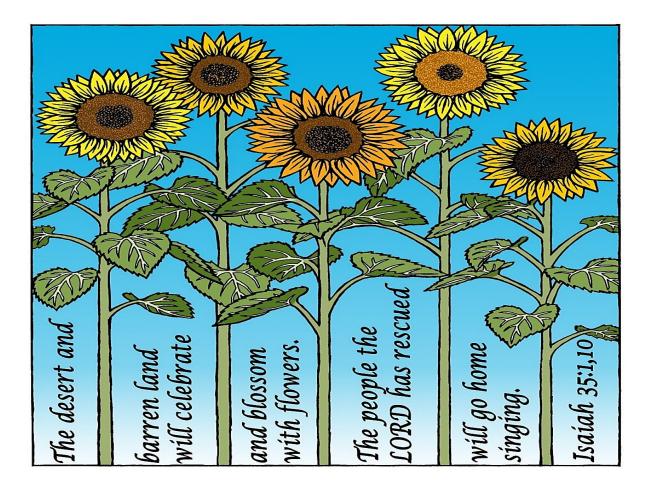
# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT



### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.

Led by: Mrs Angie Cox Wondering in the Wilderness: The wilderness is not the destination (*Reading: Numbers 13: 21- 14: 4*)

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

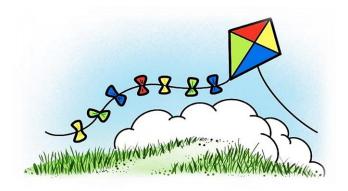
Live-stream on YouTube: Eynsham Baptist Church. You will find all streamed services and the one you need will have a red message saying 'LIVE'.

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

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

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

There is still time to sign up if you wish to Ride or Stride: pick up a sponsor form from Lin **linmiller25@gmail.com** We will not be opening the church this year, but there will be a signing-up sheet for any riders/striders on the church gate.



#### **From September**

## Services on the SECOND SUNDAY of the month will look different!!!

At **10.30 a.m.** we will hold a shorter, livelier service for families (but all are welcome). In the afternoon at **3.00 p.m.** we will restart **Songs of Praise** for those who prefer a more traditional spiritual experience - followed by tea and cake.

#### **Birthdays in September**

Mary Peedell - 1<sup>st</sup> William - 17<sup>th</sup> Lucy - 17<sup>th</sup> Margaret - 19<sup>th</sup> Rebecca - 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Making the most of your time

The Rev Paul Hardingham reflects ...

September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine\* after the summer break. It is an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, <u>see time is a gift from God.</u> Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn't inexhaustible as someday our time on earth will end. '*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*' (*Psalm 90:12*). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, <u>commit your time to God</u>. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use time: *'Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity'* (*Ephesians 5:15,16*) We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect His concerns.

Thirdly, <u>set aside time for God, others</u> <u>and ourselves.</u> How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, 'Seek first His kingdom & His righteousness' (Matthew 6:33).

If we prioritise our time for God, people

and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

*"I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer".* Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)

\* this article was written in 2019 before Covid!

#### **PRAYER**

We have some church family members who are in hospital at present, or who have just returned from hospital and we pray for healing and a return to full strength.

We also give thanks for all the good things God gives us and which we take for granted, things which many in the world do not have: freedom, safety, food, shelter, medical help, family and friends.

#### The Sound of Worship

As we gather for the service Greeting, laughing, chatting we, While a genius is working Deep in electricity.

Checking all the wires are plugged in, Running gremlins down to ground. 1,2,3 – that mike is working! No more faults there to be found!

Have you seen that desk he uses? Sliders, switches, buttons, knobs; Looks to me just like a flight deck – Someone really knows their job!

While you listen, learn, and worship May a prayer of thanks be found Then, perhaps a little feedback For the one who does the sound.

Thank You !

#### DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

Free 24 hour phone line of music, prayers and reflections.

#### 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.comThere are **Donation points** in Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco.

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