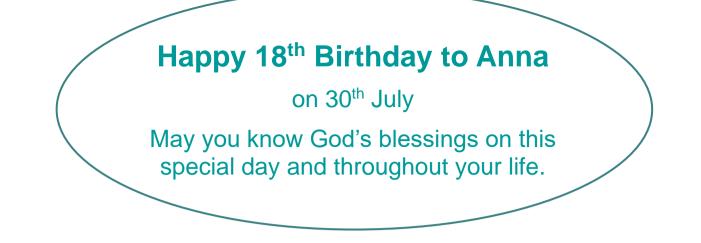
Born in Coatbridge, Scotland in 1902, Peter heard a strong calling to the ministry at a young age. Despite having no money, he emigrated to New York City in 1927 when he was 24 and trained as a Presbyterian minister. In 1947 he was made chaplain to the United States Senate. He died in 1949.

ASYLUM WELCOME

Donations are still very much needed: please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

EYNSHAM 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. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email your number to eynshamhelp@gmail.com and ask for further information. Collection points for donations in the Co-op and Spar.



Many of us will be missing out on holidays this year, so Chris Ward has been reminiscing about her cycling holidays in the past.

Cycling Holidays in Holland - and beyond

Part 1

To make the day a bit more enjoyable, I have been looking at my photos of years ago when I and five other friends went on cycling holidays in Holland. The first was in 1984. We all cycled regularly each week, just a few miles to a local village pub, had a shandy and then came home.

But this was quite a bit different. For one thing, the Dutch bikes had brakes you had to pedal backwards. So you had to think well before or the others behind you crashed into you: but it was a cause of so much laughter.

We were given maps so you cycled a choice of doing 20 miles or 40 plus to the next hotel. A van took our cases so at least we looked decent for dinner at the hotel.



The next time we had bikes with proper brakes, thank goodness, and the sun shone on us.

Part 2 next week

Chris Ward

BAPHUMELELE CHILDREN'S HOME - latest news from Kay Jerred

I have been asked by the Deacons to give you the latest news on Baphumelele.



The founder, Rosalia (Rosie) Mashale, and I keep in touch via email. Some of you might have seen the huge Township of Khaleyitsha, where Baphumelele is situated, on the BBC news a week or so ago. It was a piece on the pandemic, stating that Khaleyitsha was the worst affected place in South Africa.

This Township has a population of around 400, 000 people is reputed to be the largest and fastest growing

Township in South Africa. The very basic homes are packed closely together, making the spread of the disease rife.

Rosie writes:

"Khaleyitsha is the epicentre of the pandemic, people dying day in and day out. It is so scary and affecting both the very young and the elderly. I am really counting myself lucky and thanking God daily for protecting me, my Baphumelele family and friends all over the world. You are in our prayers too. We have had generous donations from people in Eynsham Church and thank you very much for your support all these years. We are eternally grateful for the donations.

This is the most challenging time in our existence and COVID-19 has had some very severe impact for the livelihoods of many of our staff as well as the children we look after. There has been a big increase in the cost of basic food stuffs, transportation and suddenly the new burden of having to provide PPE and adequate social and safety measures for everyone at Baphumelele.

Your contributions are invaluable in making sure that we can transition during this time and continue to give the best care to the most vulnerable citizens of our country. I'm at a loss for words and am very over the moon with the support you have shown Baphumelele."

There will be an opportunity to give to Baphumelele at the time of our Harvest Service which will be a Gift Day for the Children's Home. More information to follow.

Many thanks to all for your wonderful support.



Kay

<u>High Flight</u>

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air . . .

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace Where never lark, or ever eagle flew — And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

> John Gillespie Magee (June 1922 - December 1941)

Anglo-American Spitfire pilot and poet, Pilot Officer Magee served in the Royal Canadian Air Force which he joined before the United States joined the war. In 1941 he composed 'High Flight' and sent it to his parents, just months before he died in a mid-air collision over Lincolnshire at the age of nineteen.

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