

# EYNESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND

UK clocks go forward by one hour at 1:00 AM on Sunday, 29 March.  
Most digital devices should update automatically, but manual clocks need to be adjusted.

### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH



**10.30 a.m.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**Led by team**  
(*John 12: 12-16 and Colossians 2: 13-15*)

**No Livestream this week**

### THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

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

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**7.30 p.m. 'LOVE UNKNOWN'** an Easter Cantata for Holy Week by Witney Inter-Church Singers, High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Free admission.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**10.00 a.m. COFFEE MORNING** + Derek's cards and bric-a-brac.

**12.00 noon COMMUNION** A longer service than usual, held in the main church, led by Revd Stephen Gaukroger.

Please join us for



**Friday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.**

**Eynsham Square**

**A brief, reflective gathering  
to consider the events of the  
first Good Friday**

**hot cross buns served afterwards**

**brought to you by the  
churches of Eynsham**

## EASTER SUNDAY – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL

8.00 a.m. **COMMUNION** followed by breakfast.

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

**NO 'SONGS OF PRAISE' this month - next one is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3.00 p.m.**

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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9 <sup>th</sup>	Kay J.	21 <sup>st</sup>	Chris T.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Norma	24 <sup>th</sup>	Annamae
13 <sup>th</sup>	Marcus	29 <sup>th</sup>	Angie
16 <sup>th</sup>	Grace	30 <sup>th</sup>	Gill

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## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

#### Old Testament Verse

##### **Psalm 126: 1-2**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

#### New Testament Verse

##### **John 12:12-13**

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

#### Reflection

Lent is a time for serious personal examination but not a time lacking in joy! As we give time to reflect on the things which matter, we can also give praise to God for the good things. We live in a place of safety and security, with so much to be grateful for. We should remember that our faith is a life-long commitment – unlike the people of Israel who said ‘Hosanna’ one week and ‘Crucify him’ the next!

*Steve Gaukroger*

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Larry, Nick G. and all our church family who are struggling with health issues, praying for healing and peace.

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**Only Jesus** (*John 19:17, 1:4*)

Carrying the cross by Himself  
He went out.  
Sent out,  
Yet choosing to go.  
Word of life,  
Choosing death,  
Knowing the end from the beginning,

Carrying the cross by Himself  
He went out.  
The only one who could,  
The only way He could,  
He went out  
To the Skull Place,  
For me.

*Daphne Kitching*

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**Many Thanks!**

A lovely service: I managed to see you all enjoying the hymns and prayers we say together. A poem I like:

Can you say at close of day  
Before you meet the night,  
Of all the troubles in the world,  
You helped to put one right.  
That just one heart was happier  
Because your smile was true,  
One wrinkle in the folds of life  
Was smoothed because of you.

**Chris Ward**

**Ed.** I like this poem of Chris' reminding us that *nothing* is so small or insignificant that it cannot be used by God, in ways we might never know.

It's great that Chris and others are able to join us on Sundays through the wonders of technology even if unable to attend physically. One of the good things which came out of the pandemic was that we had to get to grips with technology to be able to stay in touch: even though so often misused this can nevertheless be a tool for good in connecting people.

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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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