

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

10.30 a.m.

### MORNING SERVICE

Led by Janet Gaukroger

Preacher Revd Stephen Gaukroger

*Starting the New Year with Jesus: a new start*  
(Lamentations 3: 19-26 and 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Sunday morning services livestreamed:

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

**TRANSITION TEAM** will be available after the service  
for questions, suggestions and discussions over coffee.

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

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

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

remembering the six million Jewish men, women & children who were murdered, and the millions more murdered under Nazi persecution. The day also commemorates where persecution led in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

<http://www.hmd.org.uk/>

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January

**12.00 noon COMMUNION** A weekly short reflective service held in the hall at which all are welcome.

## FURTHER AHEAD

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**9.30 - 1.00 p.m. 'VISION MORNING'**  
at EBC led by Revd Stephen Gaukroger. Childcare will be provided so parents will be able to attend.

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### A brighter sanctuary

People may need sunglasses in church on Sunday. The windows have been cleaned for the first time in about 8 years! It's very bright. We have also taken down the very mouldy inner blinds, so there should be far fewer unhealthy spores in the atmosphere.

Larry

*Nigel Beeton writes: Although of course we will heartily wish one another a Happy New Year, we have to be honest and realize that for very many the future in general, and the new year in particular, holds a great deal to be feared. War, energy costs, inflation, we've all just come through a nasty pandemic (written in 2023). The future looks very frightening indeed. So it did for the Israelites in the time of Jeremiah. Exiled to Babylon, surrounded by their enemies and by false prophets, there was nothing whatsoever for them to look forward to. And yet, in Jeremiah 29:11-13 we read this promise by God to His people: **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find me when you seek Me with all your heart."** Because of our faithful God, we can truly say: Happy New Year!*

### **My plans for you**

When your troubles are great  
And you fear so much  
When you've gone to a land far away;  
When all those that you love  
Are far out of touch  
And you're scared of the night and the day.

*"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,  
Plans for good not for ill – you will see!  
Your future and hope in My plans for you.  
When you pray, and you call out to Me!"*

When the darkness surrounds  
And the night is long  
When the storm's blowing hard on your door;  
When your bones ache with pain  
And you feel so wrong  
And you really can't take any more.

*"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,  
Plans for good not for ill – you will see!  
Your future and hope in My plans for you  
When you pray, and you call out to Me!"*

When your world has gone wrong  
Though you've tried so hard  
And the ends never seem quite to meet;  
The betrayal of friends  
Leave you deeply scarred  
And it all seems to end in defeat.

*"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,  
Plans for good not for ill – you will see!  
Your future and hope in My plans for you  
When you pray, and you call out to Me!"*

When you seek you shall find  
If you search for Me  
You be sure that I will do My part;  
You know I will be found  
And I'll hear your plea  
When you search with the whole of your heart!

"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,  
Plans for good not for ill – you will see!  
Your future and hope in My plans for you  
When you pray, and you call out to Me!"

*Nigel Beeton*  
(in 'Parish Pump')

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#### **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>

##### **Hall Bookings**

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

##### **Lunch Club**

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##### **Newsletter**

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(subject to space/editorial discretion)

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