

Prayer Works! and Prayer Matters...

"Our prayers may be awkward, our attempts may be feeble, but since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one that says it, our prayers make a difference." - Max Lucado

Give Thanks to the Lord

We thank God that He gives us the privilege of praying in partnership with one another and with Him, who created all things.

Prayer for the Church at EBC

Liz - providing her pre-assessment tests are acceptable, Liz will have surgery for a left knee replacement on Tuesday the 22nd May 2018. The family would appreciate your prayers for her and the medical team.

Zena - feeling much better but still needing to visit the hospital again soon. Please pray that the Doctors will find the best solution for her problems and she will continue to improve.

Doris - has the funeral of a close relative on 21st May. Please pray for Doris, Trevor and the whole family at this time.

Those currently unwell - please pray for those you know who are unwell, especially those with long-term illness and pain that makes every day difficult. Pray for God's healing and for His amazing grace to enable each one.

Men's Breakfast - please pray about this event on 19th May. It is a good opportunity for men in our Church, and other Churches to invite their friends to come along and hear how our God changes people's lives. Please pray that those who attend will have open hearts to hear God's word.

Brigades & Sunday School - we are still in need of volunteers for these groups. Please pray for volunteers to come forward so we can teach young people about God - sometimes this will be the only time they will hear the stories that most of us grew up with.

Deacons - we are in need of more Deacons to share in the work of making Eastwood Baptist Church the best it can be. It is a privilege and an honour to be a part of the Diaconate so we would ask you all to prayerfully consider if this is a role you can take on.

Prayer for friends of EBC

Ruby Smith's family and friends - please pray for them at this sad time. Ruby's funeral will be at Southend Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd May at 10.20 am.

Your Kindness Quotient - Max Lucado

I've attended my share of seminars on strategizing and team building. But I can't say I've ever attended or even heard of one lecture on kindness. Jesus, however, would take issue with our priorities. "Go and learn what this means," he commands. "I want kindness more than I want animal sacrifices" (Matthew 9:13).

How kind are you? Which person is the most overlooked or avoided? A shy student? A grumpy employee? And here's a challenge—what about your enemies? How kind are you to those who want what you want or take what you have? How about the boss who fired you or the wife who left you. Mercy is the deepest gesture of kindness. The Apostle Paul said, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you!" (Ephesians 4:32).

From "A Love Worth Giving"

Welcome to EBC



Sundays 13th/20th May 2018

Today's Service

10:30am	Family Worship Service Led by Allan Cox Reading OT: Isaiah Ch 9 v 1-7 Reading NT: Romans Ch 1 v 1-17 Sermon: Paul's Visit to Rome
3.00pm	Tea Service Led by Jo Hellenbrand

A warm welcome to everyone here today at Eastwood Baptist Church

If you are new to EBC please say 'Hello' and fill out a welcome postcard so that we can stay in touch. You'll find them by the front door. Welcome to you!

If you need prayer for anything, our Prayer Team are available and will be delighted to pray with you. They will be waiting at the front of the church at the end of the service, but do speak to one of the Team if you need prayer before then.

A CD copy of our morning service is available from one of our Sound Desk Operators. Sermons are also available at: <http://www.eastwoodbaptist.org.uk/listen-to-a-sermon>

Our Crèche is in the corner of the church, by the entrance and is available throughout the morning service.



We meet afterwards for tea, coffee and biscuits in the lower hall.



Our thanks to George & Joan Sage for our beautiful flowers today and to Roy & Kathy Norton for Sunday 20th.

There are still a few gaps in the rota, please speak to Shelagh Turner if you can fill any of these.

Pastoral Care

If you would like something included in Prayer Works or need practical help or a Pastoral visit, please contact our Pastoral Team Co-ordinators Graham & Val Back

FISH Groups

For more information or to join a FISH group please contact our Minister Darren Pike on **01702 420855**

Go to www.eastwoodbaptist.org.uk for news/resources.

