

EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 10th February 2024

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2024

10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE
Led by Revd Dr Zoltan Biro

Unity in Christ: Missiological perspective: Unity is the most effective Christian witness of God's love (John 17: 13-23)

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

12.15 p.m. FELLOWSHIP LUNCH followed by conversation

We are grateful to all those who bring dishes for us to eat, but there will also be a receptacle for any who would like to make a donation towards costs. Given the current cost of living, anyone who makes a food contribution is also welcome to claim expenses towards their costs.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13th February

Deacons' Meeting Please continue to pray for Zoltan and our Deacons as they meet together.

1.00 p.m. 114 Club at David & Lin's.

Wednesday 14th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Zoltan's '**Thought for the Day**' for Lent starts today. *If you've not already signed up let Zoltan know without delay if you'd like to receive these by Text or WhatsApp.*

Thursday 15th February

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

1.00 p.m. Lunch Club Booking is necessary: please contact Maureen on 881808 or Pamela on 426203.

Friday 16th February

4.30 - 6.00 p.m. Teens meet in the hall.

Saturday 17th February

10.30 - 12.00 noon Teens will be making Pancakes (in the hall) and everyone is invited to come along and enjoy them! Donations will be for the Bronze Clinic.

FURTHER AHEAD

Sunday 25th February 2024

12.00 noon Special Church Meeting looking at ministry and mission. There will be more details in next week's newsletter. We would encourage everyone that comes to EBC to attend this meeting, whether church members or not.

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Lent Away Day at Freeland Convent. There will be a signing-up list on the coffee table from 18th February.

Saturday 16th March

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. First Aid Training in the hall. More information from Maureen.

SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2024

12.00 Church AGM We have vacancies on the Diaconate which need to be filled so please prayerfully consider if you are being called to this important role in the life of the church. **Nomination forms available on the coffee table, nominations close on 18th February.**

Grace Gammage

We bring the sad news that Grace passed away on Thursday 8th February. Grace was born in Eynsham and was a much loved and valued member of our church family and a life deacon. She had suffered ill health for several years, but we can know that she is now at peace with the Lord. We send our love and sincere sympathy to her children Phillip, Sue and Rob and to all the family, praying they will know God's comfort at this sad time.



We pray for all who are recently bereaved, those known to us and those unknown, but in particular thinking of Grace's family this week. May all know God's comfort and sustaining love.

*'And God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes;
there shall be no more death, nor
sorrow, nor crying.*

*There shall be no more pain, for the
former things have passed away.'*

Revelation 21: 4

The Gardener

Spring's a time for planting
in the warming earth
Seeds and saplings growing
at this time of birth.
Carefully we tend them,
pulling out each weed
Watering and weeding
every plant and seed.

Yet we are just helpers –
nothing done alone
For without our Father,
nothing will be grown;
He's the Creator,
He alone can bring
Growth into our gardens
each succeeding spring.

Let us praise our Maker
who makes life appear,
Praise Him in the springtime,
and throughout the year;
Praise Him for all nature –
every tree and flower
Gaze upon the garden,
praise Him every hour!

God the gracious gardener
cares for more than plants
As to us, His children
every breath He grants.
He that for salvation
gave His only Son,
Do not fail to praise Him
for all that he's done.

Nigel Beeton

Nigel writes: 'On the subject of gardens, Paul uses the analogy of planting and watering in 1 Corinthians 3:6, making the point that, whether planting daffodils or churches or anything in between, nothing we do will be productive unless God makes it happen. And, as we approach Easter, consider that when Mary mis-identified the risen Christ as the gardener, maybe she was closer to the truth than she realised.'

This poem can be sung to the tune of 'Noel Nouvelet', an old French carol, the tune normally used for the hymn 'Now the green blade riseth'.



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Call on 07450 328530 to request help.
Food donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar and
Market Garden <https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>

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