

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - Saturday 7th January 2023

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY 2023

10 - 12 Tweens Breakfast Club
for 10 -13 year olds.

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY 2023

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Gatehouse
Please drop food donations at 15 Newland Street. Home-made cakes and sandwiches should be labelled: pre-printed labels available from Marie on 01865 604262. Gatehouse would welcome warm clothing, hats, scarfs etc, and single duvets (not feather).

ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.

A short, lively service for all

January series: Blessing
Count your blessings 2022 (what is a blessing?) (2 Cor. 12: 8-10)

Not livestreamed

SONGS OF PRAISE at 3.00 p.m.

A Café Style Service in the hall
with traditional hymns
+ tea & cake

'New Beginnings'

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY is the last day to return your **CONGREGATIONAL SURVEYS** to Nick Wood please, either by email, or by dropping them in the box at church.

TUESDAY 10th JANUARY

10.00 a.m. Deacons' Meeting.

3.00 p.m. 114 Club at David and Lin's. A sociable time playing rummikub & crib.

THURSDAY 12th JANUARY

10.30 a.m. Bible Study in the hall. Meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, led by Zoltan: starts with coffee and finishes just before noon. All are welcome.

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

SATURDAY 14th JANUARY

10 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Deacons' Away Day at Burford Baptist Church. We pray Zoltan and our Deacons' will find this a helpful and spiritually refreshing time.

SUNDAY 15th JANUARY

12.00 noon Church meeting.

BABY CLOTHES FOR UGANDA

Steve will be taking a suitcase out to Bronze Healthcare Clinic on 24th January and they have requested baby clothes. If you're not a knitter and would like to make a monetary contribution, I will be scouring the charity shops! Many thanks.

June



Dear Father God, here we are, nervously wobbling on the brink of this New Year

How dare we move into the uncertainty of 2023?

Thank you that You sent Jesus to save us, to offer us that bigger reality of life for all eternity - if we put our trust in Him, Jesus, who never changes.

You promise that You will never leave us or forsake us. We will be able to navigate the challenges which lie ahead, if we keep our eyes on Jesus, our compass; if we trust His Holy Spirit to lead us, however strange and unfamiliar the days of 2023 may be.

You are with us!

Thank you, Lord of the years, that

You know and love each one of us, and that we are safe in Your hands. We can go forward.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

(Extracts from a prayer by Daphne Kitching, originally written at the beginning of 2021.)

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS?

Many are made - and most are probably soon broken - but here is one to aspire to

Shared by Steve Gaukroger

“ Here’s why you should not GOSSIP.

In Ancient Greece, Socrates had a great reputation for wisdom. One day, someone came to find the great philosopher and said to him:

- Do you know what I just heard about your friend?

- A moment, replied Socrates. Before you tell me, I would like to test you the three sieves.

-The three sieves?

-Yes, continued Socrates. Before telling me anything about others, it's good to take the time to filter what you mean. I call it the test of the three sieves. The first sieve is TRUTH. Have you checked if what you're going to tell me is true?

- No, I just heard it.

- Very good! So you don't know if it's true. We continue with the second sieve, that of KINDNESS. What you want to tell me about my friend, is it good?

- *Oh no! On the contrary.*

- So questioned Socrates, you want to tell me bad things about him and are not even sure they're true? Maybe you can still pass the test of the third sieve, that of UTILITY. Is it useful that I know what you're going to tell me about this friend?

- *Not really.*

- So, concluded Socrates, what you were going to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor useful. Why, then, did you want to tell me this?

- Gossip is a bad thing. In the beginning it may seem enjoyable and fun, but in the end, it fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us too! ”

Pope Francis

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 Eynsham Online <https://eynsham.org.uk/>

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. This was a tremendous support to many people during the pandemic and continues to offer spiritual comfort to those who may be unable to access church services for one reason or another.



This weekly newsletter aims to keep everyone in touch with what's happening at EBC.

*** If you know of someone who would like to receive it regularly and who does not do so already, ask them to email me on linmiller25@gmail.com and I will add them to the list.

*** Most copies are circulated by email (67 currently) which obviously saves an enormous amount of paper each week, but paper copies can be made available for anyone without access to email.

*** If at any time you no longer wish to receive the newsletter just let me know.

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