

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022



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

**SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.**

**Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro**

Prayer of thanksgiving

(Jeremiah 32: 16-25)

**Livestreamed. If you prefer not to be on camera please let us know.**

**CHURCH MEETING  
at 12.00 noon**



**at 3.00 p.m.**

Prayer: the blazing furnace

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

**10 - 12 ONE WORLD WEEK SALE** in the Square (if fine). Just a reminder of what is needed please:

**Baphumelele** New or nearly new gifts suitable for Christmas presents. Christmas cards, wrapping paper, decorations. General gift cards. Toiletries, new jewellery, children's toys and games (only in good condition please) CDS/DVDS. Vinyl in very good condition.

**Bronze Clinic** Scarves, jewellery, toiletries and knitted goods like baby clothes, knitted gloves etc but NOT books or clothes.

**Asylum Welcome** Books and jigsaws.  
**Cake Stall** The proceeds from the cake stall will be shared between the 3 EBC charities. It would be great to have a few more offers of cakes/biscuits to Angie Cox or Pamela Thiele please. This stall has always been very popular, so thank you for all your support.

### **CAKES - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

There has been quite a bit of confusion and mis-information around the provision of homemade cakes etc so advice has been sought direct from the FSA (Food Standards Agency). The situation is that as this is a charity event, it is not a legal requirement to label anything. It is however, a sensible and commonly followed practice so we would be grateful if anyone making food could please ensure it is wrapped in see-through wrapping and clearly labelled e.g. chocolate cake, with the ingredients listed, so that those with allergies can then make informed purchases. You are not required to put your name and address on what you make.

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

**9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. GATEHOUSE** drop off at 15 Newland Street. Homemade cakes and sandwiches must be labelled: pre-printed labels available from Marie on 01865 604262.

*Gatehouse would also welcome winter hats and men's clothing, plus single sleeping bags or single washable duvets (not feather). Please do not drop off food or clothes donations before Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.*

## **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

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

## **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY** starts with coffee and continues until 12 noon. We are now starting a new series looking at Psalms. All are welcome.

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

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

If you have filled shoeboxes, or items for boxes, please let Gill Crippen or Sheila Wood have them by next weekend as they will be shipped at the beginning of November. Thank you.

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Many of our church family and our own families are dealing with difficult issues: we pray for healing and restoration and that all may know the peace of God even while they are struggling.

We pray particularly for those who have recently suffered bereavement, or who are facing sad & difficult anniversaries:

*'The death of a loved one, whatever the cause, changes our lives forever and we walk an unchosen path. There are wonderful memories, times to be thankful, but nothing takes away the pain and empty space every day. Thank you, Lord, for understanding our loss. Thank you that when we cry, we know that you cried first, when your friend died. It's all right to cry. It's all right to pour out our pain to you, as we remember...'* (Daphne Kitching)

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We pray for our country in its present political turmoil, praying that God would raise up a leader of faith, wisdom and integrity.

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### Very Good News

Many thanks to all who have supported Riverside Gardens Community with their efforts to mitigate flooding. Last year I wrote that we'd had a donation of £20, 000, which was wonderful.

We heard in September that SSEN Resilient Fund has given us another £40,000 towards completing this project. This will enable all the at-risk flats to mitigate flooding with passive front Flood Doors and Flood Patio Doors.

The passive doors mean that all the locking mechanisms are in the larger handles, so people from this elderly, vulnerable community won't need to get on the floor to secure lower bolts, as happened in the past.

Thank you for all your prayers and the support by attending our cake sales etc. We raised £500. A special mention to Larry, who, even in difficult times, provided a great atmosphere at the sale this year, along with the other Woodentops!

Prayers have been answered.  
Many thanks,

**Kay**

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### NEW HORIZONS

The Eynsham Carers Group - now called New Horizons - has finally been revived post-Covid. The next meeting is **midday in the Red Lion on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. You can choose whether to have a meal or just a drink. If you want to bring along a personal interest piece or some craft that's fine, or just come along for chat. **Please ring Norma on 07947 902430 if interested.**

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### **Note to self ...**

Of all the things you wear,  
your expression is the most important.

*Anon*

## Holy Days or Holidays?

Jesus and His disciples often took time to withdraw from the crowds: 'because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, 'Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' (Mark 6: 31,32).

Jesus saw how tired and stressed His disciples were and wanted to give them a break from their busy lives. He loved them and cared about their wellbeing. He longs to do the same with us, so we can restore the balance of work, rest and play in our lives. Going on holiday or taking time off gives us an opportunity of letting go the burdens of everyday life, renewing our rest in Him. This enables us to entrust Jesus with our issues & concerns, as we take time aside to declare a holy day or holiday!

The story is told of the aged Apostle John playing with doves. A passing hunter expressed surprise at what a man as pious as John was doing. John pointed to the bow in the hunter's hand and asked him why he carried it with a loosened string. The hunter replied, 'it loses its strength unless it is given the chance to unbend'. John replied, 'why are you surprised that a servant of Christ should not relax to keep himself stronger for his work?' (From an article by Revd Paul Hardingham in 'Parish Pump')



Scarecrow by Jean Towns/Photo by Lin Miller

## EYNESHAM FOOD BANK

**Call on 07450 328530 for help.** Food donations are welcomed at Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco. To make a financial contribution contact Bob Thiele on 07738 063083.

## 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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