

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Newsletter – Saturday 2nd March 2024

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Gatehouse Please drop off food donations at 15 Newland Street, (*only at these times please*). Warm clothing, hats, scarfs etc also welcomed.

10.30 a.m. ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE **N.B. THIS WILL BE IN THE HALL**
a short lively service for all
Led by Revd Phil Durant (Kidlington Baptist Church)
Cluster Pulpit Swap - Zoltan is at Orchard Baptist Church, Bicester

Lent with the Beloved Disciple: A night to remember (John 18: 1-17)
Service not livestreamed

3.00 p.m. SONGS OF PRAISE - a Café style service with traditional hymns and refreshments
Led by Maureen Thompson
Theme: Easter

THIS WEEK

Monday 4th March

7.00 p.m. 'The Chosen' historical drama based on the life of Jesus being shown in the Tolkein Room, St Peter's.

Tuesday 5th March

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

Thursday 7th March

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

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

Thursday contd.

12.30 - 1.00 p.m. Prayer Time Meeting in the hall, but we are encouraged to pray wherever we are at this time.

Friday 8th March

4.30 - 6 p.m. Teens meet in the hall.

FURTHER AHEAD

Saturday 16th March

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. First Aid Training at EBC in the hall. See Maureen for more details.

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

12.00 noon Church AGM Nominations close on Sunday 3rd March.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

20th Riley

27th Ethan

Congratulations !

to Anna on passing her driving test - at the very first attempt! Very well done.

Rising Stars ?

Anamae is taking part in a drama production of 'The Orchestra' in Eynsham Village Hall on Saturday 9th March at 7.30 p.m. This is a performance by Small But Mighty Youth Theatre of which Annamae is a member and who rehearse in our hall. The performance is a run-through with a critic before the production transfers to the Northwall Theatre in Oxford - perhaps a chance to see some stars of the future! Tickets are £5.00.



We pray for all in our church family who are suffering ill health at present, in particular remembering Barbara and Malcolm. May all know the presence and peace of God, and a swift return to health.

God is there when the sparrow falls,
and the wintry blast is blowing;

God is there when the sky is grey, and
your bitter tears are flowing.

God is there when your strength is
spent, and your numbered locks are
greying;

He is also there when your heart is
numb, and you cannot go on praying.

He does not stay the sparrows fall, nor
stop the wind from blowing;

He does not send the clouds away, nor
stem the tears from flowing;

But better still, He comes Himself,
when all around is failing,

His own divine companionship, the
Father's heart unveiling.

C Wylie



Saturday 24th February

"The god we think we understand can never be the true 'God who is' simply because, by definition, the infinite God is beyond the limited comprehension of our limited minds. So, we should not struggle to comprehend the true God, but rather simply seek to lay ourselves open to be apprehended by him."

Question of the day: How can I open myself today, so that the infinite God may apprehend me?

Sunday 25th February

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

Monday 26th February

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (John 12:23, NIV).

In the fourth gospel time is recorded not as any old time, chronologically as we understand it, [...] rather it is ‘high time’ (kairos)... and the hour (hora) is God’s appointed time, when what occurs is not incidental, let alone accidental, but significantly providential.

Prayer of the day: Lord help me recognize Your appointed time, and forgive me when I was waiting for You to fit in my timeline?

Tuesday 27th February

“The disciple whom Jesus loved, was resting on Jesus’ bosom (chest)” (John 13:23)

[In ancient times] the placing of guests indicated the relationship and ‘pecking order’, as we might say, between host and his or her guests. The beloved disciple was resting on Jesus’ chest (*kloptok*), [which points back to the beginning of the gospel where we read]: *‘No one has ever seen God. Only the Son, who is close to the Father’s bosom (kloptok)’* (John 1:18).

Question of the day: How close am I to Jesus Christ, do I rest on/in him?

Wednesday 28th February

There is always the danger that we stop short and get stuck in a ‘holy place’ or a ‘staging post’, rather than pressing on – that we opt to settle for religion rather than a relationship, for the legalistic rule of Law rather than a relationship of love

with the Lawgiver – and so settle for second best.

Prayer of the day: Lord, when I am feeling stuck help me out of my spiritual rut, and help me soar on wings like eagles?

Thursday 29th February

“Since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.” (John 13:14-15).

As Christ draws us into his own priestly life, in union with his Father and ours, so we in turn should draw others into that same lifestyle, manifested essentially in our willingness to ‘lay down our lives for others’ as Christ ‘has laid down his life for others’. Such is the very nature and character of priestly life, to which all the baptised are called to share in.

Question of the day: What did I give up for others lately, my time, my belongings, maybe my preconceptions?

Friday 1st 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.

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