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Delight
in yourself
in the **LORD**
And He
will give you
the desires of
your **heart**
Psalm 37:4

Eastwood Baptist Church
2018 Motto Text

Diary for the 2 Weeks Ahead

Mondays 14th/21st

- 9.15 Prayer Meeting (All welcome)
10am Pinocchio Parents and Toddlers (Dougal Dog/Birds)
12.15pm Deacons Mtg - Pastoral Care & Prayer/12.00pm Business)
2.30pm Women's Fellowship.

Tuesdays 15th/22nd

- 9.30am Green FISH
7.30pm Beginners FISH
8.00pm Blue FISH

Wednesday 16th

- From 5.30pm 5th Eastwood Girls' Brigade & Boys' Brigade
5.30 - 6.30pm Anchors / Explorers
6.30 - 7.45pm Juniors
7.45 - 9.15pm Company / N:Counter

Wednesday 23rd

- 9.45am - noon Coffee Heaven
10.00am Minister's Open Office
1.00-3.00pm All A-Board Club
From 5.30pm 5th Eastwood Girls' Brigade & Boys' Brigade
(as above)

Thursdays 17th/24th

- 10.00am Purple FISH

Fridays 18th/25th

- 10am Pinocchio Parents and Toddlers (Dougal Dog/Birds)
10.30am Red FISH
6.30pm - Friday Club
7.45pm - Energize

Saturday 19th 9.00am Men's Breakfast (see notice)

Saturday 26th 3.00pm *eBand* Rehearsal

..and looking forward to our Sundays together

Sunday 20th May (Anniversary Weekend)

- 10.30am Rev Beth Powney, Regional Minister for
EBA Northern Sector + Parade Service.
4.30pm Service at Havengore

Sunday 27th May

- 10:30am Family Worship Service
Led by Darren
3.30pm Messy Church with Mel.

News Sheet Submissions

News items for each Sunday must be submitted by **5pm FRIDAY**
Any submissions made after this time may not be included.

Send to news@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk
and please **DO NOT** share this email address outside of EBC

Men's Breakfast Saturday 19th May

Bacon Rolls+Hot Drinks
@EBC - Saturday 19th May 2018
at 9:00am
with
Ian McDowall
(founder of Tough Talk) 
tickets £3
from Graham

Our breakfast will be different this time, with a bacon roll and a cuppa on offer, followed by a talk from Ian McDowall, founder of 'Tough Talk' - Christian charity made up of ex-bouncers and East-End hard men, who have turned their backs on their past. We will be inviting men from other local churches as well as EBC. The £3 payment will be taken on the day, but please enter names on the sheet in the vestibule if you (and any friends) are planning to come.

Gift Day 2018

Our anniversary service on Sunday May 20th is also our gift day. This year the membership agreed that £2,400.00 approx would be allocated to replace the flooring in the upper hall and the residual balance would be given to HARP. Notices & gift day envelopes are in the vestibule. Gifts can be put in the collection (in appropriate envelope) or in the box provided. Gifts will be collected for 3 Sundays May 20th & 27th and June 3rd.

CAP Quiz Night

**Friday
1st June
7.30pm**
(prompt start)
at Avenue Baptist
Church, Milton Road
Southend SS0 7PL

Bring your own
refreshments (soft drinks
only) & table nibbles. Free
teas & coffees provided
during the break.
Maximum of 8 per table.

Tickets available from
Lesley Lewis on
lesleylewis3010@gmail.com or
on her mobile: 07444697116.

eBand Fundraising concert for EBC funds

the Band
reach
for the
stars

Light Refreshments
during Interval

Saturday 16th June

6.45 - 9.45pm (Doors open 6.15pm)

Tickets now available
from Mike, Carol or Malc
Adults: £6.00, U16s: £3.00
Family (2+2): £15.00, U5s: Free

Searchlight Theatre Production

Present "Would you Adam and Eve it?" - a dramatisation of all 90 chapters from the first two books of the Bible, at Hawkwell Baptist Church.
(Please see poster in Vestibule for further details).