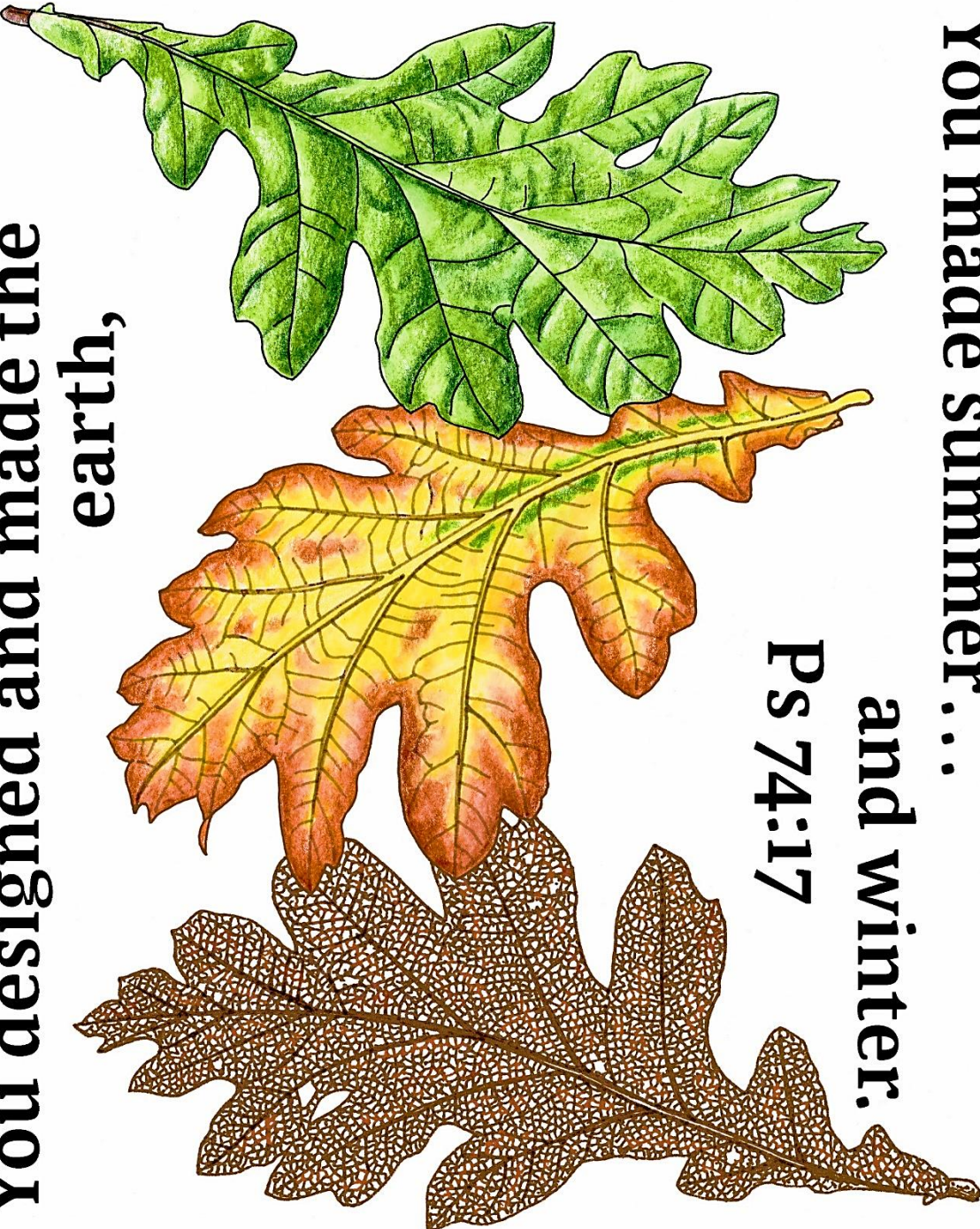


EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 9th September 2023

**You designed and made the
earth,**



**Ps 74:17
and winter.**

You made summer...

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

'AWAY-DAY' at home !

10.30 - 11.15 a.m.

All-Age Family Service

A short lively service for everyone

Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

The start of joy is thankfulness
(Psalm 95: 1-2, 1 Thess. 5: 16-18)

Not livestreamed

11.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation

with the younger families about
their needs, lifestyle

12.30 - 1.30 p.m.

Bring & Share Lunch

for everyone

1.45 - 2.45 p.m.

Conversation

with everyone about care and support
at EBC

3.00 - 4.30 p.m.

