

## Template for EBC article for Trident magazine

### Eynsford Baptist Church

During the last few weeks two churches in the village have welcomed new leaders. St Martins now have Dorothy McGarvey as their associate rector and the Community Church, have Adrian Elms as their pastor. Speaking on behalf of EBC we wish them both well in their new roles and we look forward to working together with all churches in the village whenever there are opportunities.

A word on leadership may be timely. In the New Testament Paul gives one element of a leader's job description as "equipping God's people for works of service." (Ephesians 4:12) He did not picture the church as an organization where the leaders do all the real work everyone else watches admiringly. Paul's concept of church was that of a body with many different members each gifted to perform different functions. His idea of maturity was that of a body functioning in united harmony.

Leadership is therefore just one of many gifts in the church, but we need all the others too! It's the role of leaders to spot, encourage and nurture talent so that together we can serve effectively. If you're part of the church, but unsure about your gift and contribution, I'd recommend you talk to your leader! All the leaders I know really appreciate the skills and talents of others and indeed helping someone grow into confident and effective serving is one of the joys of being a church leader.

The word for church in the New Testament means "assembly". It's a group of *people*. It's unfortunate that in popular speech the word means a building used for worship or an organization or denomination. These later associations sometimes have the effect of hiding the primary meaning. "Going *to* church" is not something the New Testament talks about. Its message is "we *are* the church" – people whose primary allegiance is to Jesus Christ.

Speaking on behalf of EBC, we are a community within the community, with a desire to see our building used for the benefit of others as much as possible: for hiring, for village coffee mornings or a place to gather on Remembrance Day ... and even our "first Friday of the month Bible Teaching meeting" – open to all...

Chris Moffett  
Pastor



#### Church Notices

Services Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Come and join us for Christmas Craft and Celebration of Advent  
Saturday 24th November 2 o'clock - 4 o'clock

An afternoon of crafting fun, chat, song and celebration of the season of Advent

we will be making Christmas decorations, gifts, with interludes for exploring the real Christmas

free admission

All ages welcome - come and join in!

