

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023



## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

**SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.**

**Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro**

When we are despairing: 'Our hearts were burning within us'  
(Luke 24: 13-32)

\* **Livestreamed.**



**at 3.00 p.m.**

## TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

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

## THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**10.30 a.m. Bible Study** led by Zoltan. Meets in the hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: starts with coffee and finishes before 12 noon. All welcome.

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

## FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**5 - 7.00 p.m. Tweens** meet for food, board games, table tennis and craft.

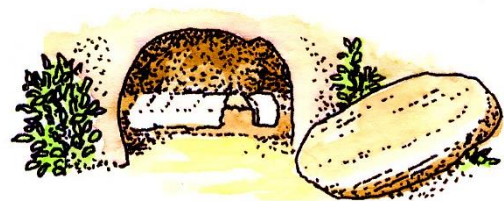
## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY

**4 - 6 p.m. Crowns and Cream Teas in the Square.** Eynsham Baptist Church is organising an event in the Square in celebration of the Coronation, helped by friends from St Peter's and St Leonards churches. Free cream teas for all and the making of crowns with the children.  
**Can you help?** Pamela would

appreciate offers of help to make scones, and with serving tea. Maureen and Angie would appreciate help to make crowns with the children. Please speak to any of them as soon as possible if you can help.



We remember in prayer those in our church family who have recently undergone surgery and give thanks for success. We pray too for those who are currently awaiting surgery: that all would know God's presence, peace and healing.



## The road to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13-32

The story of the two disciples walking the road between Jerusalem and Emmaus on the first Easter day ... their encounter with the risen Christ is also a model for how we can meet him in our lives.

### **Hearts Opened**

They displayed 'downcast' faces (17), as their hearts were preoccupied with grief. They felt let down by God, as well as bewildered by all they had

heard. No doubt their emotions prevented them from recognising Jesus walking with them, even though their hearts 'burned within them'. Despite our feelings, Jesus is still with us in situations of loss or desolation, as well as when we feel let down by God or other people.

### **Minds Opened**

Although this pair knew the Scriptures, they didn't understand what they said about the Christ. Therefore, Jesus opened their minds to make sense of the events they were experiencing. The Holy Spirit also brings God's word alive for us, as He challenges our preconceptions about Jesus.

### **Eyes Opened**

The couple only recognised Jesus when He broke the bread as they ate together. The turning point came when they invited Jesus into their home, and allowed Him to take charge. If we are to recognise Jesus' presence with us, we need to open our lives to Him.

Open eyes, minds and hearts will lead to open mouths. Having discovered Jesus, the disciples can't keep the news to themselves. The Christian message is never truly ours until we have opened our mouths and shared it with others!

*From an article in 'Parish Pump' - a UK resource for church magazines, news sheets and websites*

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### **EYNSHAM FOOD BANK**

**Call on 07450 328530 if in need of help.** Food donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar and Market Garden or see <https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

### **ASYLUM WELCOME**

Marcus Thompson 01865 881808  
<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

### **DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044**

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

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