

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter - 11th April 2020

Keeping us connected while staying apart

He lives! He lives! Rejoice!

EASTER SUNDAY at 9.00 a.m.

Join us on ZOOM



You are invited to sign in at 9.00am on Sunday.

The access is as follows: Nick Wood is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Easter Sunday

Time: Apr 12, 2020 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4501933567?pwd=SUpFMFo3ekt3RitZZmtCRzB5SU9NQTO9>

Meeting ID: 450 193 3567

Password: 922084

The Order of Service is enclosed with this newsletter so that even if you are not able to join us on ZOOM you can still share in this act of worship.

OTHER WAYS TO MAINTAIN FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAYS - BBC1 at 11.25 a.m. Sunday Worship *Please check these times - they do*
BBC1 at 1.15 p.m. Songs of Praise *change them at the last minute!*

KIDLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH at 10.30 a.m. livestream
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTELwMgnV32L3Uf6jTXnOog>

NORTHWEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION at 10.30 a.m.
www.nwba.org.uk just click on home page then on Service.

DAILY SERVICE ON BBC RADIO 4 LW at 9.45 a.m. Monday - Friday
(available on DAB as a side channel)

VLOGS IN THE TIME OF CORONA

Stephen Gaukroger's daily encouragements on www.clariontrust.org.uk/our-thinking

We are pleased to report that Margaret Hedges is now home from hospital and we send her our continued prayers and good wishes for a full recovery to health and strength.

Shared by Angie

Many of us will remember Angie's late mum Rhencie with great affection, and we all loved her poems.

EASTER DAY

She thought He was the gardener,
Who knew where Jesus lay,
But then she heard Him call her name
On that first Easter Day.
And still He calls us, each by name.
Oh! Listen for His voice
Like Mary cry aloud for joy.
He lives! He lives! Rejoice!

Rhencie Dawe

Be strong and of good courage;
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Janet shares this poem (from the website: engageworship.org)

Jesus in the garden, newly risen from the dead,
who stood by weeping Mary, and who heard the words she said
as if you were the gardener, till at last your shepherd's voice
called her 'Mary' and with one word gave her reason to rejoice,
Jesus in the garden, ever new but still the same,
help me recognise you in the speaking of my name.

Jesus on the journey, fellow traveller on the road,
who met two sad disciples, walking with them as you showed
the meaning of the scriptures that predicted you would rise,
but only when you blessed the meal could they believe their eyes.
Jesus on the journey, meet me where my hopes have fled,
help me recognise you in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus in the locked room, breaking through despair and doubt,
who comforted your friends when they had shut the whole world out,
who came again for Thomas, and revealed your hands and side
so that he could touch and know you as alive, though you had died.
Jesus in the locked room, breaking through our self-built bars,
help me recognise you in the touching of your scars.

Jesus on the shoreline, cooking breakfast for your friends,
who offered guilty Peter one more chance to make amends,
who filled a net with fish for him, and helped him to recall
the first catch that convinced him to respond to your first call.
Jesus on the shoreline, know my best, forgive my worst,
help me recognise you in the way I met you first.

Amy Scott Robinson,

Leave your dandelions alone !

When mowing your lawn, avoid cutting your dandelions. That is the advice of the president of the British Ecological Society, Prof Jane Memmott. It will help to save the bees. She explains: *"Dandelions are a fantastic source of pollen and nectar for the early pollinators in particular. If they were rare, people would be fighting over them, but because they're common, people pull them out and spray them with all sorts of horrible things when they should just let them flower. If you leave the lawn to three or four inches, then dandelions, clover and daisies can flower and then you end with something like a tapestry, and it's much nicer to sit there and watch the insects buzzing about."*



Prof Memmott encourages everyone to get a bee hotel for their garden. *"There's nothing nicer than being sat in a chair with a glass of wine and watching the bees going in and out of your own personal little beehive. Even just a potted plant on a doorstep will provide lunch for a bee or a fly or a butterfly."* (from Parish Pump)

from Pam Breeze

Take the time to sing a song
For all those people who don't belong:
For the women wasted by defeat,
The men condemned to walk the street,
The down and out we'll never meet.

Take time to say a prayer
For all those people who face despair:
The starving multitudes who pray
To make it through another day,
Who watch their children slip away.

Take the time to hear the plea
Of every desperate refugee;
The millions who have had to flee
Their lands, their loves, their liberty
Who turn in hope to you and me.

Take time to make a stand
For peace and justice in every land
Where power causes deep unrest.
Come take the part of the oppressed,
And then, says God, you will be blessed.

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE THOUGHTS, POEMS, DRAWINGS, REFLECTIONS,
OR SOMETHING TO RAISE A SMILE:** send to Lin on linmiller25@gmail.com or
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PLEASE MAKE ZOLTAN OR DEACONS AWARE OF ANY PASTORAL NEEDS.

**EYNHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2020**

A Shared Service of Breaking of Bread

(You are invited to have some bread ready to eat at the appropriate moment)

Please join in the words in **BOLD** type

As people join the service Easter music is played

Welcome & Introduction – Revd Nick Wood

The Lord is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Christ is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reading

Reflection

Prayers:

Living God,
we worship you today with joy in our hearts
and thanksgiving on our lips.
When the powers of evil had done their worst,
crucifying your Son, and burying him in death,
you raised him to life again:
an act of power giving hope to the world. (cont ...)
All: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus,
we rejoice that death could not keep you in its grip;
that you were raised to life, alive for evermore.
You greeted your friends
and now you stand amongst us in your risen power.
All: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Spirit of God,
you are always giving life to the people of God,
giving birth to children of God.
Remodel us in the image of Jesus,
fill us with his love
and enable us with his risen power,
that we might be faithful to his way,
used by you in the redeeming of your world.
All: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One God in everlasting unity,
Isolated as we are by circumstance today,
Fearful for the future, as were the disciples of old,
We come now as people of a Living Saviour
to offer you our worship and adoration,
and in the midst of death to affirm our faith in you:

**All: Christ has died
Christ is Risen
Christ will come again!
Glory be to you O God! Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

Risen Christ,
you walked with friends
and explained the scriptures.
Warm our hearts
with your living word.

Lord Jesus Christ,
All: be known to us in the breaking of bread.

Risen Christ,
you were a guest in the home of disciples,
In this fellowship, be our guest,
and transform our life together
with your living presence.

Lord Jesus Christ,
All: be known to us in the breaking of bread.

Risen Christ
You blessed bread and broke it,
recognised by those who knew you.
Feed us with your living bread
that we might live as witnesses to your risen life.
Lord Jesus Christ,
All: be known to us in the breaking of bread.

You are invited to eat your bread in fellowship with all Christ's people and to give silent thanks for God's living presence with you here and now in the power of the Holy Spirit. (continued ...)

Intercession: various topics are offered for our prayers

A Prayer of Petition:

When we are despairing;
when the world is full of grief;
when we see no way ahead,
and hope has gone away:
All: Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change;
although we are not ready;
although we'd rather weep
and run away:
All: Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women;
because we hope where hope is vain;
because you call us from the grave
and show the way to new life:
All: Roll back the stone.

Blessing:

Hallelujah, God our Creator – all life stems from you!
Hallelujah, God our Saviour – new life springs from your death!
Hallelujah, God our Sustainer – life is continually renewed in you!
Hallelujah, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

**All: Bless us today and always,
may your new life flow through us
into your world. Amen.**

