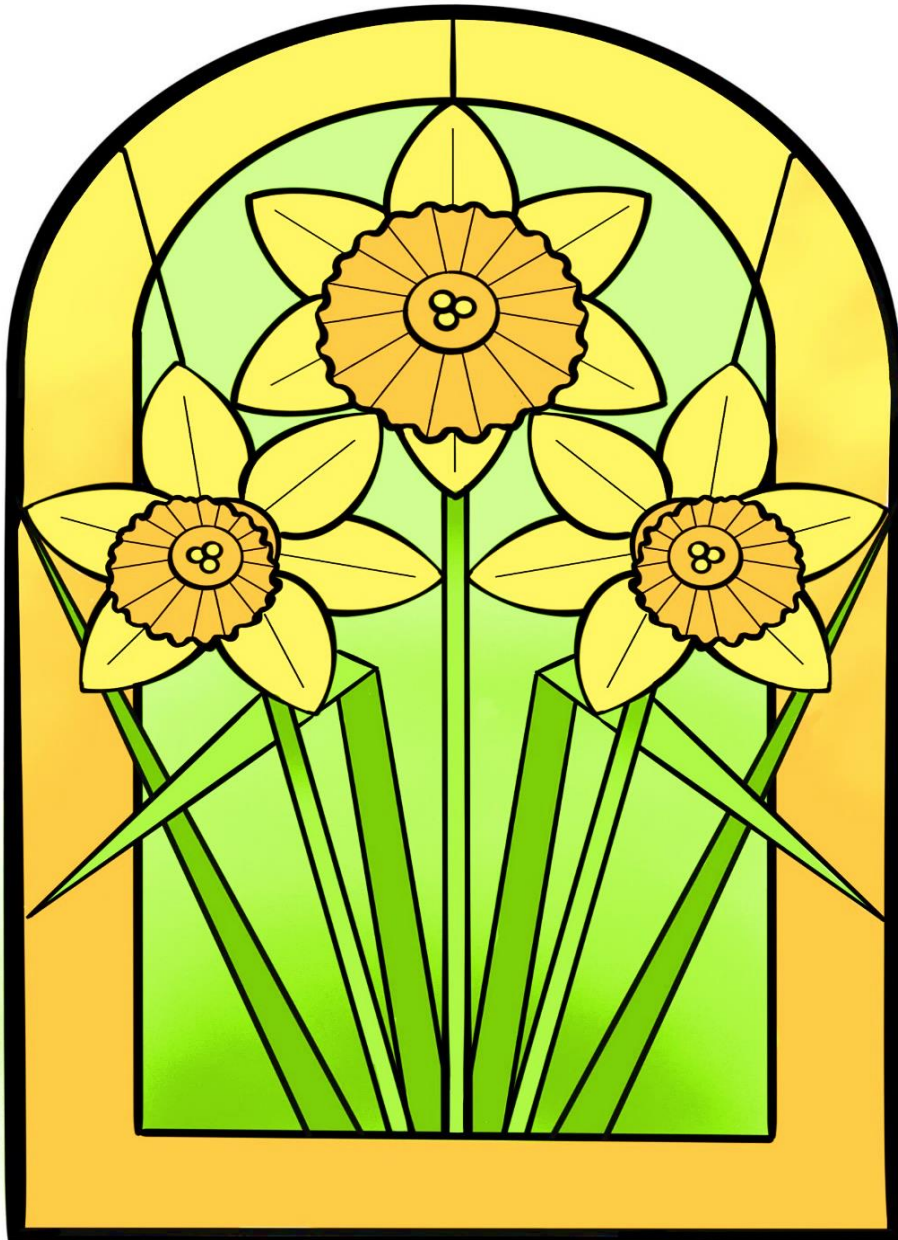


# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023



*Mothering Sunday*

## SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### **COMMUNION SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.**

**Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro**

Perfumed: Lent is a time to  
recklessly give all we have to God  
(John 12: 1-8)

\* **Livestreamed.**

## THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

**10.30 a.m. Bible Study** led by Zoltan.  
We start with coffee and finish just  
before noon. All are welcome.

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

**4.00 p.m. Informal Concert** by  
Eynsham Abbey Singers in St Peter's,  
Eynsham. Retiring collection for The  
Oxford Gatehouse and Ukraine Appeal.  
Music by Byrd, Guerrero, Lassus, Lobo,  
Morales, Mouton and Victoria.

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**12.00 noon Church AGM.** We have  
one nominee for Charity Trustee /  
Deacon - June Poole - and voting will  
take place at this meeting. Only church  
members are eligible to vote, but  
anyone is welcome to attend the  
meeting.

## SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL

**9.30 - 12 noon Church Spring Clean.**  
Please put the date in your diaries and  
come along and help if you can: if you  
can only manage to come for half-an-  
hour that is still a great help.

## SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL PALM SUNDAY

**10.30 a.m. Baptismal and Dedication  
Service.**

## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**4.00 - 6.00 p.m. Easter Celebration  
Meal + games, quiz and Easter Egg  
Hunt.** All are welcome, but please let us  
know numbers for catering purposes.

## EASTER SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April

**8.00 a.m. Easter Communion and  
Breakfast** in the hall.

**10.30 a.m. Easter Celebration** for all  
the family.

## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY

### CORONATION WEEK-END

**4.00 p.m. Cream tea in the Square.**  
More details follow.



## **Tweens**

**We have now  
changed to  
FRIDAY 5 - 7p.m.**

**DATES March 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

We will still have food to eat together  
and will have table tennis, pool,  
board games etc and a craft activity.

**Sue, June and Zoltan**



The Tweens group is growing and they  
have now moved to Friday evenings.  
Please pray for these young people and  
that we may be able to involve them  
more in our church life.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, we pray for mothers across the world, many raising families in unimaginable conditions: facing hardship, war and abuse. We pray especially for the mothers and babies who access health care at the Bronze Clinic in Uganda and the house-mothers and the children they care for at Baphumelele Children's Home in South Africa.

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### **Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day?**

On 19<sup>th</sup> March most churches will celebrate their 'mothers'. £millions will be spent on Mother's Day gifts and cards, and children will give flowers to women in church. It's a joy to honour mothers for their love and caring, but our blessings are lessened when we forget the Day's original purpose.

The **Mother's Day** we know today began on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1907, in America, when a woman called Anna Jarvis held a service in her late mother's church to honour her work of organising women's groups to promote friendship and health. The idea spread, and in 1914 Mother's Day was declared an official celebration.

But the European **Mothering Sunday** goes back to the 16th century, and was altogether more faith-based. On the fourth Sunday of Lent people went 'a-mothering', going to their 'mother' church, the main church in the region, for a special service. In those days domestic servants rarely had free days, but they were given a day off during Lent, so they could go along with their mothers and families. Times changed, and by the 1900s Mothering Sunday had largely changed into Mother's Day – a celebration of mothers more than mother churches.

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