

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - Saturday 4th February 2023



SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

COMMUNION SERVICE
at 10.30 a.m.

Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

February Series: Love

The origin of love (1 John 4: 7-11)

Livestreamed. If you would rather not be on camera please let us know.

MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY

6th - 8th SCBA Leaders Day (*Southern Counties Baptist Association*) we pray that Zoltan will find this a useful and spiritually refreshing time.

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY

12.00 noon Communion a short, reflective service at which all are welcome.

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY

10-12 Tweens Pancake Day in the main hall.

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

2.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service at St Leonard's followed by tea and cake. All are welcome.

SATURDAY 11th MARCH

LENT AWAY DAY A signing-up list will be available shortly.



We remember in prayer our church family, many of whom are going through troubling and difficult times. We pray also for those not known to us who are struggling on a daily basis.

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It can be difficult to concentrate our minds to pray and during January at EBC we have been exploring different ways of praying. One which came out of the recent 'Messy Church' event was to use our hands as a helpful way to concentrate our prayers:



Thumb - reminds us to pray for those close to us.

Index Finger - reminds us to pray for those who lead and teach us.

Longest Finger - reminds us to pray for those in authority over us.

Fourth Finger - reminds us to pray for the weak, sick and vulnerable.

Little Finger - reminds us to pray for ourselves.

There was a lot of positive feedback on the 5th Sunday '**Messy Church for Everyone**' - here are a couple of comments received ...

'I thought this was a lovely event. The food was delicious and served graciously. We all had a chance to see what happens at Messy Church and how integration of young and old takes

place. Well done to Zoltan, Marta and team. Thank you all.'

Norma

'Second Childhood. What a great day Sunday was thanks to Zoltan and the Deacons: we saw smiling faces, sticky hands and laughter. I was really in my second childhood. I remember making paper chains during the war, but we could only use newspaper. And to finish the whole thing off a delicious lunch.'

Chris

Also shared by Chris

Memory is the treasure house of the mind which delights old age.

When twilight gently bids the day goodbye, greets the evening stars and waits upon the still silence of the night.

When memory drifts into dreams, reflections of then and now and times gone by.

Joy and shared laughter are echoes of the past.

Margaret Shipley

BRONZE HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE

The latest collection of baby clothes arrived safely via Janet and Steve. Sam was delighted with them as so many mums turn up at the clinic with no money to pay for their care and no clothes for their baby. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



June

The following thank you letter received was from Sam at Bronze ...

" Dear Eynsham Baptist church,

We want to take this great moment to appreciate you for your unique effort!!! Thank you so much expressing Christ's love by dedicating your time and efforts in putting together all these beautiful baby's clothes!



Women and children at Bronze will like and enjoy them! We hope to share pictures as they receive!

Thanks a lot and may God continue to abundantly bless you!

Your friends at Bronze Health Care Initiative in Uganda!!! '

Sam

A note on the 'Churches supporting asylum-seekers and refugees in hotels' (CCOW webinar, 30 Jan.)

There are none in Eynsham, but there are hotels accommodating refugees in Oxford, Witney, Abingdon, Bicester and Banbury (lodged there by the government for lack of other accommodation).

It was heartening to hear how churches, among others, are supporting and helping the refugees in some of these hotels. There are many

challenges, not least just being allowed in to the hotels, but also achievements and successes in offering immediate practical help (like shoes and clothing), helping refugees to cope with their long stays in the hotels, the long waits and slow process of their asylum applications, and arranging activities outside the hotels, including volunteering (they are not allowed to be employed).

Asylum Welcome is working with refugees in the hotel in Oxford, and is giving advice and support to churches and others working elsewhere in Oxfordshire. I hope EBC will continue to support Asylum Welcome in this and its other work. EBC might also consider joining the nationwide network of 'Welcome Churches' - welcoming refugees to their churches and communities.

<https://welcomechurches.org/>.

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ASYLUM WELCOME

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DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

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