

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



## GIFT SUNDAY

10.30 a.m.

**MORNING SERVICE** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Led by Team

Hope (Isaiah 9: 2-7 and 1 Peter 1: 3)

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

EBC's traditional **GIFT SUNDAY** so we will be collecting warm clothing (hats, socks, gloves, scarves) & toiletries (shower gel, spray deodorant, shampoo) for GATEHOUSE a charity supporting homeless/vulnerable men & women in Oxford. **Donations of money** (in a clearly marked envelope) will go to ASYLUM WELCOME, Oxford based charity supporting local asylum seekers.

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'**TRANSITION TEAM TABLE**' will be available after the service where the transition team will take questions/hear suggestions.

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**10.00 a.m. COFFEE MORNING** + Derek's cards and bric-a-brac.

**12.00 noon COMMUNION** A short, reflective service, held in the hall - all welcome.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**4.30 - 6.00 p.m. TEENS** meet at EBC.

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**7.30 p.m. EYNHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT** in St Leonard's Church. Christmas concert including Rheinberger 'The Star of Bethlehem' and music by Max Bruch and Judith Weir. The concert will finish with traditional carols including audience participation. Tickets available from Eynham DIY.

## CHRISTMAS AT EBC

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30 a.m. ALL AGE SERVICE** - a short lively service for everyone.

**3.00 p.m. SONGS OF PRAISE** a 'Café Style' service  
Favourite hymns & carols + refreshments.

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30 a.m. MORNING SERVICE**

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE**

**3.00 p.m. MESSY CHURCH**

**4.00 p.m. FAMILY CAROL SERVICE** followed by tea in the hall.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**10.00 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE** celebrating the Saviour's birth.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30 a.m. END OF YEAR INFORMAL GATHERING.**



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Those who will receive the warm clothing and monetary offerings from our Gift Sunday this week; that they would know that there are people who care and who are praying for them;
- Patrik at his baptism on Sunday, that he will have a very special day and will always know God's blessing in his life.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Jean Towns
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Pam Breeze
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Ivy
11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Maureen T.
14 <sup>th</sup>	-	To Long
15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Malcolm Cook
16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Jean Alder
17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Mary Stewart
20 <sup>th</sup>	-	To Ling
22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Barbara Cook
23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Chris Ward
31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Hannah Kupeta

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### What Does Christmas Mean To You?

When you prepare for Christmas  
What matters spring to mind?  
The coming of the Saviour  
Or the gifts that you can't find?

Do you think of baby Jesus  
As you deck the halls with holly?  
Or are your thoughts preoccupied  
With piling high your shopping trolley.

Will you be moved this Christmas  
By the sound of carol singing  
Or are you more in tune with  
The sound of shop tills ringing?

On that family occasion  
When you choose your Christmas tree  
Do you think of how that tiny babe  
Came to die for you and me?

Christmas to you could mean much more  
If you're prepared to see  
The reasons why each Christmastime  
Just mean so much to me.

So as you celebrate this Christmas  
Why not resolve to start anew?  
And change your whole perspective  
Of what Christmas means to you.

*Colin Hammacott*

## **CHRISTMAS SALE**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it a real success. All the charities represented were very pleased with their results: Cancer research £180, Oxfam £180 Asylum Welcome £ 120, Mercy in Action £120, Cakes and cafe (for EBC) £207, Bronze Healthcare £334 (after more giving on Sunday).

Mercy in Action were particularly pleased at sharing the venue with other causes, and they reported that many of the people who came to EBC hall, then went on to their shop, and they had a bumper Saturday morning takings.

### **Message from Sam at Bronze Healthcare:**



Dear Eynsham Baptist church,

I'm so grateful and encouraged by your unwavering support and especially during the Saturday fundraiser where you supported Bronze cause with £334 .... We're using this to purchase the needed medicine and supplies as we take care of patients.

Thank you very much and God bless you and your families.

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### **EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**MINISTER** - post vacant at present

### **DEACONS**

Maureen Thompson, June Poole and Bob Thiele

### **CONTACTS**

#### **Asylum Welcome**

Marcus Thompson 01865 881808  
<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

#### **Care and Support**

Denise Launchbury - 01865 881128  
Malcolm & Barbara Cook - 07896 271905  
or 01865 375730

#### **Food Bank**

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

### **Hall Bookings**

Rebecca Carley - 07554 012535  
[bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk)

### **Lunch Club**

Maureen - 881808 Pamela - 426203

### **Messy Church**

Maureen - 01865 881808  
June - 01865 375130  
Sue - 07796 955472

### **Newsletter**

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Print Deadline mid-day Fridays

### **Teens**

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