

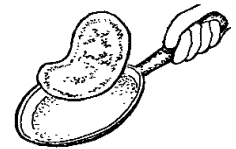
EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 17th February 2024

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10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Teens Pancake Party in the hall. Come along & enjoy delicious pancakes: donations to Bronze Healthcare.



SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024

10.30 a.m. SERVICE

Led by Revd Zoltan Biro
Preacher Revd Steve Gaukroger

NEW SERIES: Lent with the Beloved Disciple (*based on Michael Marshall's book of the same name*) What are you looking for? From the Old to the New (John 1: 35-42)

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

3.00 p.m.



THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20th February

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

Thursday 22nd February

10.30 a.m. Bible Study led by Zoltan at which all are welcome.

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

Sunday 25th February 2024

12.00 noon Special Church Meeting.

At the Special Church Meeting last September we agreed to review the questions of finance, ministry and mission at the start of this year. At Zoltan's suggestion, we are holding a further Special Church Meeting on Sunday 25th February at 12 noon. This is Zoltan's monthly Sunday free of church responsibilities. The Worship

Team have asked Richard Crippen to take our service, and the Deacons have asked Maureen Thompson to chair the meeting and facilitate our conversation.

Nick Wood will introduce the meeting and will speak to the current financial situation and its implications for paid ministry over the next year or two. This will lead into a wider conversation about our priorities for ministry and mission. The Deacons are proposing that we frame the discussion using these four questions:

1. What do we currently do **well**?
2. What could we do **better**?
3. What **should we do** that we are not currently doing?
4. What **might we stop doing** if it is no longer appropriate or effective?

We do hope that all members of the church, and all regular worshippers at EBC, will give these issues their careful and prayerful consideration, and if at all possible, attend the meeting in person or via Zoom.

From Zoltan and the Deacons

FURTHER AHEAD

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Lent Away Day at Freeland Convent: Signing-up list is on the coffee table.

Thursday 7th March

10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning + Derek's cards and bric-a-brac

Saturday 16th March

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. First Aid Training Please speak to Maureen for more information.

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

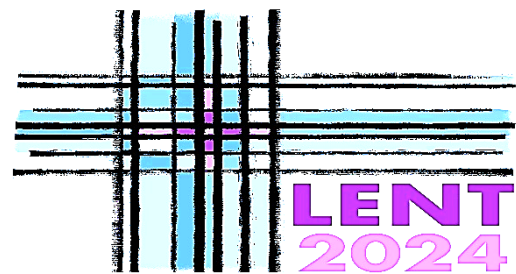
12noon Church AGM The Deacons have extended the nomination period to give more time for prayerful consideration and nominations for the diaconate will now close on **Sunday 3rd March**.

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th May 2024

Baptist Assembly at Telford. Zoltan will already be attending as our minister but, as was mentioned at the January church meeting, anyone from EBC is welcome to attend as EBC's delegate, expenses paid by the church. **Please speak to Zoltan or one of the Deacons as soon as possible.**



We remember in prayer - Margaret, Audrey, Malcolm, Mary and others in our church family who are suffering with mobility / health issues: that they would know God's presence with them.



As you know, Zoltan is doing a daily '**Thought for the Day**' throughout Lent which you can receive by WhatsApp or text direct to your mobile phone - just speak to Zoltan to go on the list.

They will also be printed in each week's newsletter (*albeit a few days behind and not daily*). Here are the first three:

Ash Wednesday - 14th February

The Fourth Gospel never once refers to the beloved disciple by name as John (...), who as the beloved disciple was and is one and the same person who reclined next to Jesus at the final supper, on Maundy Thursday evening, and it is from the perspective of his intimate relationship with Jesus that everything in the Fourth Gospel is recorded.

Question of the day: Am I close enough to Christ to become a reliable witness?

Thursday 15th February

“Many other signs truly Jesus did in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book” (John 20:30, NKJV).

The author of the Gospel explains to the reader the reasons for recording the many events in the Gospel as ‘signs’ (...) written ‘so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name’.

Prayer of the day: “Lord, give eyes that recognise the signs of your love and I continue to believe in Jesus, so that my life will be renewed.”

Friday 16th February

“In my Father’s house there are many resting places and I go to prepare a place for you” (NKJV, John 14:2).

“In Greek language resting places is caravanserais – wayside inns, or staging posts, where travelers on long journeys could spend a night of rest before setting off again. It may be that we are still far from perfect fellowship with the Father. We have a long journey of many days before our pilgrimage is accomplished. But there are by God’s

mercy many resting places, many, many resting places along the way.”

Question of the day: Do I recognise when on my spiritual journey I need to have a rest?

Thank you!

This is to say thanks to everyone for their kindness and understanding as I wasn’t able to attend/ help at recent events. Thanks to lunch club for sending me a lovely dinner and to June and Larry for shopping for me.

Norma

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