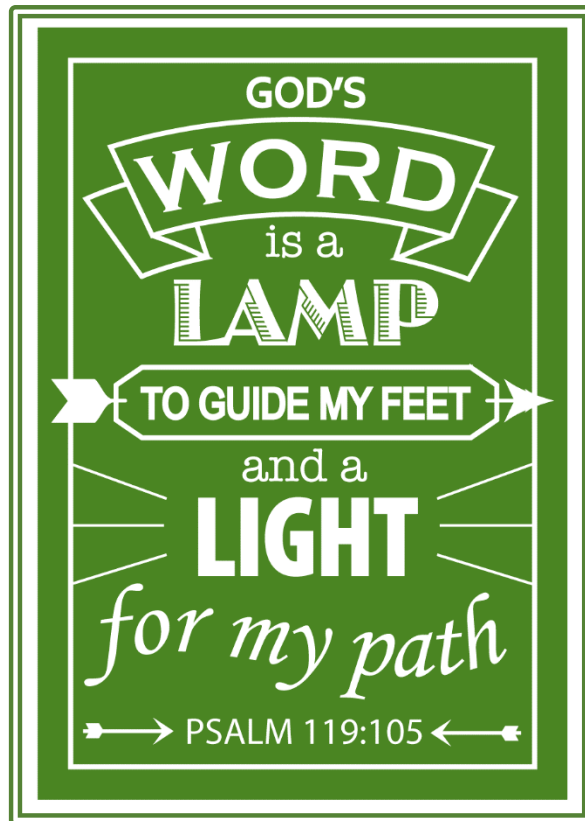


EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



SUNDAY 6th March

COMMUNION SERVICE
at 10.30 a.m.

LENT: GIVE GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD (Mark 12:17)
Giving God time (Psalm 90)

Led by Janet Gaukroger & Steve Rand

LIVESTREAMED on YouTube.

If you prefer not to appear on camera please tell one
of the Deacons at the start of the service.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6th

Meeting for the Messy Church team after our morning service. Please pray for the team in this important ministry.

MONDAY 7th

7.00 p.m. Prayers on zoom for about 15 minutes, all are welcome. This week led by Maureen and Marcus.

Login: Meeting ID: 821 2089 8795

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TUESDAY 8th

10.00 a.m. Deacons' meeting. Please pray for Zoltan and our deacons.

3.00 p.m. 114 Club at David and Lin's.

THURSDAY 10th

10.30 a.m. Bible Study starts with coffee and continues until 12 noon.

12 noon Communion short reflective service at which all are welcome.

7.00 p.m. Singing Group speak to Maureen Thompson for more details.

SATURDAY 12th

10am - 12.30pm Lent Away Day at Woodstock Baptist Church. Signing up list on the coffee table.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY 20th MARCH

12.00 noon AGM (Annual General Meeting) at which voting will take place for the 6 charity trustees (4 deacons, secretary & treasurer). The nominees are: Angie Cox, Janet Gaukroger, Sue Law, June Poole, Maureen Thompson, Nick Wood and Sheila Wood.

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKES



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our pancake event. It was a resounding success and we raised **£700** for our friends in Ukraine. Sue Law is definitely the Pancake Queen having made at least 200 pancakes and probably more!

The Mission Team

PRAYER

We pray for all those who are ill or in hospital in our church family, particularly remembering Grace & Cliff and Robert.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for wisdom and compassion for all those in authority and a swift peaceful resolution to the conflict: praying that God will bring peace and healing in ways more that we can think or ask.

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

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and full worship services
from the Church of England.



How to gain contentment

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ... Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4,6-7)

I've been thinking a lot about contentment in the past couple of years, and have been struck by the fact that we can *choose* to be content.

As Paul says in Philippians 4:12, "*I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation ... whether living in plenty or in want.*" He doesn't explicitly tell us what the secret is – but the word 'learned' is significant.

Contentment isn't something we have to hope we might be given, or something that would blossom in our lives if only we received or achieved all the things we're longing for. Contentment isn't the result of everything being the way we want. Nor is it a gift randomly given to some people to enable them to bear difficult circumstances. Rather, it is something we can learn, something we can

actively pursue. We do that by choosing to *seek Christ's glory* over our own, to emulate His life of grumble-free humility, and to learn from others how to press on towards the goal of becoming more like Him.

And we do it by *choosing to rejoice*. Paul doesn't say 'Rejoice in the Lord when things work out', or 'Hang in there; we'll be able to rejoice one day'. No, he commands us to rejoice in the Lord *always*. God is always good. There are always things to praise him for, in our plenty and in our want, in promotion or demotion, on a luxury holiday and in a long, lonely lockdown. (Isn't it interesting that Paul had to learn how to be content with plenty as well as with want? Even the dream job, ideal home, and perfect partner won't bring automatic contentment.)

This doesn't mean denying the reality of our situations. We can and should *'present [our] requests to God'*, we just do it in an attitude of thankfulness not anxiousness. And as we play our part, God will respond by giving us something greater than what we have asked for – He'll give us His peace, *'which transcends all understanding, [to] guard [our] hearts and [our] minds'*.

True contentment is a gift from God – as indeed is everything good in life – but God in His goodness allows us to choose whether to receive it or not. So, make the choice: rejoice!

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