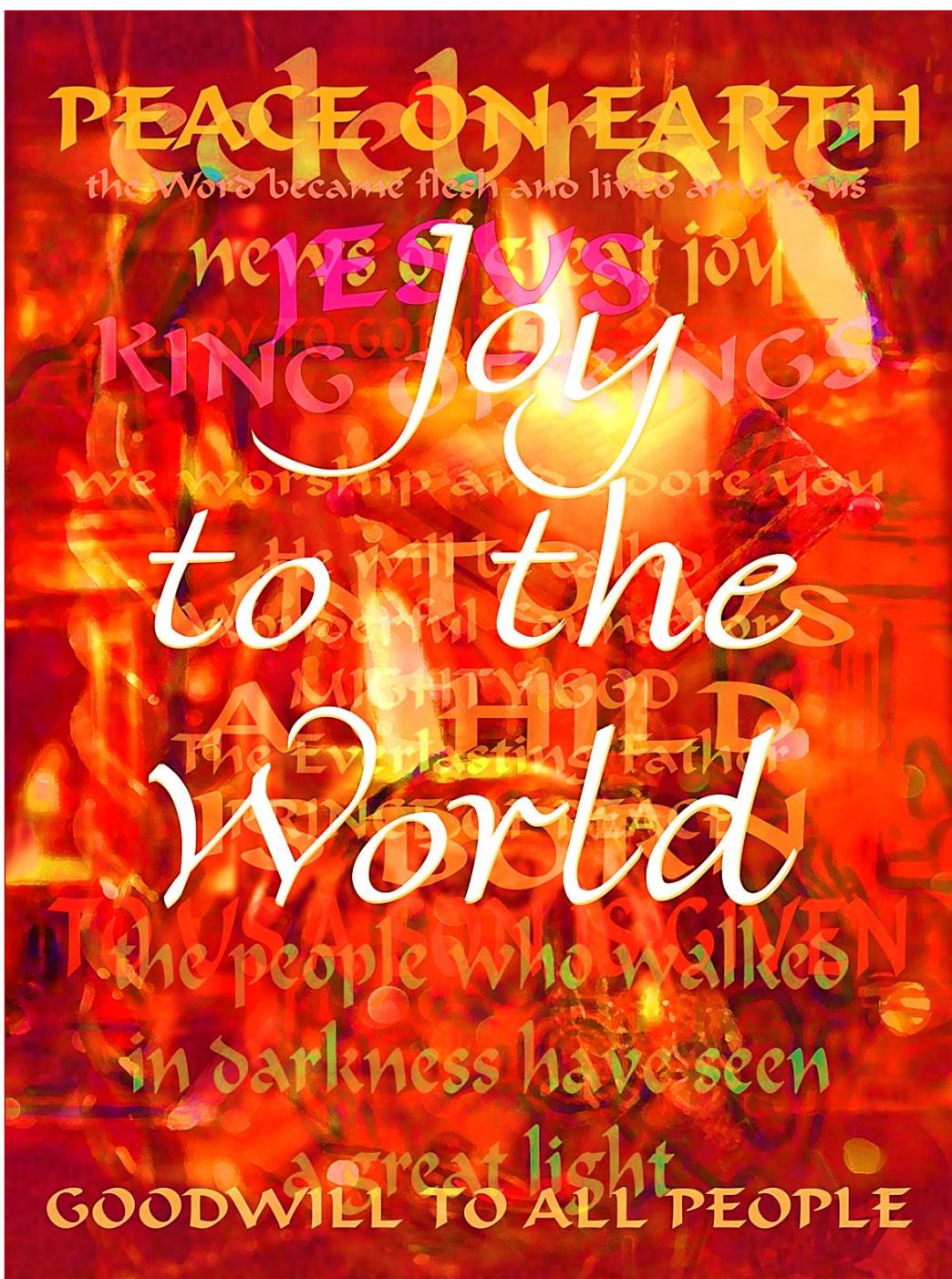


# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Next weekly issue on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



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



### **10.30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE**

Led by Janet Gaukroger

Preacher Maria Bond

Love (1 John 4: 7-12 and Matthew 1: 22-23)

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

**Don't forget to bring along your 'Secret Santa' presents - we will be giving these out at coffee time after the service.**

**3.00 p.m.**



### **4.00 p.m. CAROLS AT TWILIGHT**

**followed by tea in the hall**

It would be great to have as many of the EBC church family as possible attend this short Carol service which we hope will include the Messy Church families. It will be a good opportunity to all meet together!



