

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

**10.30 a.m. ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** - A short lively service for all **Not livestreamed**  
Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

**New Preaching Series: Unity in Christ.** Ecclesiological perspective: the church is the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12: 12-26)

**3.00 p.m. SONGS OF PRAISE** - Café style service with traditional hymns + refreshments  
Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

**Theme - 'New Starts'**

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## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Deacons' Meeting** We pray for Zoltan and our Deacons as they meet to seek God's will for the church.

**3.00 p.m. 114 Club** at David & Lin's. Social, non-competitive board games.

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**8.00 p.m. Online Bible Study** - *full details in article below.*

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**10.30 a.m. Bible Study** led by Zoltan, meets in the hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. All are welcome.

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

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**4.30 - 6 p.m. Tweens** youth group.

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**12 noon Church Meeting** Agenda and Minutes available from Sunday on the coffee table (and sent by email).

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**10.00 - 12.00 noon at EBC** Those interested in helping with care and support at EBC going forward in anyway whether in person, phone, online etc are invited to come to a short session run by Richard (in conjunction with Zoltan).

We are forming a new group and new ways of keeping in touch with the EBC family. All are welcome.

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Church Lunch** followed by an open discussion about how to move forward as a church that wants to stay united.

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**12.00 noon Special Church Meeting** looking at future ministry and mission of the church.

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**Lent Away Day** at Freeland Convent. Time and further details to follow.

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### **Eynsham Baptist Church January – February 2024 *‘Unity in Christ’***

**Online Study Group: ‘Towards Unity’  
Wednesdays @ 8pm for c40 minutes  
January 10<sup>th</sup> – February 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88379697959>  
(Meeting ID: 883 7969 7959 – no password)

During January and February our theme for reflection at EBC is ‘Unity in Christ’. This will be explored in the Sunday preaching series, in the Thursday Bible Studies at church, and in an Online Study Group on Wednesdays at 8pm led by Nick Wood for about 40 minutes. Other small groups in the church are invited to share in the theme as appropriate for them.

As well as appropriate scripture passages, the theme will be explored with the help of Francis Chan’s book, *‘Until Unity’*. Chan is an American non-denominational pastor, of Hong Kong Chinese heritage, where he has also spent time in ministry.

The series will culminate in our worship

on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, followed by a time of fellowship and conversation together over lunch.

#### **Themes:**

**Week 1: The Church as the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26)**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January** (All age Worship - Zoltan)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** (Online)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** (Bible Study)

**Week 2: Christian Unity as Union with God (John 15:5-12)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** (Communion Service - Zoltan)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** (Online)

**Week 3: Unity around the Cross (Philippians 2:1-12)**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** (Morning Worship – Zoltan)

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** (Online)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** Bible Study

**Week 4: Finding Peace brings Unity (Ephesians 4:1-7)**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** (Communion Service – Nick)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>** (Online)

**Week 5: Unity: God’s ultimate desire and design (Revelation 22:1-5)**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** (All age Worship – Zoltan)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** (Online)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** Bible Study

**Week 6: Unity and effective Witness (John 17:13-23)**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** (Communion Service – Zoltan) followed by Fellowship Lunch and Conversation.

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**N.B.** the Zoom link for the Online Bible Study will appear in each week’s newsletter.

## 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.**



### New Year Prayer 2024

Lord, we stand on the threshold of a new year. Some of us are excited, some of us are fearful. We don't know what 2024 will bring, but we know that there will be ups and downs, joy and sadness mixed in with the months.

As we step into this new year, help us to keep our eyes fixed on you; to know

for certain that, whatever happens, you will be in it with us, not watching from the sidelines, but right in the middle of it with us.

Help us to put our trust in what Jesus did on the cross, maybe for the first time, maybe as a New Year re-commitment, so that we will know that nothing can separate us from you. Let the storm rage, let the sun shine – we are safe! In the name of the risen, living Lord Jesus. Amen.

*Daphne Kitching*

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We know not what the future holds,  
but we do know *who* holds the future.

*Willis J. Ray*

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## COULD YOU HELP?

It's great to enjoy fellowship after services over tea and coffee, but we do need more volunteers on the serving rota please. If you can help out please put your name on the new list on the table in the hall. There's also a list if you could help by providing milk or biscuits sometimes. Thank you!



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## SHOEBOXES

If you want to re-gift anything you received this Christmas there is a box in Church during January which will be used for the Link to Hope shoeboxes. Empty shoeboxes are also welcomed.



## **CONTACT NUMBERS**

### **EYNESHAM FOOD BANK**

Call on 07450 328530 to request help.

Food donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar  
and Market Garden

<https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

### **ASYLUM WELCOME**

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### **CARE & SUPPORT**

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### **NEWSLETTER**

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