

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 2nd December 2023



SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

1st Sunday in Advent

GIFT SUNDAY Monetary gifts will go to Asylum Welcome & Oxford Gatehouse.

10.30 a.m. All-Age Family Service

A short lively service for all.

[No livestream](#)

Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

Advent and Christmas:

Letting Stuff go (Mark 13: 24-37)

3.00 p.m. SONGS OF PRAISE

Advent Carol Service

Led by Revd Richard Crippen

All are welcome to this Café Style service held in the hall, with traditional hymns plus tea and cake.

TUESDAY 5th December

Deacons' Meeting Please continue to pray for Zoltan and our Deacons.

3.00 p.m. 114 Club at David and Lin's. Sociable Rummikub and cribbage.

THURSDAY 7th December

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

12.30 - 1.00 p.m. Time of Prayer Even if not able to come to church we are encouraged to pray wherever we are.

6.30 p.m. Carol Singing on Abbey Green Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the entrance to the estate, which is accessed from Old Witney Road. Speak to Janet for more details.

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

10.00 a.m. Advent Away Day at Freeland Convent. There is a signing-up list on the coffee table. Please speak to Sheila if you'd like more details.

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

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

Home-made cakes and sandwiches should be labelled: labels available from Marie on 01865 604262. Gatehouse are also making gift boxes for their guests so boxes of chocolates and biscuits would be especially appreciated. All warm men's clothing and bedding is needed too.

10.30 a.m. Morning service.

4.00 p.m. Carols in the Square.

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER

1.30 p.m. Day Centre Carol Service.

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

No morning service.

3.00 p.m. Messy Church Christmas

6.30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight

NB start time is 6.30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Jean T. - 8th

Pam B. - 9th

Ivy - 10th

Maureen T. - 11th

To Long - 14th

Malcolm C. - 15th

Jean A. - 16th

Mary S. - 17th

To Ling - 20th

Barbara C. - 22nd

Chris W. - 23rd



We remember in prayer Grace who is in hospital, and Margaret and Marta who are unwell. May they all know healing and God's presence with them.

We pray for those known to us who have been recently bereaved: that they would know God's strength and comfort at such a sad time.

Well Done!

What a lovely welcome we all had at EBC on Saturday morning. The Teens really did well waiting on all our needs; we 'Golden Oldies' enjoyed being fussed over. It was a very enjoyable time, so please have more of these coffee and cake mornings.

Thank you.

*'Can you say at close of day,
Before you meet the night;
Of all the troubles in the world
You helped to put one right.
That just one heart was happier
Because your smile was true,
One wrinkle in the folds of life
Was smoothed, because of you.'*

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CHRISTMAS CARDS



It's lovely to send Christmas cards to members of our church family, but it can perhaps be daunting to write lots of individual cards. If you would like to put just one card on the board in the middle hall, sending your Christmas good wishes to everyone in church, please feel free to do so: this has been the practise at EBC for some years and your good wishes will be just as much appreciated.

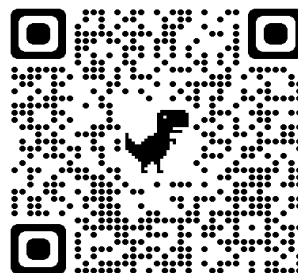
GROWING LEADERS Cluster Course 2024

As you may know, our church is part of the North Oxfordshire Baptist Cluster, and as a cluster we want to encourage, equip and empower new and emerging leaders to make a difference on their frontlines in our region - whether this is the church, community or workplace. To help do this we're planning to run the Growing Leaders course (a resource from CPAS) over 2024. It will be for anyone who has an inkling that God might be wanting to grow in them a potential or confirmed leadership gift and so influence others for the sake of the Kingdom.



The course is free but involves a commitment to attending two Saturday away days (9am - 4.30pm), and eight Tuesday evening sessions (7.15pm for 7.30pm start - 9.30pm). There are also a few simple projects to complete, and participants will be linked up with a mentor or peer mentor to help them reflect between sessions.

To find out more or register an interest **speak to Zoltan** or scan the QR code.



CONTACT NUMBERS

EYNESHAM FOOD BANK

Call on 07450 328530 if needing help.

Food donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar
& 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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