

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST

**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Mrs Maureen Thompson  
**Wondering in the Wilderness:** Why am I  
doing this? (*Reading: Numbers 11: 10-17*)

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

**Live-stream:** find YouTube on Google and then search for Eynsham Baptist Church. You will find all the streamed services and the one you need will have a red message saying 'LIVE'.

## **DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044**

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

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## **ASYLUM WELCOME**

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

## **EYNSHAM COMMUNITY LARDER**

Call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or [eynshamhelp@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamhelp@gmail.com) There are **Donation points** in Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco.

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## **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

There will be Lunch and a time to discuss fully the new proposals for the structure of EBC after the morning service. Please bring your own lunch: desserts and drinks provided.

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## **JOYCE WICKSON**

We are very sorry to report the death of Joyce Wickson on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August in Middletown Grange at Hailey. Joyce was an active member at EBC for many years, before going to live at Hailey. She celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in February this year. We send our loving sympathy to all the family and pray they will know God's peace and comfort at this sad time.

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Joyce Wickson's funeral will take place at Eynsham Baptist Church on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30 p.m. and will be followed by a private family cremation then refreshments at EBC. **If anyone could help by supplying cakes etc, or offering help on the day, please speak to Pamela Thiele.**

# **Volunteers please !**

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church sanctuary only, please. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so if you feel you are able to vacuum and dust and become part of a rota commencing September, this would be much appreciated, please. In order for the sanctuary to be cleanly welcoming on a Sunday morning, this important job would need to be undertaken from 11 o'clock on Friday mornings after the food bank distribution or anytime on a Saturday. ***Please contact Denise Launchbury if you can help .***

## **DOOR STEWARDS**

We need more Door Stewards for Sunday mornings please. It entails greeting people, pointing out any instructions and handing them a hymn sheet if they need one. ***If you could join the rota please contact Sheila on [sheila.wood1952@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.wood1952@gmail.com)***

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## **PRAYER**

We particularly remember in prayer this week the situation in Afghanistan, praying for the agencies who are seeking to help refugees and displaced people. We also pray for the people of Haiti following the earthquake and for the agencies bringing help and medical supplies, as well as comfort to the bereaved and dispossessed.

We remember all members of our church fellowship who are struggling at present through illness, isolation or simply finding life difficult. We pray they will know the love of God surrounding them.

## What's Your Talent?

*Lester Amann encourages you to take stock of yourself.*

For a number of years, talent shows have become popular on TV. The programmes feature contestants, of any age, performing a short act in front of judges in the hope of being awarded a large sum of money. This may also lead to a new career and fame too!

These programmes feature all kinds of people including singers, comedians, magicians and acrobats. Some acts are good and entertaining while others can be odd, quirky or downright appalling! Some people reveal a talent, while others don't. Some have a big ego or an inflated sense of importance and cannot understand why they are rejected!

The Bible tells us that God is *our* judge. We are on show. He watches us, but He is not looking for the slip-up, the mistake or waiting to condemn. Our God is all-loving, kind, and forgiving and looks for our potential and is pleased when we do our best. He looks to help us, to build us up and desires the best from within us.

In the Bible, we see that God chose all manner of ordinary individuals to fulfil His purposes. Some made errors and committed dreadful sins, but even then God didn't discard them as worthless. For example, Jesus chose a mixed bunch of disciples with all kinds of flaws, yet they became (with the exception of Judas) the ideal men to spread the Good News about Him.

God has a plan for each of our lives, and we are called to be faithful in serving Him, wherever we are. By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is given to every Christian, and the Spirit equips us for

service and His greatest activity is amongst the ordinary. Under God's influence, what we regard to be natural talents and gifts, can be enhanced and released by His creative energy.

Isn't this encouraging? We don't have to put ourselves forward and hope to be a winner like contestants on a TV programme. If we give ourselves to God, He will prepare and use us in the way that best suits our gifts and personalities.

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## **THORNBURY GREEN OUTREACH**

Thank you to those who prayed for us last Sunday. We held a free ice cream event for the residents of Thornbury Green and about 100 people came. We did a brief, informal survey to find out a bit about where people moved from and how they are adjusting to life in Eynsham. It was a great afternoon--the atmosphere was very friendly and relaxed, and many good conversations took place. It gave us a good base to build on in future.

'We' are a small group of Christians from all three churches in Eynsham who are keen to explore how we can help build a sense of community as the new houses are built on the west side of our village. As relationships are developed, we believe there will be opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with people. We have just begun to meet about once a month to pray about how to develop this. If you would like to find out more about joining us on this adventure, please speak to Janet.

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