# EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

**Newsletter – Saturday 7th March 2026**

## SUNDAY 8th MARCH

**10.30 a.m.**
**MORNING SERVICE**
**Led by Angie Cox**
**Preacher Maria Bond**
'The Cross at the centre of our faith: the cross as victory and forgiveness'
(*Colossians 2: 13-15*)
**Livestream:** **https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXSLz5V86D98t1FqLLAwWlg/live**

**12.00 noon**
**ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**3.00 p.m.**
Messy Church

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 10th March
**3.00 p.m. 114 CLUB** at David & Lin's.

### Thursday 12th March
**10.30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY** We meet in the hall on 2nd and 4th Thursdays and everyone is welcome.

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

## FURTHER AHEAD

### Sunday 15th March
**10.30 a.m. MOTHERING SUNDAY**

### PALM SUNDAY 29th March
**10.30 a.m. SERVICE** *(5th Sunday)*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April
**12.00 noon COMMUNION** – **this will be held in the main church** and led by Revd Stephen Gaukroger.

### GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April
**10.00 a.m. UNITED SERVICE OF WITNESS IN THE SQUARE**.

### EASTER SUNDAY 5th April
**8.00 a.m. COMMUNION** in the hall followed by breakfast.

**10.30 a.m. CHILD FRIENDLY SERVICE** followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

# LENT SUNDAY REFLECTION

**SUNDAY 8th MARCH**

**Old Testament Verse**
**Psalm 123:3-4**
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt. We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

**New Testament Verse**
**John 15:18**
If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

**Reflection**
Let's use the period to pray for courage as we express our Christian faith – often to people who don't share it. Let's pray for Christians who live in countries where they are persecuted for following Jesus.

*Steve Gaukroger*

***This is the 3rd of our 6 Lent Reflections, one being published each week up to and including Palm Sunday. Copies of all 6 Reflections are available to pick one up from the coffee table in the hall.***

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- those in our church family who are ill or dealing with serious health issues: that they will know healing and recovery to health, and God's peace surrounding them.
- those caught up in war and conflict in many places in the world, not just those currently in the news: we pray that God will raise up men of peace and integrity who will to find just and fair solutions to the many problems these countries face. We particularly pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters, many of whom seek to live out their faith in unimaginably difficult circumstances.

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- all the freedoms we enjoy in this country, particularly the freedom to worship in peace and without persecution.
- the signs of Spring all around us: daffodils, crocuses, trees budding, lots of blossom and the birds beginning to nest. (*Fun fact: our native wild daffodil, Narcissus pseudonarcissus, from which all others varieties have been developed over the years, is known in many places as the Lent Lily*.

## A Thank You from St Peter's, Eynsham

The recent concert given by Eynsham Abbey Singers raised a total of £1,500 which will be split evenly between Gatehouse, the charity for homeless people in Oxford, and the Gaza Appeal. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed so generously.

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**Care and Support**
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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**

**Hall Bookings**
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Sue - 07796 955472

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