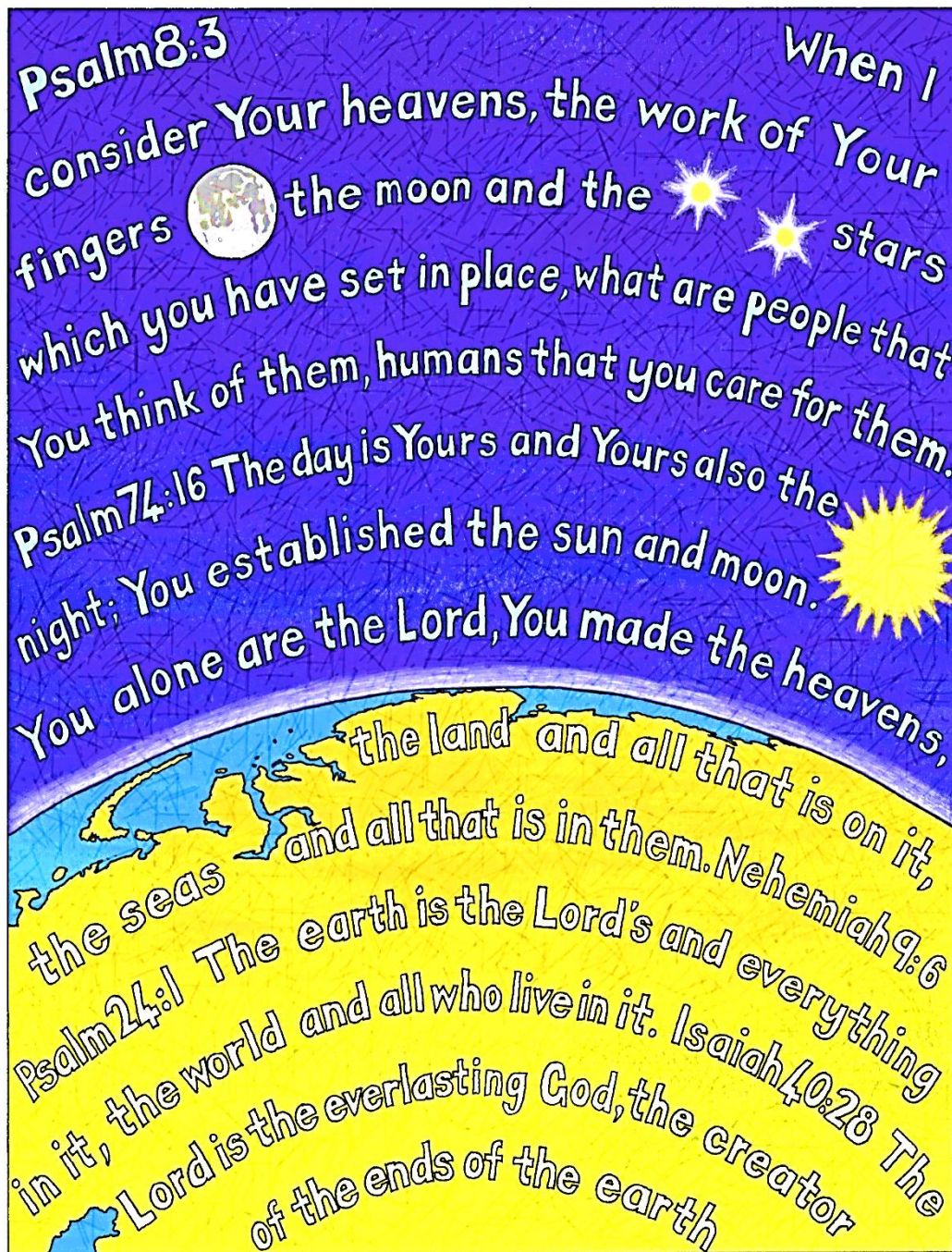


# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.**

Meeting in the hall

'Coffee, croissants and  
thanksgiving'

No livestream

## TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

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

## THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

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

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

**4 - 6 p.m. Crowns and Cream Teas in the Square** To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III EBC are organizing free cream teas in the Square plus crown making with the children. **HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE** to provide scones, cream or jam, or to help with serving - speak to Pamela on 426203 as soon as possible if you can help. If you can help make crowns with the children speak to Maureen (881808) or Angie (880563).



We pray for all members of our church family who are ill or struggling with health issues at the moment, or who just find life difficult and lonely. We pray especially for those having

surgery this week, asking that all will go well and for swift healing and recovery.

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## The Parable of the Pencil



The pencil maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box.

*'There are 5 things you need to know'* he told the pencil. *'Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be.'*

1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.
3. You will be able to correct any mistake you make.
4. The most important part of you will always be what's inside.
5. On every surface you are used you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

**Now, replace 'pencil' with yourself.** *Always remember, and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.*

1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand and allow other people to access the many gifts you possess.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.
3. You will be able to correct any mistakes you make.
4. The most important part of you will always be what is inside.
5. Everywhere you walk you will leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duty.

Allow this parable of the pencil to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfil the purpose for which you were born.

*Never allow yourself to be discouraged and think that your life does not matter and that you cannot make a difference.*

*Author unknown*

**Shared by Barbara Cook**

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EBC's garden is looking absolutely beautiful at the moment with spring flowers and shrubs, and it really lifts the spirits as we walk up the drive. We give our very grateful thanks to Denise, Marcus and others for their hard work in keeping it looking so lovely for the enjoyment of us all.

## **EYNESHAM 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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