**The Deacons and Transition Team  
send everyone best wishes for a  
very Happy Christmas**

May we all know God's leading and blessing throughout the coming year as we seek His will for EBC.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**10.00 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE**

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

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

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December

**7.30 p.m. BIG APPLE BAROQUE CONCERT** of seasonal music at St Leonard's Church, Eynsham: Bach & Bubbles, Charpentier & Canapes, Handel & Hogmanay. Donations in aid of Tear Fund.



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

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

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

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

**9 - 1.00 p.m. GATEHOUSE** drop donations at 15 Newland Street (*these times only please*). All the usual donations are welcomed, particularly warm clothing, but homemade cakes & sandwiches must be labelled with name, date and contents. **Gatehouse Winter Appeal still running** <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/winterappeal25-26>

**12.00 noon CHURCH MEETING AT EBC** Everyone is welcome and as many as possible are encouraged to attend. **N.B.** It will be held in the hall so a zoom link will not be available.

**NO SONGS OF PRAISE** this month due to the Church Meeting taking place. This Café Style service will recommence on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### Thursday 8th January

**10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY** resumes. Meets on 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the main hall. We're a friendly group of 10 -14 regular attendees - why not join us?

### Revive Eynsham!



**Sunday, January 11; 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
St Leonard's Church**

**An opportunity for all Christians in Eynsham to  
start the year worshipping together and  
praying for our village  
\*refreshments afterwards\***

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Temidayo
3rd	Ann G.
4th	George B.
6th	Jaedon
10th	John
26th	Sue L.
28th	Larry

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So many refugees,  
So many homeless people,  
So much conflict and despair and pain,  
In a world without answers.

But God so loved this world that He created Christmas  
And came, in Jesus.

Jesus, born into poverty,  
Jesus, who was homeless,  
Who was a refugee,  
Who shares our conflict and despair and pain,  
Who takes it all and transforms it by His life-giving death and resurrection  
Into possibilities of peace and hope and joy,  
Into life in all its fullness.  
Jesus who came out of the stable and lives.  
God's answer.  
Hallelujah.

*Daphne Kitching*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all our church family at this special time of year, particularly for those who whom it is a difficult time due to illness, family pressures or the loss of loved ones in the last year.

## Come to the Stable

The angels came to the stable,  
To spread the news to the world,  
That God was born as a babe among men,  
As His plan of grace was unfurled.

The shepherds came to the stable  
To see the news they were given,  
Having seen, they went abroad  
To share this good news from Heaven.

The wise men came to the stable  
With gifts so precious and rare,  
But the greatest gift was their gift of love,  
As they knelt in the stable there.

We too must come to the stable,  
With hearts full of peace and joy,  
And make Him our Lord, Saviour and King  
A bond nothing can destroy.

*Malcolm Cook*



As you may remember, the DailyHOPE telephone line was launched on Sunday 26th April 2020 as a response to support older people who would not be able to access online worship during lockdown. DailyHOPE has brought prayers, hymns and reflections, 24 hours a day, to thousands of people for five years.

Faith in Later Life have now had to take the decision to move to a 0345 number from 1 July 2025. Calls will be charged at the same rate as a standard UK landline number (01 or 02). If you have inclusive (or free) minutes, 0345 numbers are normally included. Check your call plan for details.

*Faith in Later Life <https://faithinlaterlife.org/dailyhope/>*

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

### **Lunch Club**

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**MINISTER - post vacant at present**

**DEACONS**

Maureen Thompson, June Poole and Bob Thiele

**CONTACTS**

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<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>

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