# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



# SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY

# LIVE SERVICE IN EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Revd Dr Zoltan Biro Made for Mission: How shall we do it? (*Mission is conscious*) *Readings: Luke 10: 1-7, 17-20 and Matthews 28: 16-20* 

So that everyone can feel as comfortable as possible, we will still have some precautions in place: MASKS / FACE COVERINGS SHOULD BE WORN, but we will be able to sing. Social distancing will be possible.

For anyone who does not yet feel comfortable or able to return to a service, it will be streamed on YouTube. To watch: find <u>YouTube</u> on Google and then search for <u>Eynsham Baptist</u> <u>Church</u>. You will find all the streamed services and the one you need will have a red message saying 'live'. (*There is no clickable link.*)

# **A CHURCH MEETING**

will follow the service.

# LUNCH

will follow the meeting.

Please bring your own lunch with you: drinks and puddings will be provided.

# TV & RADIO SERVICES ON SUNDAY

8.10 a.m. BBC Radio 4 1.15 p.m. BBC 2 Songs of Praise

## DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

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

# \*\* **TODAY** \*\*

# SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY from 10 a.m.

The garage sale (on 18<sup>th</sup> July) raised £220 for Bronze Clinic in Uganda and there is a stall **TODAY IN THE SQUARE** with the remaining items.

Many thanks for your contributions.

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# **MONDAY PRAYERS**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m. on zoom then taking a break until September.

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

# **EBC DEACONS MEETING**

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



# <u>PRAYER</u>

Please pray for the Holiday Club which is happening this week, for the children who will attend and the adults who are helping. Almost all available places are registered and we are asked to pray that remaining places will be filled, for good weather and in particularly for protection from Covid infection.

We remember all in our church family who are struggling with their health at the moment, particularly in the extreme heat we have been experiencing, that they will know healing and restoration.

As EBC opens up for services again, we pray especially for those who are not yet confident of returning to 'normal'. That they will nonetheless continue to feel part of the EBC family and that we will to find ways to maintain fellowship with each other.

# FORWARD NOTICE

#### 'RIDE & STRIDE' Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021

OHCT (*Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust*) annual sponsored Ride & Stride. Walk or cycle around as many local churches as you like and get people to sponsor you: half the money you raise comes to your designated church.

OHCT is an entirely volunteer-led organisation which provides funding to help local communities repair, maintain and improve Oxfordshire's historic churches, preserving them for future generations. They give grants regularly and EBC has benefited in the past. **Sponsor forms available now** from Lin on linmiller25@gmail.com **The wedding of Ben and Louise Thompson** took place in EBC on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We wish them much happiness and pray they will know God's presence and blessing always.



Maureen and Marcus thank our amazing church family for all their help and support in making this such a wonderful, special day for Ben and Louise.

The wedding can be seen on the EBC YouTube channel.

# August Birthdays



Jane (3<sup>rd</sup>) Nick G. (6<sup>th</sup>) Patrik (8<sup>th</sup>) Catherine (20<sup>th</sup>) Harold (21<sup>st</sup>) Derek M. (25<sup>th</sup>) Jeremy (?date) Revd Dr Jo White considers our need for quiet and space.

#### Who is in the building?

In England by the time you read this, all the lock-down and social isolation measures will have been relaxed. Church buildings and services will be 'back to normal'. Working folk will be back in their workplaces, and all will be well with us all.

I live in hope - but I am well aware that the reality will probably be different. It's the difference between a switch that turns the light fully on or fully off and a dimmer switch that allows the brightness to increase or decrease slowly. All of us will need time to 'rest' before we get our mojo and energy levels back up again. This last 16 months or so have been hectic and traumatic for everyone in different ways. That's why coming into the quietness and space of a church building can be so uplifting. So .....

Listen out for / read the opening words of the service. Most often they will be the following or very similar: *'The Lord be with you'*. And the congregation replies, *'And also with you'*. It's a simple acknowledgement that we have come together with the same intention – to meet with God. And that He is with us. With all of us. We are encircled by His love and grace.

Just pause for a moment and drink in those words and the huge meaning contained in those short phrases. God is not just here for some of us, but for all of us. We are not only with those we can see, but with God Himself. How amazing is that! May those words enable you to stand up straighter again and give you strength for the days ahead.

# Mission ?

Many people will never go to a formal church, but *will* meet up with Christians day to day. How do our lives reflect the image of Christ?

You are writing a Gospel, A chapter each day, By the deeds that you do, And the words that you say.

Men read what you write, Whether faithless or true; So - what is the Gospel According to you?"

Unknown

#### ASYLUM WELCOME

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

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Please make Zoltan or Deacons aware of any pastoral needs.

Contributions for the newsletter by **mid-day Friday** please to **linmiller25@gmail.com** tel: 881780 (*subject to space and editorial discretion*).