

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



SUNDAY 18th APRIL

SERVICE ON ZOOM
at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Revd Dr Zoltan Biro
Made new at Easter: Eternally new life
Readings: Luke 24: 13 - 35 and 1 Peter 1: 3 - 5

Zoom login:

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

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

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Simply call one of the numbers below and follow the prompts: you will just need the **Meeting ID** and **Password** (*but not the very long number*):

0203 481 5240, 0131 460 1196, 0203 481 5237, 0203 051 2874

OTHER SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4

1.15 p.m. BBC 1 Songs of Praise

Monday to Friday

9.45 a.m. BBC Radio 4 LW

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

Music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services: 24 hours a day.

EBC DEACONS MEETING

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

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795

Passcode: 994274

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120898795?pwd=ejN4RU8rSkpDRFlxYlJQbEhHUytlZz09>

FORWARD NOTICES

WEEKLY PRAYERS ON ZOOM

Mondays at 7.00 p.m.

Beginning Monday 26th April

About 15 minutes.

Login details will be the same as for the Bible Study, or you can join by 'phone.

CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 9th May

On zoom after the morning service.

The date of the Church Meeting has been changed from 16th as EBC hopes to join Sunday worship at the Baptist Assembly on 16th May which is from 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Login details follow.

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY ONLINE 2021

Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th May

For more information, and to book, please go to:

www.baptist.org.uk/baptistassembly

Shared by Kay Jerred

Some of you will know that 8 year old Daniel, Kay's grandson, was diagnosed with epilepsy 18 months ago. In January he accepted a challenge of walking 100 miles in 100 days, raising money for the Epilepsy Society.

Starting in January, he walked often in the cold, rain and mud and learnt what a challenge was. Here he is finishing his walk on Easter Monday with his best friend Woody who wanted to walk the final 6 miles with him: Daniel is on the left.



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He has raised £1,125 for the Epilepsy Society. Thanks to those of you who sponsored him. More information on: <https://epilepsysociety.en-thuse.com/pf/daniel-jerred>

A Gospel Cliff-hanger (Luke 24:36b-48)

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem [and] you are witnesses of all these things. (vs. 45-48, NLT)

Reading Luke's gospel, one cannot overlook the writer's attention to detail when it comes to describing illnesses in healing stories. Which should not be surprising, after all Apostle Paul calls him "*Luke the beloved physician*" (Colossians 4:14).

Nonetheless it is interesting that Luke's attention to detail is also present at his description of the resurrection. Not only that he records three separate apparitions (24:13-31, 32-34 and 35-48), but he differentiates between physical beings who exist in the physical world, spiritual beings who exist in the spiritual realm but occasionally can be perceived by physical beings (like ghosts), and phantasmic beings who only exist in the memory of the perceiver (like an imaginary friend).

Now, these three apparition stories are included to dispel without a doubt that Jesus' resurrection happened physically, hence he is truly alive: he is alive not only in the memory of his disciples or within the spiritual realm, but he is alive in the physical realm too. For example, in our text Luke employs commonly accepted ghost tests of antiquity.

1. Checking for evidence of bones, especially in extremities where bones

are evident and making sure that the person's feet is touching the ground.

"Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." (v.39)

2. Checking for the presence of teeth and that they can eat food.

"Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he ate it as they watched." (v.41-43)

With the emphasis on the physicality of the resurrected Jesus, Luke clearly wishes to demonstrate a flesh-and-bones Jesus, not a mere spiritual presence or apparition. However, the point of this for Luke is more than just giving a motivational speech, saying "*Guys, since Jesus is really real and truly alive, we should be perseverant disciples and enthusiastic witnesses*". For Luke the physical reality of the resurrection is all encompassing. By stating (twice) how the scriptures were fulfilled by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus he helps us understand what God has been accomplishing throughout all human history. In other words, the reality of Jesus revealed God's plan for humanity, which naturally moves our attention into the future, where the disciples are tasked to be witnesses, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness to all the nations.

And this is where Luke stops, after these events Jesus leaves. He does not include how this future has unravelled. Stopping with a cliff-hanger could indicate that there is another chapter to this story, which is not necessarily the Acts of the Apostles, but our own story.

After all, by confessing that “we believe in the resurrection of the body and the forgiveness of sins” (Apostles Creed), we also affirm our calling to be witnesses of these marvellous things.

Prayer: *Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

Zoltan

ALBANIA FUND RAISER

Organized by Valbona Humberstone

Bona and Felix recently moved to Eynsham and have joined us on zoom on Sundays. Bona comes from Delvine in Albania where ‘poverty is walking side by side with everyday life’. They have a project of building a watertight house for the Hita family. Alta, the husband (45) is terminally ill while Bella, the wife works as a street cleaner to provide for the two children and husband. Bona and Felix are running a crowd funding project on GoFundMe. Please go to the link to find out more: <https://gofund.me/272c2afc>

Bona and Felix will be travelling to Albania in mid-June and would like to take the following with them: toys, clothing, in particular children's clothes, shoes and baby blankets, but also adult clothing: all need to be in good condition please.

Derek and Sue Malin will take collection of any donations. If you would like to donate financially, but are unable to do

so online, you can also put monetary donations through their door.

PRAYER

We pray that Bona and Felix's Albania project will be greatly blessed: that any obstacles will be overcome and that they will be able to travel to Albania and help the Hita family and others in need.

We pray for everyone dealing with ongoing health issues, thinking this week especially of Daniel, and giving thanks for his positive attitude and his wish to help others at such a young age. We pray for David and anyone else facing surgery or treatment this week, giving thanks for the skill of medical professionals and NHS staff.

We also remember those for whom the easing of lockdown is actually a daunting prospect after long periods of isolation: praying that they will have the courage to venture out again and that flagging spirits will be revived.

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

Call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email on eynshamhelp@gmail.com. **Donation points** in Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco.

ASYLUM WELCOME

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

GATEHOUSE

Sunday 25th April Please drop off food donations at 15 Newland Street **Shop-packaged food only please:** unfilled loaves, sandwich ingredients (tuna, cheese, ham etc all packaged separately), biscuits and cakes.

NEW CHURCH PA SYSTEM

For some time the Deacon's have been aware that the church PA we use in services needs to be upgraded and modernised. With the recent donations received in memory of David Launchbury the time is now right to commence on updating the equipment.

If you would like to contribute towards this then any such donations would be greatly appreciated. We estimate the costs will be some £1,000 and the money received in David's memory has already provided half of this. For further information please contact me.

Bob Thiele

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**Please make Zoltan or Deacons
aware of any pastoral needs.**

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