

# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH

10.30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Led by Gill Crippen



**Lent with the Beloved Disciple:** The power game (John 18: 28 -19:16)

Some information about the service:

- It will focus on 'The power game' John 18 & 19
- 'The gospel according to 'Lilo and Stitch'.
- Accessible for everyone!
- The children will be going out for around 20 minutes and coming back in for communion together.
- We will be having the seating as it was 2 weeks ago in church.

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

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### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

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

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

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**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 - all are welcome.

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. First Aid Training** at EBC in the hall.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**12.00 noon Church AGM** We have two nominees for Charity Trustee/ Deacon - Maureen Thompson and Richard Crippen: both willing to stand for one year. Voting will take place at this meeting. Only church members are eligible to vote, but anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Important**  
**Change of Email Address for Zoltan**

Zoltan has been struggling with his Yahoo account so is now separating work & private emails.

From now onwards please only use the following address:

[minister@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:minister@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk)

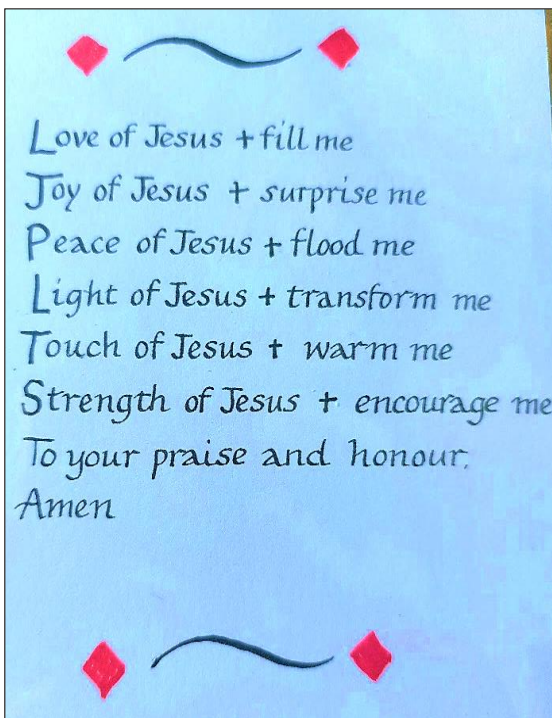
He will continue to read messages on Yahoo & Gmail, but not regularly.

Thank you.

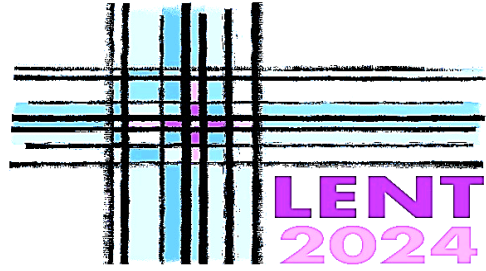


There are several in our church family who have health issues at present and we remember them all in prayer, praying that they might be surrounded by God's loving presence.

We also give thanks for answers to prayer in treatment, early appointments etc and pray for the skill of medical staff as they treat the sick.



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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you" (John 13:34, NKJV).*

This new commandment was given specifically in the context of the washing of the feet, as a demonstration in actions and not only in words. It is precisely this lifestyle of service for others, exemplified in the washing of the feet, that is the way for all disciples to follow Christ in the presence and union with his Father.

**Prayer of the day:** Lord, thank you for giving me your self-sacrificial love, help me to demonstrate my love in practice.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Thought of the Day is delivered as a live reflection on Sundays either in church or online.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

"But ever since that first encounter when Andrew had introduced Simon son of John to Jesus, that young, big-hearted enthusiastic fisherman had shown just the potential for leadership and loyalty that, when tempered and fired, could be remarkably harnessed to the cause dear to the heart of Christ (...) In the school of discipleship [Peter needed to learn many lessons...] even to the point of having his heart broken."

**Prayer of the day:** Lord, help me to take to heart your life lessons and learn to be your disciple.

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

"A Christian, championing his Master in a useless and mistaken way, mutilated Malchus: the man who returned to Jerusalem scarred for life... He was wounded by coming into contact with a wrong conception of Christian fidelity, with a Christian who preached with the sword. Christianity must always injure when it arrives as a religion of the Conqueror, that is, as the religion of the Sword and not of the Cross." (P. Mackay: Assistants at the Passion, p53).

**Question of the Day:** How do I fight my battles: fiercely with a sword or humbly accepting my cross?

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

'Flawed but Called'... That's exactly how Jesus saw Peter... Christ saw in Peter both his undoubted strengths as a potential leader and the weaknesses. Yet he did not and does not see these as either/or – unstable Simeon as opposed to rock-like Peter – but rather as inextricably interrelated, and he understood how by the gift of grace and the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ, Peter could be redeemed from his self-assured strengths and how his very weakness could open him up to receive the power of the Holy Spirit in and through his very powerlessness [at Pentecost].

**Prayer of the day:** Help me Lord, to relinquish all my self-glorifying strengths and let your grace transform all my weaknesses for Your glory.

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

"God does not seek morally sanitised servants to work in his kingdom: he can only work in and with us as we open up to his all-sufficient grace, which alone is sufficient for the task in hand. So, as Leonard Cohen perceptively sings:

*'Forget your perfect offering... There is a crack, a crack in everything: that's how the light gets in'.*"

**Prayer of the day:** Lord, fill me with your love and goodness and may your love and goodness seep through the cracks of my life.

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

There was never any attempt in the apostolic church to cover up the weaknesses in Peter, not least on the night in Caiaphas's courtyard. In Roman times, the cracks in pots were sometimes filled in and covered up with wax in fraudulent deals when they tried to sell pots as being perfect and 'without cracks'. The true potter or sincere potter was the one who refused to fill in the cracks with wax, and it's from that practice of not filling in the cracks with wax - *without wax* (in Latin: *sine cere*) – that we derive both the virtue of sincerity and speak of someone as sincere."

**Question of the day:** What do I do with the cracks of my life: cover it up or sincerely bring it to Christ?

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*Ed. Apologies that last week's newsletter wasn't sent until Wednesday - my internet was knocked out due to a lightning strike!!*

## CONTACT NUMBERS

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