

EYNHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY 16th MAY

**LIVESTREAM SERVICE FROM THE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
at 10.30 a.m.**

This will be instead of our usual zoom service
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6h5vVaPjM>



**EBC MESSY CHURCH PICNIC
at 3.00 p.m.
on the playing field**

TV SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4

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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

11.00 a.m. on zoom

About an hour - all are welcome.
We are currently studying the life of the apostle Peter.

Login details:

Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795

Passcode: 994274

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

You can also join by 'phone:

Dial 0203 481 5240 and when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795 and then Passcode: 994274

PAUSE & PRAY FOR 11 DAYS

May 13th - May 23rd 2021

8 - 8.15 a.m.

Christians around the world are invited to pray during the period between Ascension and Pentecost

Login details:

Meeting ID: 815 4844 7151

Passcode: 952712

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81548447151?pwd=SExsdi-tUT0kxNHVRU1JKdWFoNTdwdz09>

DEACONS MEETING

Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. Please pray for Zoltan and our Deacons in these continuing challenging times.

TWEENIES BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturdays Fortnightly 10 - 12 noon

Please pray for this initiative for the older Messy Church children (10+)

ASYLUM WELCOME

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

EYNESHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

Call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email eynshamhelp@gmail.com

Donation points in Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 23rd MAY

2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Games, crafts, a quiz, balloons and ice cream - something for everyone.

Plans are going well for our Pentecost party. Huge thanks to all those who have helped deliver invitations to every home in Eynsham, and to so many who are preparing the various games, crafts and quizzes for the day. What a great team effort!

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come. We look forward to seeing everyone next Sunday!

Janet and Maureen



The riches of our glorious inheritance (Ephesians 1:15-23)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power [which] is the same [...] that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand (vs. 17-20; NIV & NLT)

Paul's letter to the Ephesians opens with a prayer. The prayer starts with a thanksgiving in which the apostle commends both their strong faith in Jesus and their obedience to God's commandment to love their neighbour. Shouldn't that be all we can ask of any church – strong faith and caring actions? Paul seems to think that although they have a good foundation there is still room for improvement. So, as he continues his prayer, he reminds them that they have only begun their journey and asks "that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened".

Perhaps this prayer can be a reminder to us too that knowing Jesus does not happen all at once. Rather, it happens slowly over time, perhaps over our lifetimes. What is suggested here is that we should never stop asking who really is Jesus? A question asked throughout the New Testament by the disciples of John the Baptizer after Jesus' baptism, by the crowd at the foot of the cross, by Mary outside the empty tomb. It was the question asked by the disciples throughout their journey with Jesus and as they stood on the hillside in Bethany watching as was carried up into heaven. It was the question asked by Paul on the road to Damascus. And it has been the question asked by everyone who has followed in the footsteps of the disciples. Who really is Jesus?

The gospels present us with the portrait of Jesus as the man who walked, talked, ate with friends, was angry with religious leaders, and who reprimanded his followers. In a way, this is the man with whom we can relate because we also walk, talk, eat, get angry, and become frustrated with friends and foe alike. But Paul urges the recipients to come to terms with the cosmic Christ, the risen Christ, the ascended Christ who is "in the place of honour at God's right hand" (1:20). This is the Christ that Paul met on the road to Damascus; actually, this is the only Christ the apostle ever met and followed.

Paul wants the church in Ephesus to come to know the cosmic Christ so that they may fully understand who they are and appreciate their true potential. He wants them to appreciate the hope that is theirs. He wants them to appreciate the riches of their inheritance. He wants them to understand that through the Holy Spirit in them they have the very same power that raised Christ at their disposal. Therefore, this prayer reminds us, that we too have been given that hope and those riches and that power through the cosmic Christ, risen and ascended Christ.

Prayer: *God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests. You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family, you invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom. Therefore, help us to open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor; to open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all. Amen.*

Zoltan

PRAYER

Update on Bronze Health Care from Larry and June

Sam's wife, Julian, suffered a miscarriage two weeks ago. Here is what he wrote yesterday:

"My week has not been so good of course, Julian keeps feeling paralysis, we thought it's a risk of anemia, but the ultrasound scan revealed endometriosis so she's on some strong antibiotics. We hope she'll get over it soon Continue praying for us."

Prayer for Encouragement

" they sent out Barnabas When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord." Acts 11: 22-23

'Father ... we remember Barnabas, a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, who encouraged people to stay true to you – and others to trust you for the first time.

Lord, we have gone through difficult days. The pandemic has taught us that we are not in control. We don't know what each new day might bring. As we move into the hope of more normality after the restrictions of Lockdown, we need encouragement too.

Help us to have courage to step forward with confidence and common sense. Most of all help us to stay true to you and to trust you, knowing that you are the security we need, knowing that you will never leave us or forsake us. Help us to be en-couraged!

In Jesus name,
Amen.'

Daphne Kitching

Colours in My Garden

My garden's in a yellow mood,
The daffodils in clumps are strewed.
Wild primroses are everywhere,
Forsythia branches wave the air;
Narcissi trumpets welcome Spring
And 'dandies' spread through
everything.

The lawns need mowing once again,
As well as grass they grow plantain,
There's purple clover, daisies white,
The grass gets hidden out of sight,
But when the lawns are short and neat
They're back to green, and look a treat!

Camelias and azaleas red,
Around the garden paths are spread,
And tumbling down the rocky walls
White candytuft makes waterfalls.
The bluebells sway, aubretia too,
All form a flag, red, white and blue.

Mary Thomas
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