'Songs of Praise'

A Café Style service
mostly traditional hymns + tea & cake.
Theme - 'Harvest'



TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Deacons Meeting Please pray for Zoltan and our Deacons as they seek God's will for EBC.

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

THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

10.30 a.m. Bible Study re-starts, led by Zoltan. Meets in the hall on 2nd and 4th Thursdays: starts with coffee and finishes before 12 noon. All welcome.

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

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Gatehouse Drop food donations at 15 Newland Street (*not before Sunday please*). Home-made cakes and sandwiches should be labelled. They are in need of men's clothing and wet wipes for rough sleepers.

12.00 noon Special Church Meeting A time to pray and reflect together on the future ministry and mission following the issues raised at the last Church Meeting. The meeting will be facilitated by Revd Clare Hooper, Co-Team Leader SCBA.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

10.30 a.m. Harvest Service at EBC. Donations for Eynsham Food Bank, monetary donations to BMS.



EYNSHAM HARVEST HAPPENING

**Sunday, September 24,
3:00-5:00 in the square**

**mobile farm, 'thankful' tree, BBQ,
tea/coffee/cakes and more!**



**This event is free, but we will gladly welcome
donations on the day!**

brought to you by the churches in Eynsham

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER

10 - 12 One World Week Sale in the Square. Speak to June for details.



We pray for all our church family, some of whom have been poorly with the virus, and many of whom are enduring ongoing illness, asking that all would know God's comfort.

Surprise, surprise!

I thought I had kept away from the dreaded Covid, but no: here I am sat alone, too weak to do anything, runny nose, coughing and spluttering. Woe is me.

Now I've got that off my chest!! (I wish it was that easy.) I'll face another day in the garden and appreciate all the things people do for me, and who wish me well.

Never a day comes to an end
Without some kindness from a friend;
Without remembering the name
Of one we love who stays the same.

To doubt the love of such a one
Would be to disbelieve the sun,
A lack of faith that stays awake
Doubting that the dawn will break.

(A K.P. poem)

Chris Ward

Baphumelele Children's Home: Wonderful news!

Many of you will be aware of the struggles Rosie Mashale has had

raising enough funds to keep the Home running successfully. This has been even more apparent recently with the very real challenges of COVID; the Government withdrawing all financial support & then asbestos being found on building roofs.

Nearly two weeks ago I heard that the American YouTube philanthropist, known as Mr Beast (no idea of his real name but he's very popular with young people,) who has supported various causes, mainly in America, heard of their plight and has raised nearly ½ million pounds for the Home. It has meant that together with our donations, he has organised the rebuilding of the 5 children's houses; built a completely new play area as well as donating food and looking at furthering self-sufficiency. An answer to prayers.

In light of this great news, it seemed only fair not to have a Baphumelele Stall at this year's 'One World Week Sale'. There are other Church charities now which need the money more urgently.

So many of you have supported Baphumelele since Matt Jerred spent a year volunteering in a remote part of South Africa in 2003 and visited the Home. He brought back stories of orphaned children searching for food on rubbish dumps with nowhere to call home. Some had been infected with HIV as babies through their parents who had died from the disease. Rosie, an ex primary school teacher, determined to help them and Baphumelele was born.

We initially raised funds for cots, so babies no longer had to share them and fridges to keep HIV and other medication in, as well as funding food

supplies. Some of our funding helped buy shoes and clothes so that children could afford to go to school. Eventually Educare was introduced teaching younger children in familiar surroundings. The Home grew from there, looking after older children and running soup kitchens and a café for the impoverished in the township of Khaleyitsha.

A garden was built to enable fresh produce to be grown and some of the young people brought up in Baphumelele started to work there.

As a Church family you have supported Rosie, staff and children for an amazing 20 years and I know they and the Jerred family are eternally grateful.

There will of course always be ongoing running costs and I know Rosie has had some very difficult times of late with the frequent power outages affecting much of South Africa. Some of you have generously supported the Home individually and of course Rosie would be very happy if you wanted to continue this support.

Thanks to all of you who've supported these children both financially and through prayer; you've been so loyal for a long time!

With grateful thanks,

Kay & the Jerred family

Technology !

I am aware that sometimes people fail to receive the email newsletter, but I don't usually receive 'failure' notices so I don't know you haven't had it unless you tell me. It is sent at 8 a.m. on Saturdays, so if you don't receive

it by the end of that day, let me know and I will try to re-send it. (*If it happens frequently check the settings on your computer in case it's being blocked.*)

It can also be accessed on the EBC website:

<http://www.eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk/>

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EYNSHAM FOOD BANK

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

ASYLUM WELCOME

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<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

DAILY HOPE - 0800 804 8044

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

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