

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 28th March 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart



LET US JOIN IN PRAYER

On Sunday Mornings, although not able to meet together, to create a symbolic connection between members of our community we invite you to light a candle in your own home at 10.30 a.m. and pray the following prayer together:

*Our loving God we pray that,
When we aren't sure, help us be calm;
When information comes from all sides, correct or not, help us to discern;
When fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to be
the order of the day, slow us down, God;
Help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;
Help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant;
Help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that
"perfect love casts out all fear."*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE CANDLE - symbolises that we are connected in spirit.
THE EMPTY COMMUNION SET - reminds us that we live in unusual times
when communal activities are not possible.
AN OPEN BIBLE - signals that God is with us and He continues to guide
us through these difficult times.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON BBC - Service for Passion Sunday **BBC1 at 10.45 a.m.**
Songs of Praise **BBC1 at 1.15 p.m.**

KIDLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH - **10.30 a.m.** live stream where ever possible
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTELwMgnV32L3Uf6jTXnOog>

DAILY RADIO SERVICE - **BBC RADIO 4 LW at 9.45 a.m.**

Stephen Gaukroger is sharing daily encouragements online entitled **Vlogs in the time of Corona**. You can find these short videos on www.clariontrust.org.uk

DORA DURBRIDGE

I was due to take Dora's funeral next Tuesday (31st) as Zoltan is in isolation at the moment. However, new restrictions are now in place and it will not be possible for anyone to accompany the coffin to the Crematorium. The family will be in remembrance and prayer on Tuesday morning from 8.30 - 9.00am at the planned time of the cremation, and they would be glad if members of the church family would like to pause and join them in prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving for Dora's long and faith-filled life. We shall of course plan a proper memorial service once the current crisis has passed.

Shirley, Julie and Joy would be grateful if you would share with them remotely on this important occasion. It reminds us that as Christian brothers and sisters we share in the 'Communion of the Saints' in which all believers are united across time and space through our being one in Christ. Dora had chosen Psalm 121 for the service so people may like to read that during this time, with its concluding affirmation *'The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on and for evermore.'* (vv7-8).

What a timely parting gift to us from our dear sister, who commends us all to God's gracious care and keeping, even as we entrust her to God's eternal love and mercy.

May God continue to bless and keep us all at this time.

Nick
(Revd Nick Wood)

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

It was suggested we share a monthly birthday list so that you can contact anyone with a birthday wish if you would like to do so - Joan L. (3rd) Riley (20th) Ethan (27th).

FOOD BANK - Please drop off donations at the Co-op as usual. EBC is hosting the Foodbank on its premises (note this service is by appointment only.)

ASYLUM WELCOME - Donations always needed, but please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808 for how to drop these off.

EYNESHAM HELP

There is a network of volunteers who can help with shopping & other essentials

Tel: [07443 564516](tel:07443564516) or email eynshamhelp@gmail.com

Also, **Eynsham Heroes** - details online by searching WhatsApp or Facebook. You might want to use them (or join them!)

You made Jesus real

I felt it was Jesus speaking,
When you phoned with words full of care,
I felt Jesus did my shopping,
Because you were always there,
You made Jesus real to me,
His every promise proved true,
Because Jesus my Lord and my Saviour
Showed His love to me, through you.

(Shared by Malcolm)

We remember in prayer those of our fellowship who are poorly at the moment: we send them our love and prayers for a speedy recovery. We pray especially for those who have been recently bereaved that they may know God's comfort at such a sad time. We pray for calm and patience for us all at this difficult time. We pray especially for wisdom and discernment for our Government and those who have to make difficult decisions.

To the uplifting of God

To all who are down, unable to stand
We bring the uplifting of God.
To those depressed, and in the dark
We bring the uplifting of God.
To all who are weary, unable to cope
We bring the uplifting of God.
To all whose powers wane and lose hope
We bring the uplifting of God.
Almighty God who descended to the depths
Lift you up into light and glory.

David Adams

' In the darkest times a single light burns brightly '

(Shared by Grace)



Norma shared this reminder of God's promise to encourage us all:

'I will put upon you no greater burden than you can bear'

1 Corinthians 10:13.

She also shared this picture of the beautiful camelia in her garden.

Dave's Doodles

Cleaned the stair banister rail thoroughly (it was filthy!). Good bit of exercise too. So although we think we are clean keep washing those hands!

DON'T FORGET - The clocks 'spring forward' on 28th March.

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PLEASE MAKE ZOLTAN OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANY PASTORAL NEEDS.

