# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



### **SUNDAY 30th MAY**

### SERVICE ON ZOOM at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Revd Malcolm Cook

Heroes of Faith: Hebrews 11 - Faith means confidence in hope

Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-7

#### **ZOOM LOGIN:**

Meeting ID: 450 193 3567 No password needed <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4501933567">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4501933567</a>

#### 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.

#### NO MONDAY PRAYERS on 31<sup>st</sup> May

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY at 11.00 a.m. on zoom

About an hour - all are welcome. Studying the book of James.

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#### **DEACONS MEETING**

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

## **TWEENIES BREAKFAST CLUB** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 10 - 12 noon

For older Messy Church children (10+). More information from Sue Law.



#### June Birthdays

Milly - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Katie - 9th

June - 10th

Jenny B. - 14th

Suzanne - 18th

Sue M. - 24th

#### **ASYLUM WELCOME**

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

#### **EYNSHAM COMMUNITY LARDER**

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

#### **GATEHOUSE**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June Please drop off food donations at 15 Newland Street between 9 - 12 noon. **Shop-packaged food only please:** unfilled loaves, sandwich ingredients (tuna, cheese and ham, packaged separately), biscuits and cakes. Or you can give online at <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/gatehouse">www.justgiving.com/gatehouse</a>

#### **PRAYER**

We pray especially for Zoltan and the family at this time. We also remember those in our church fellowship who are recovering from surgery, are unwell, worried or in distress: that they will all know God's comforting and healing presence.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.
But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hands.
Psalm 31: 9, 14-15

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Romans 8: 26 (NRSV)

Revd Tony Horsfall is thankful for God's constant presence.

Wake up!

Remember the story of Jacob, and how God met him in a dream when he was sleeping on the desert floor with a rock for his pillow? The story in Genesis 28 says this: 'When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."'

I wonder what place you find yourself in today, and if you are aware of God's presence with you there?

It may be a geographical place, the place where you live or work. That may be a beautiful place to be, or it may be a very hard place to be, and you would much prefer to be somewhere else. Either way, God is with you there, for He is everywhere, and there is no place where He is not.

It may be an emotional place, as when we say, 'I'm not in a good place right now'. How are you feeling today – up or down? Again, whatever mood you are in, God is with you for He knows us through and through. Having become human, He understands all our fluctuating emotions. He can comfort us right where we are.

It may be a phase of life that you are passing through, a stage on life's journey or a transition as you move from one situation to another. You may be passing through the valley of grief and loneliness, or anxiously waiting for news of a loved one who is ill. No matter where you are, you are not alone, for God is with you whether you can feel His presence or not.

What is needed is for us to become more aware of God's surrounding presence, to wake up to His closeness as did Jacob.

**Prayer:** Lord, wake me up to your abiding presence, even this day.

#### What the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is really about

The Lord is my Shepherd - that's RELATIONSHIP

I shall not want - that's SUPPLY

He makes me lie down in green pastures - that's REST

He leads me beside the still waters - that's REFRESHMENT

He restores my soul - that's HEALING

He leads me in the paths of righteousness - that's GUIDANCE

For his name's sake - that's PURPOSE

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - that's TESTING

I will fear no evil - that's PROTECTION

For You are with me - that's FAITHFULNESS

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me - that's DISCIPLINE

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies - that's HOPE

You anoint my head with oil that's CONSECRATION

My cup runs over - that's ABUNDANCE

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - that's BLESSING

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever - that's SECURITY!

#### **The Last Word**

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

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Please make Zoltan or Deacons aware of any pastoral needs.

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