

EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 21st February 2026

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9.30 - 1.00 p.m. 'VISION MORNING' at EBC led by Revd Stephen Gaukroger.
9 a.m. for coffee for a 9.30 a.m. start: looking at future plans and vision for the church - followed by Lunch. Childcare will be provided.

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

10.30 A.M.

MORNING SERVICE

Led by Peter Taylor

Preacher Jackie Bone (Witney)

Philippians: Joy Always! (*Philippians 4:4-9*)

Sunday morning services livestreamed:

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

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th February

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

Wednesday 25th February

7.30 - 9.00 p.m. Joyful Wednesdays in February! Last in the series.

Thursday 26th February

10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY We meet in the hall - everyone is welcome.

12.00 noon COMMUNION A short, reflective service - all are welcome.

Friday 27th February

4.00 p.m. INFORMAL CONCERT OF SACRED CHORAL MUSIC in St Peter's Church, Eynsham by Eynsham Abbey Singers: composers including Victoria, Guerrero, Morales and Schütz. Retiring collection for charity (including Gatehouse).

FURTHER AHEAD

Sunday 8th March

12.00 noon CHURCH AGM (Annual General Meeting) Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

LENT SUNDAY REFLECTION

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Old Testament Verse

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

New Testament Verse

Luke 9:51

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Reflection

This psalm reminds us that our help comes from God and we should especially focus on Him during Lent. This special focus on God is not easy and needs a commitment of our will in order to see it through. Notice how Jesus 'resolutely' headed towards His destiny on the cross. May God help us pursue our faith 'resolutely' during these weeks.

Steve Gaukroger

Prayer at the beginning of Lent

(based on John 3:21, John 14:6, John 8:12, John 16:33, Hebrews 13:5)

Lord, in these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives. But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, **whoever lives by the truth comes into the light**. Jesus says He is **the Truth**. He also says He is the **Light of the world**. Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you so much.

In Jesus name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Shared by Norma Evans



I think we need to enjoy the peace and freedom we enjoy in this country and be happy with what we have without forgetting parts of the world who live in fear constantly.

THANK YOU

Robert Peedell and his family would like to thank all his friends in EBC for the lovely flowers, gifts and cards that he received on the occasion of his 45th birthday last week. He was very pleased with them all!

BRONZE HEALTHCARE

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the delicious pancakes on Saturday 14th February, and really special thanks to June and Sue who were busy cooking them and trying to keep up with demand! Although we were competing with the first day of half-term and St Valentine's Day a good number of people attended, and £180 was raised for Bronze Healthcare.

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Newsletter

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Available on church website and by email
Print Deadline mid-day Fridays
(*subject to space/editorial discretion*)

Care and Support

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Teens

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Food Bank

Call 07450 328530 to request help

Donations welcomed in Co-op, Spar and Market
Garden

<https://bit.ly/Eynsham-FB>