

EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 3rd January 2026



SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2026

GATEHOUSE 9 - 1.00 p.m. GATEHOUSE Drop donations at 15 Newland Street (*times only please*) All the usual donations welcomed: homemade cakes & sandwiches must be labelled to flag up allergens.

10.30 a.m. ALL AGE SERVICE

A short, lively service for everyone

Led by Janet Gaukroger and team

Starting the New Year with Jesus: new beginnings (Isaiah 43: 18-19)

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

12.00 CHURCH MEETING

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, whether church members or not. N.B. It will be held in the hall so there is no zoom link.

NO SONGS OF PRAISE THIS MONTH

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th January

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

Thursday 8th January

10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY. We meet in the hall 2nd and 4th Thursdays of month. We have 12-15 regular attendees, including friends from St Leonards, but we don't get too deeply theological! Why not join us?

12.00 noon COMMUNION A weekly short, reflective service at which all are welcome.

Friday 9th January

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

Sunday 11th January

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

SOME DATES FOR DIARIES ...

Thursday 5th February

10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning at EBC

Tuesday 17th February

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day!)

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday
THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Thursday March 5th

10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning at EBC

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 29th March

PALM SUNDAY (5th Sunday)

Good Friday - 3rd April

10.00 a.m. United Service of
Witness in the Square

Sunday 5th April

EASTER SUNDAY

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - following in His footsteps

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God,
grant us the desire to do only what pleases you,
and the strength to do only what you command.

Cleanse our souls,
enlighten our minds,
and inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

St Francis of Assisi
(1182 - 1226)



Dear Father, Lord of all time, here we are! Another New Year!

So many mixed emotions for different people, for different reasons. For some, the reluctance to leave a year which brought joy and happiness; for some the relief of leaving behind a difficult year; for some, sadness at moving into a year where a loved one has never been; for some, apprehension and insecurity about what might lie ahead in this world of polarisation, conflict and confusion about what is true.

Lord, help us to take time at the start of 2026 to refocus our hearts, minds and spirits – to tune into you, our un-changing God.

Help us to be calmed and encouraged by the promise of Jesus that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The safe Way. The ultimate Truth. The Life, your gift, to be with you for all eternity.

You promised never to leave us or forsake us. When we put our trust in you, through what Jesus did on the cross, we are secure, we are accompanied, no matter what the New Year brings. We can go forward, safely.

Thank you, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching

CAN YOU HELP? Volunteers needed to help move furniture

The church hall floor is being revarnished on Monday January 12th and we need volunteers to help empty the hall of all furniture on the day before and then help move it all back again 3 days later.

We plan to:

- empty the hall on **Sunday January 11th, starting 12.15 p.m.** (after church)
- move all the furniture back on **Wednesday January 14th starting at 7.00 p.m.**

If you can help at either or both sessions, let Rebecca know when you see her, email her at bookings@eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk or speak to one of the deacons.

Thank you!

Annual Newsletter Audit

- a) A copy of the weekly newsletter is available on the church website and a few hard copies are also available at the church door, but if you know of anyone who would like to receive it direct to their Inbox please ask them to speak to me and I will add

them to the distribution list. **N.B.** Email addresses are kept by me only for the purposes of sending out the newsletter and other occasional church publications.

- b) I appreciate that circumstances do change so should you no longer wish to receive the newsletter regularly please let me know and I will take you off the list.

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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
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Lunch Club

Maureen - 01865 881808
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Messy Church

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

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