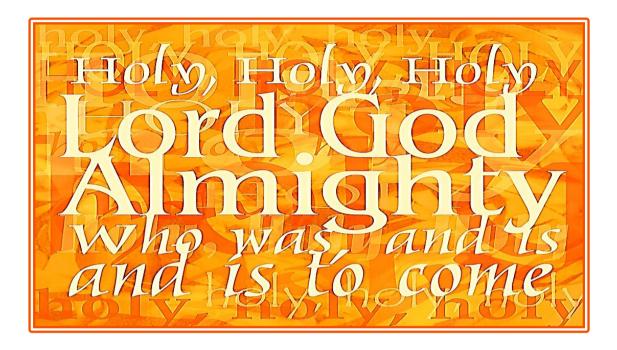
# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



## SUNDAY 20th JUNE

# FATHER'S DAY SERVICE ON ZOOM at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Mrs Maureen Thompson Heroes of Faith: Hebrews 11 - Faith means believing God's promises *Reading: Hebrews 11: 31-35* 

#### ZOOM LOGIN:

Meeting ID: 450 193 3567 No password needed. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4501933567

#### TV & RADIO SERVICES ON SUNDAY

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 41.15 p.m. BBC 2 Songs of Praise

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 studying the book of James.

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#### **EBC DEACONS MEETING**

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

#### **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, The Market Garden and Tesco.

**EYNSHAM COMMUNITY QUILT -***BIG REVEAL* Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> **11a.m. - 1p.m.** in Baptist Church Hall. Marta Biro launched this project way back in March 2020 inviting members of the community to contribute 15 x 15cm textile squares inspired by their experiences of lockdown. The squares have now been turned into a quilt. Entry is free so go along and have a look.

#### EYNSHAM CAR SCHEME UPDATE

The car scheme provides volunteer drivers for Eynsham resident who need help with transport to health care appointments. After having to suspend the service during lockdown they are now operating again and <u>can offer an</u> <u>extra service</u>. While they usually ask for donations to help cover costs, they can *offer vaccination appointments trips for free* (thanks to a grant from the County & District Councils). **If you need help call the scheme on 07469 764174.** 

### **Congratulations** I

'We are delighted to share with the family at EBC the news that Lilly Rachael Dorothy Crippen was born on Tuesday 8th June 2021. She weighed just under 8 ½ lbs. She is delightful! (*But we would say that wouldn't we!*) Elliot, Emma and Lilly are back home in Knaresborough and happy that their news is widely shared.' *Gill and Richard* 



All at EBC send our love and very best wishes to Elliot and Emma on the birth of Lilly, praying that she will know God's guidance & blessing throughout her life.

Congratulations to Richard and Gill on becoming grandparents!

Jo White considers the need for listening.

Most of us have been in situations where we are not in control, and we don't know how to feel or how to react to our situation. We need help.

The most valuable gift you can have at those times - is time itself. Time to be 'listened to'. Really listened to. But it is not easy to find someone who will 'actively listen' to you.

Think of the last time you were in the reverse position with a friend or a colleague, and they were talking to you. How easily do you recall what they actually said? Most of us are so busy getting our replies ready for when the person has finished speaking, that we don't clearly hear their punch line.

With God it is different. We can take everything to Him; all our worries and cares and failures and faults. And He listens.

He doesn't necessarily jump in with an instant, easy solution, but rather He promises to always guide us, if we ask Him, through life's challenges, and He promises to never leave us. He often speaks to us through his written word, the Bible.

This last year, when many of us have been communicating with others by phone or Zoom, we get nervous if it all goes quiet. We feel the need to 'nudge' the other person, to make sure they are still there. Silence is not a natural state for many of us - and yet it is in the quiet we can hear ourselves and God most clearly.

So, when we talk with God, our conversation should not be rushed and

one-sided. We need to give space to our silence before Him, to wait and listen for Him to speak to us.

#### <u>PRAYER</u>

We pray for all who are unwell this week, in particular thinking of Phil and praying for a speedy healing after surgery. We continue to hold Zoltan and family in our prayers asking for restoration & peace.

#### Lord, prop us up!

There is a story of an old farmer who always prayed the same prayer at his church meeting. 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side'. After hearing this many times, his minister asked him one day quite what he meant.

The famer replied: "Well, it's like this... I've got an old barn out in one of my fields. It's been there a long time, and gone through a lot of storms. One day a few years ago I noticed that it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side, so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time, and seen plenty of storms in life. I was still standing, but I was also leaning a bit. So, I decided to ask the Lord to prop me up, too, on my leaning side.

Our 'leaning side' is where we are weakest in ourselves. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, bitterness, bleakness in life. Then we too need to pray for God to prop us up, especially on that leaning side. He wants us to stand tall and free, in Him.

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Lord when we are 'leaning' let us lean on You.

#### **GO GREEN?**

This newsletter goes out to 60+ people each week by email. If you would like to receive it electronically, but don't already do so, please email Lin at **linmiller25@gmail.com** to be added to the distribution list.

This song will be used during our zoom Father's Day service so you may find it useful to have the words to hand.

#### Father God, I wonder

Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist without the knowledge of your parenthood and your loving care. But now I am your child, I am adopted in your family, And I can never be alone, 'Cause Father God, you're there beside me.

> I will sing your praises, I will sing your praises, I will sing your praises, Forever more. (Repeat)

> > by lan Smale

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Please make the Deacons aware of any pastoral needs.

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