

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022



...and other new starts

An all-age celebration\*

Sunday, September 4—

10.30-11.15, with refreshments afterwards

Eynsham Baptist Church, Lombard Street

Come and join us

as we 'launch' into the autumn!

\*something for everyone, from young to old\*



## TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**10.30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting.** Please pray for Zoltan and our Deacons as they continue to seek God's will for EBC.

**3.00 p.m. 114 Club** at David and Lin's. Sociable, non-competitive board games.

## THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**10.30 a.m. Bible Study** in the hall, led by Zoltan. It begins with coffee and finishes just before 12 noon. All are welcome.

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

## SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**9 - 5 Safeguarding Training Day.**

**10 - 6 Annual OHCT 'Ride & Stride'**  
Church sitters are not needed this time.

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**GATEHOUSE 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.** please drop off food donations at 15 Newland Street. Homemade cakes and sandwiches now welcomed, but must be labelled: allergen labels are available, ring Marie on 01865 604262. **Please do not drop off food before Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> as storage facilities are not available.**

## FURTHER AHEAD

## SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER

**10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving** followed by Bring & Share Lunch.

## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER

**12.00 noon Church Meeting.**

## SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**10 - 12 One World Week Sale** in the Square if fine.

## Birthdays in September

Mary P. - 1<sup>st</sup>

William - 17<sup>th</sup>

Lucy - 17<sup>th</sup>

Margaret - 19<sup>th</sup>

Rebecca - 28<sup>th</sup>



We pray for all our church family who are in hospital or unwell: for those who have had or are awaiting surgery; those who are anxious about themselves or their loved ones; those who are lonely, sad or grieving; those who simply struggle with everyday life. May all know the peace of God.

**September - a month of new starts for many.**

We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

We pray for the new Prime Minister to prove to be a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You for Jesus and that through trusting in Him we can know You, as Father and God of truth, mercy and compassion.

Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You,

In Jesus name,  
Amen.

*Daphne Kitching (in 'Parish Pump')*

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>

Voice for Justice UK have provided some guidelines for a National Day of Prayer on Friday September 16. Where possible, it is suggested that people pray at 0900, 1200 and 1800. There is no doubt that our nation and our world is in a mess. 'Only God can save us from the challenges and dangers that lie ahead. Only God can bring order to this disordered world.' Here are some of the suggested topics for prayer:

- Pray the Lord raise up strong leaders who will walk in the ways of Godliness and truth.
- Pray our leaders be given wisdom and insight, courage to lead without fear, and strength to stand against all the tactics and diversions of the enemy.
- Pray that those who wish to suppress truth for their own ends be supernaturally stopped, and that the full truth be revealed.
- Pray protection over the minds and hearts of our young, in both education and the media. Pray they be allowed to be children.
- Pray that the foundations of our society be renewed and reaffirmed, and that we recover the values of truth, honesty, justice, righteousness, purity, discipline, courage in the face of adversity, and steadfastness.
- Pray that faithfulness to Christ be once again recognised and valued, and that the Lord raise up Godly men and women to positions of influence and power.

It would be great if we can support this, either praying as individuals, or perhaps meeting with one or two others to pray.

For more information, go to: <https://vfjuk.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-suggested-guidance/>

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## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

**LINK TO HOPE** is a Christian Charity supporting the poor and marginalised in Eastern Europe: Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine, and they are collecting Christmas shoeboxes filled with gifts for families and the elderly.

### HOW TO HELP:

Fill a shoebox with suggested items;

**or**

Provide empty shoeboxes;

**or**

Provide items to go in boxes: toiletries, stationery, small games, sweets, etc;

**or**

Provide knitted items, hats, gloves etc;

**or**

Donate money: it costs around £20 to fill a box, but *any* donation is most welcome <https://linktohope.co.uk/>

**Family Shoeboxes** could contain things like a scarf for mum, a tape measure for dad, toys/games and coloured pens for the children as well as toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo and soap. **The elderly** may appreciate things like a wind-up torch, sensory items, candle & holder etc.

DEADLINE for items is the end of October/beginning of November.

**Please speak to Gill Crippen or Sheila Wood for more details.**

## OASIS

This year saw us trying out a 1 day Oasis instead of the usual 3 days, and in our hall, at EBC, in order to get Oasis started again after the lockdown. We had a spectacular day!

The hall was a hive of activity with wonderful collage pictures being created at one end, and flower table decorations at the other. The church became the base for a reminiscence session about childhood toys and games over the years, followed by a chair exercise workout in which even the most reluctant eventually got involved. To cap it all we had a delicious freshly cooked lunch and an afternoon of music by the Woodentops.

All in all Oasis was a great success ... a valuable addition to the churches' outreach to elderly people in the village.

**Maureen Thompson**

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## CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Community of St Clare, Freeland have sent us a selection of their own printed Christmas cards. **If you would like to place an order, the cards will be displayed in the main hall for the next few Sundays.** If you need further information please contact Denise.

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## EYNSHAM FOOD BANK

**Call on 07450 328530 for help: this is a new dedicated phone line.** Food donations are welcomed at Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco. Demand continues to increase so if you could consider making a regular monthly financial donation please contact Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 for details.

## ASYLUM WELCOME

Donations always welcomed, both practical and financial. Speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808 or see <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

## DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

The Church of England's **FREE 24 hour phone line** offering music, prayers, reflections and services.

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