

# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



### MORNING SERVICE

Led by Maureen Thompson  
Preacher Revd Stephen Gaukroger

Joy (Luke 1: 46-56)

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

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE

3 - 4.30 p.m. at Janet and Steve's  
(1 Penelope House, Cobbets Close)  
**Everyone is invited!**

If you want a lift, please speak to Steve or Janet on Sunday morning.

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

12.00 noon COMMUNION a short, reflective service – all welcome.

1.00 p.m. LUNCH CLUB Booking necessary: Maureen 881808

## SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

3.00 p.m. MESSY CHURCH

**4.00 p.m. CAROLS AT TWILIGHT followed by tea.**

It would be great to have as many of the EBC family as possible attend the Carols at Twilight service. This is because we are wanting to encourage the Messy Church families to attend and it follows straight after their session earlier that afternoon. This would be a good opportunity to meet them!



## **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.**

**And if anyone fancies a Panto ... 19<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025** You can see Annamae in action in **Little Red Riding Hood** at Corn Exchange, Witney. Tickets £15, full details and booking online at <https://www.buttercrosstheatreproductions.co.uk/>

## **2026**

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**NO COFFEE MORNING:** next one is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**NO NOON COMMUNION:** weekly services resume Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**12.00 noon CHURCH MEETING** - note that this is a week earlier than the usual date. Everyone is very welcome and as many as possible are encouraged to attend. It will be held in the hall so a zoom link will not be available.

**NO SONGS OF PRAISE** due to Church Meeting: next one Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY resumes.** Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month in the main hall. We are going to be looking at the book of James. We are a friendly group of between 12-15 regular attendees including friends from St Leonards. Why not join us!



**Well done** to the 'Angels' in the Splash Choir who sang so beautifully at our All-Age service last week! We hope we hear more from them soon!

**Christmas Cards** If you'd like to put a card to all our church family (rather than sending individual ones) there is space on the board in the hall (by the hatch).

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At this time of general celebration, we pray for those for whom this will be a difficult Christmas:

- those who have lost loved ones;
- those who will be alone;
- those who will be in hospital;
- those who will be homeless;
- those who will be in fear - of war, persecution or domestic conflict;
- those stressed by the pressures to spend money they don't have;
- those in prison and their families.

May we all be able to look beyond our circumstances, and beyond the glitter, and discern God's presence, now and throughout the coming year.

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**What is the point of Christmas?**

I ask myself each day  
Is it the food, or the presents we like,  
Or is there another way?

**What is the point of Christmas?**

To help each other feel gay?  
To watch good films and play good games  
Or is there another way?

**What is the point of Christmas?**

With prayers we always pray  
With carols to sing and stories we love  
Or is there another way?

**Christ is the point of Christmas**

To follow Him each day,  
And if we love and serve Him  
We need no other way.

*Malcolm Cook*

**PLEASE NOTE** – there will be no newsletter on 27<sup>th</sup> December so anything for inclusion before Christmas needs to be with me by **midday on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** please **linmiller25@gmail.com** Weekly issues recommence Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.

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**FOOD BANK**

**Call 07450 328530 to request help**  
Donation food in Co-op, Spar & Market Garden  
Or online

**FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

<https://gofund.me/7793a7d97>

**Hall Bookings**

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