

Eynsford Baptist Church

Churches together

Unity is not the same as uniformity. Unity is sharing the same values and convictions, rejoicing in the success of others whilst respecting the freedom to do things differently. Indeed, diversity of expression is a thoroughly good thing. People are different and it is important that there is a good fit with enthusiastic commitment and participation.

The four congregations in Eynsford village with the two other Benefice churches together provide a varied offer to the local community. Some people find liturgical worship helpful. It has a depth and a familiarity that many find deeply meaningful. Others prefer something more spontaneous, expressive and upbeat; yet others prefer a more interactive experience and a “family” atmosphere. Children, of course have own particular needs and those with family commitments prefer something more compact. Add to this the personal and social mix, there is certainly scope for a variety of expressions of church. One size definitely does not fit all!

Underpinning all this varied expression, our different congregations share a common heritage and beliefs about truth and of course God. But the Christian faith is first and foremost about knowing God through Jesus rather than a belief-system. Inevitably, there are a variety of views on a whole range of things - but these are secondary.

It may not be well-known to non-churchgoers in the villages, that the churches do quite a lot of things together. There are joint study groups during Lent and some combined services at Christmas. There is the annual Rogation walk and barbeque. We have a number of joint “ecumenical” services in different places. There’s a monthly prayer meeting in the Olive Seal Hall, hosted by the community Church and attended by members of the others. Our own Baptist Church has a Bible monthly teaching meeting also attended by members of other churches as is our monthly mid-week lunch. So, as well as having our own identities and ways of doing things we do genuinely enjoy coming together.

This month’s united service is being held at the Baptist Church; 4.00 pm on September 29th. In times past we’ve welcomed speakers from outside the village but this time the focus will be on prayer and worship. There will be an opportunity to rotate around a number of ‘prayer stations’ each given over to a particular theme. We’ll be praying for the village and beyond... You’re welcome to join us and add your own “Amen!”

Church Notices

Services Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Monthly bible teaching Friday 4th October 7 for 7:30 at church

Monthly Church Lunch - Thursday 10th October 12:30 in church, chicken casserole and dumplings followed by autumn fruit crumble and custard . phone Dave on 01959 439741 if you'd like to come (not essential).

Coffee morning Oct 26th - 10:30 to 12:00 in Church, when we will be raising money for **Crisis at Christmas**.

United service Sunday 29th September 4:00 @ EBC