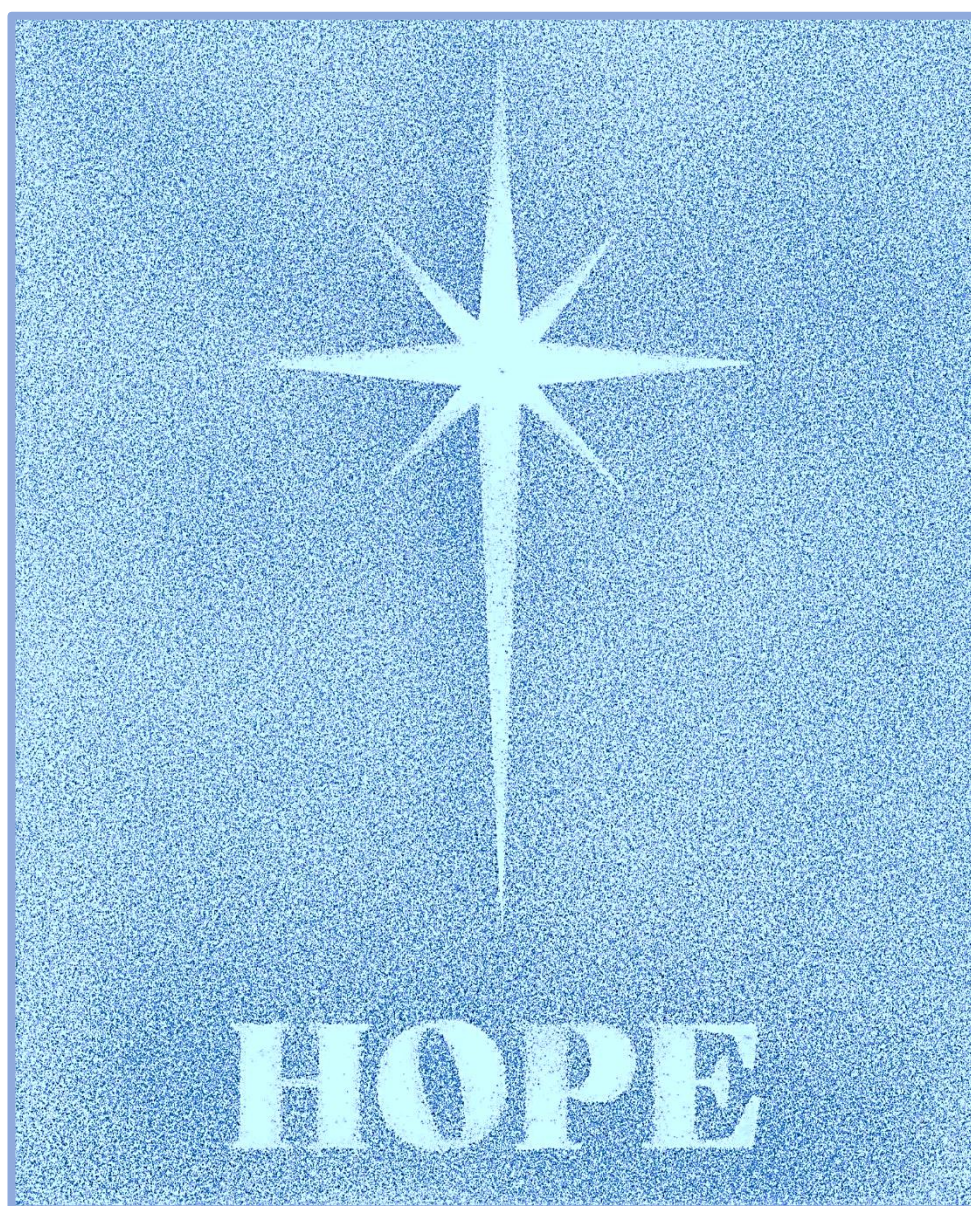


EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - Saturday 3rd December 2022



SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

COMMUNION SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.

Led by the Worship Team

Present for Simeon: Hope
(Luke 2: 21-35)

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

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

GATEHOUSE Note slightly different drop-off times Please take food donations to 15 Newland Street between 8.30 - 9.30a.m. or 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Home-made cakes and sandwiches welcomed, but should be labelled with name, date and contents. Pre-printed allergen labels available from Marie on 01865 604262. Gatehouse would welcome all clothes donations, especially men's clothes & shoes, duvets & sleeping bags. Clothes donations can be dropped in at Newland Street on Saturday 3rd but please ring first.

2023 Gatehouse dates: 8th January, 19th February, 2nd April, 14th May, 25th June, 6th August (*to be confirmed*) 17th September, 29th October, 10th December, 21st Jan 2024.

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

A group from Eynsham Primary School will be visiting EBC and we pray for these young people and their teachers as they look around the church and hear about the Christmas story and the love of God, perhaps for the first time.

3.00 p.m. 114 CLUB at David and Lin's. Sociable, non-competitive cribbage and rummikub.

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY. This will be the last one this year - resuming on 12th January 2023.

12 noon COMMUNION a short reflective service - all are welcome.

7.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING in St Leonard's Church Hall. Starting at 7.00 p.m. with mulled wine & mince pies, wreath making at 7.30 p.m. Materials provided, but please bring your own secateurs, extra greenery and baubles of choice. Professional florist demonstrating. **This is a ticketed event organized by St Leonards and costs £15.00.** Ring 01865 731066 for more information or to book.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

10.30 - 12.30 TWEENS CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING in the hall. If anyone can help provide cake(s) that would be much appreciated. They need to be dropped off at the hall after school finishes on the afternoon of Friday 9th December. Please let June or Sue know if you can help. Many thanks.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

3.00 p.m. EBC is hosting refreshments in the hall before Carols in the Square at 4.00 p.m. Those who usually come to Songs of Praise and Messy Church families are being invited. Offers of mince pies and shortbread will be gladly received by Pamela Thiele – 01865 426203.

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

10.30 a.m. Communion.

6.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight a service of readings and carols.

SUNDAY 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Family Service celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to come along and join the three churches to sing
Carols in the Square.

BIRTHDAYS in DECEMBER

Jean T. - 8th
Pam B. - 9th
Maureen T. - 11th
Malcolm C. - 15th
Jean A. - 16th
Mary S. - 17th
Barbara C. - 22nd
Chris W. - 23rd



We pray for all known to us who are in hospital or suffering ill-health at present, especially those who have had surgery.

We pray those in hospital will soon be able to return home again and will make good recoveries.

We give thanks that Richard is now out of hospital although facing a long journey back to health. May he know healing and may he and Gill know the peace of God surrounding them in the days ahead.

“Dear Father,

Thank you that you want us, your children, to connect with you in prayer. Thank you that we can come to you, rest in your presence and spend time with you, either quietly or crying out our thoughts and concerns from open hearts.

Help us to trust you; to be confident that you hear us and will answer our prayers, in the right time and in the right way for us, even if we don't always understand.

Thank you for the sustaining privilege of prayer,

In Jesus name,

Amen.”

Daphne Kitching

CHRISTMAS CARDS



If you would like to send Christmas greetings to members of our church family, but find it daunting to write lots of cards - and let's face it, in the current financial climate it's also expensive - please feel free to put just one card on the noticeboards in the middle hall for everyone to read. This has been the practice at EBC for many years and your good wishes will be just as much appreciated.

EYNSHAM FOOD BANK

Call on 07450 328530 for help. Food donations welcomed at Co-op, Spar, Market Garden and Tesco. For financial donations speak to Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or visit the Food Bank page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/eynsham-foodbank-christmas-appeal-2022>

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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