

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

Energize Youth - Give thanks that the Holy Spirit has touched the hearts of some of those who went along to the Solid Camp. Please pray that they will grow in the knowledge of God's love and for wisdom for those mentoring them.

Prayer for the Church at EBC

Val Statt and family - Please continue to pray for Val and her family for comfort and strength but also that those who don't know the Lord will come to know of His love for them.

Vicky and Gracie - both finding life difficult at this time. Please pray for them to be aware of God's love surrounding them and lifting them up.

Doris and Trevor - after the passing of Trevor's brother. Please pray for strength for them as they make the arrangements for the funeral on 19th July, and clearing of his house. Also pray that they might be able to share God's love with their family at this sad time.

Daisy - as she spends time in hospital in Bath - pray that she will be able to cope with the intensive physiotherapy and be enabled to manage her pain better. Please pray that she will be aware of God's love surrounding her, pray for strength for Melanie and also for Darren, Molly and Thomas, who are visiting this weekend.

Those with long term illness and worries - many of us are aware of some of our Church family who are suffering in this way, please continue to pray for God's healing and peace for them.

A Useful Vessel Max Lucado

When you are full of yourself, God cannot fill you. But when you empty yourself, God has a useful vessel!

Paul, the Bible's most prolific author, referred to himself as "*the least of the apostles*" (1 Corinthians 15:9). King David wrote no psalm celebrating his victory over Goliath, but he did write a public poem of penitence confessing his sin with Bathsheba. And then there's Joseph, the quiet 'father' of Jesus. Rather than make a name for himself, he made a home for Christ. And he was given the privilege of naming the Son, "*and he called his name Jesus*" (Matthew 1:25).

Queue up the millions who've spoken the name of Jesus, and look at the person selected to stand at the front of the line, Joseph. It seems right, don't you think? Joseph gave up his name, so Jesus let Joseph say His. Do you think Joseph ever regretted his choice?

From "Cure for the common life"

Welcome to EBC



Sunday 15th July 2018

Today's Services

10:30am	Family Worship Service Led by Tony Simmonds Reading: Nehemiah 4:1- 23
4.30pm	Service at Havengore

A warm welcome to everyone 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.

Thanks to Mavis Land for our beautiful flowers today .



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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Diary for the Week Ahead

Monday 16th July

- 9.15am Prayer time – for our church and the week ahead – open to all
2.30pm Women's Fellowship - "Tea & Chat"

Tuesday 17th

- 9.30am Green FISH
8.00pm Beginners FISH

Wednesday 18th

- 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

Thursday 19th

- 10.00am Purple FISH

Friday 20th

- 10.00am Red FISH

..and looking forward to

Next Sunday 22nd July

- 10:30am All Age Parade service
Led by Revd Darren Pike

Attention Group/Club Leaders

If you are responsible for a group or club – PLEASE write on a piece of paper and hand to Malc, the date when your group is finishing for the summer AND the date when you will be resuming after the summer, so that it can be added back in to the News Sheet in good time. Thanks.

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

Do share, Newsworthy stories with Malc though – or it is going to look very bare indeed, over the summer.

Gift Day 2018

Thank offerings can still be received using the appropriate envelope and these can be put in the collection.

A Sound Opportunity

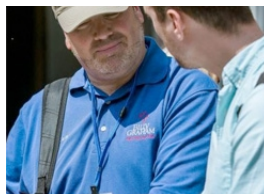


Do you struggle to sometimes hear what is being sung or said from the pulpit? Do you think you could learn to do one or more of the following tasks?

- 1) Operate a sound desk
- 2) Edit recordings and produce CDs
- 3) Take responsibility for equipment

Please prayerfully consider if you could assist with any of these tasks. The alternative is unheard preaching both in the church building and in the wider community. For details of what each task entails just chat to Geoff, who is happy to discuss it with you.

One Year on from the Grenfell Tragedy



BGEA Rapid Response Team (RRT) Chaplains invited back to Grenfell

Jackie Blanchflower, Church Leader for Latymer Community Church, recently invited the RRT Chaplains back to West London to a planned one-year anniversary event following the tragedy.

During the period 14-16 June, the RRT chaplains once again came alongside, talked and prayed with a number of people (names have been changed.) Here are just a couple of reflections from the RRT Chaplains:

Anne came into the church to rest and reflect as she headed towards the anniversary memorial service at St Helen's Church and she was clearly distressed. The chaplain went to listen to her story which started with her advising her niece to travel from Italy to London to start a new life with her partner. They did, moved to Grenfell and spent lots of money in improving their flat before dying in each other's arms that night. Anne was full of grief and explained how her daughter too was suffering terribly as she had lost school friends. It clearly helped to express the story and the issue of her guilt was gently covered. Prayer was offered and accepted.

One Chaplain spoke with a lady called Simone whose daughter had been friends with two of the little girls killed in the fire: *She commented that her daughter had been badly affected. She had recovered with the help of one to one art therapy at playschool. While Simone was talking her eyes welled up and although she was concerned about the effect on her little girl it was obvious that she herself was still suffering and she began to recall the people that she had known in the Tower. I prayed for her asking for God's strength to support her and for healing for her daughter. She thanked me for the Chaplains being there and said it was really good to be able to talk it through.*

Read more at :

<https://billygraham.org.uk/p/grenfell-tragedy-one-year-on/>