

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

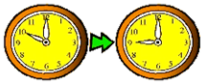
Newsletter – Saturday 28th October 2023

LOOKING FOR
DIRECTION?

GOD SAID:

I WILL INSTRUCT
YOU & TEACH
YOU IN THE
WAY YOU
SHOULD GO

PSALM 32:8



Clocks go back an hour this weekend.

SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. GATEHOUSE

Please drop donations at 15 Newland Street (*between these times only please*). Homemade cakes and sandwiches should be labelled with name, date and contents. Gatehouse welcome winter hats & men's clothing, plus single sleeping bags or single washable duvets (not feather).

10.30 a.m. 5th Sunday SERVICE

(will be in the church)

Led by Rev Zoltan Biro

Christian perspectives on
Halloween (*Ephesians 5: 6-17*)

Livestream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXSLz5V86D98t1FqLLAwWlg/live>

Sunday Afternoon Refuel

It's been ages since we did Sunday afternoon coffee! So do join us today at **4.00 p.m.** at Refuel Cafe (on the A40, next to the little Tesco). It's always a good chance for fellowship - and according to Jean, the nicest hot chocolate she's ever had!

Janet & Steve

TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER

10 - 12 noon Christmas Shoebox Packing in the main hall. All are welcome to come on Tuesday morning to help pack and wrap.

If you already have any empty shoeboxes, or any items you are planning to contribute, please let

Sheila, Gill or Lin know by Sunday evening, as we are planning to do a shop on Monday morning for any items we still need. Items can be brought to church on Sunday or on Tuesday morning.

Burford Baptist Church has already filled & wrapped 30 shoeboxes. We have 23 partly filled larger 'family' boxes, but are in need of following:

- a. nightlights/small candles
- b. toothbrushes & toothpaste
- c. shower gel/shampoo
- d. packets of sweets/chocolate bars
- e. small toys/games e.g. packs of playing cards.

We also have 5 empty smaller boxes suitable for an elderly person. In addition to the above items the following would be useful for these:

- a. cheap reading glasses available from many supermarkets
- b. soap/flannels.

If you are not able to help in any other way you may like to consider a donation of £3 which is needed for each box to cover costs of transport and distribution via Link to Hope. Please pass any contributions to Nick.

Completed boxes will be taken to Eynsham Primary School who are also contributing to the scheme this year. **Thank you.**

THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

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

12.30 - 1.00 p.m. Time of Prayer (1st and 4th Thursdays). If not able to come to church we are encouraged to pray wherever we are.

4.00 p.m. Informal concert of music in St Peter's, Eynsham: retiring collection for Gatehouse and Ukraine.

FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

5 - 7 p.m. Teens Youth Group meet in the hall (formerly known as Tweens !)

SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER

11.00 a.m. Silence in the Square marking Remembrance Day.

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

10.00 a.m. Remembrance Service at EBC which includes Two Minutes Silence and Roll of Honour. Note the earlier start time so that those who wish to also attend the Wreath Laying in the Square will have time to do so.

11.00 a.m. Village Remembrance and Wreath Laying at the War Memorial in the Square.



We pray for the Link to Hope shoeboxes as they are packed ready to be shipped at the beginning of November: most of the boxes go to Romania to gypsy communities and isolated families living in very basic houses. Ukraine is the other priority area. We pray for safe passage for the boxes and that they will bring joy into people's lives.

We pray for the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, and for the conflict which has now arisen in Israel and Gaza. In these, and all other areas of unrest, where innocent people suffer, may all sides actively seek an end to the fighting and bloodshed, and may peace prevail.

Imagine if God had a voicemail:

"Thank you for calling heaven. I am sorry, all of our angels are busy helping others right now, but your prayer is important to us so please stay on the line. We are experiencing a particularly high volume of calls.

Please select one of the following options:

- Press 1 for request
- Press 2 for thanksgivings
- Press 3 for complaints
- Press 4 for all other enquiries.

If you would like to hear the angels singing while you are holding, press 5.

If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local vicar."

Aren't you relieved that God *doesn't* have a voicemail! In fact, the Bible says ...

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'
(Philippians 4:6)

What is prayer?

It's having a conversation with God, talking to Him either out loud, or in silence in our hearts.

How do I pray?

You can pray anytime, anywhere. Just be yourself and talk sincerely to God. You don't need to use special language! Speak to Him like a friend.

Shared by Barbara Cook

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped in any way at the One World Week Sale - making cakes, donating items, serving teas, manning stalls and moving furniture. A total of £1000.00 was raised by the various groups. We will be able to send £350 to Bronze Healthcare which will be much appreciated by Sam and the team, and £112.40 for Messy Church and youth work.

June

Denise Launchbury - 01865 881128
Malcolm & Barbara Cook - 07929 890422
or 01865 375730

EBC NEWSLETTER

Available by email and on EBC website:

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

PRINT DEADLINE MID-DAY FRIDAYS (*subject to space/editorial discretion*)

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CONTACTS

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

Marcus Thompson 01865 881808

<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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