

External Tenants

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For several years now we have made our Church together with its comfortable rooms of various sizes, and our kitchen, available for local people to hire, either for one-off meetings or long-term activities. We have lost three groups over the last year, so we still have some capacity for others to use the premises should they wish to do so although the primary use of the building is for the Church, which takes priority over everything else.

Eastwood Baptist Church is used by people of varying ages and abilities, including:

Mandy Lee Health & Fitness - Combining diet and exercise for a healthier body.

The new Eastwood U3A – Part of an international organisation known as the University of the Third Age, whose main aim is the education and stimulation of mainly retired members of the community. Membership is not related to a specific age but to a period in one's life after full time employment and parentage. Anyone in their third age can join, including those who work part time. There is no lower age for membership. We host their monthly meetings and one of their smaller specific interest groups i.e., photography.

Toddler Sense – The group has lots of interesting equipment and provide a multi-sensory interactive experience that keeps toddlers and their parents stimulated and busy through play, games and music. They have a number of web sites for more information, including a site devoted to the classes at our Church.

Mums Night Out – provides a night out for mums, sometimes arranging trips out, having a variety of different speakers, raising monies for charity or just an evening of enabling them to make new friends.

Police & Local Community Meetings – These meetings are held so that the Police and members of the community can exchange information and views about what's going on in this neighbourhood. Because of recent cut backs, the Police are pleased to use these meetings as a way of cutting crime and building trust in the community. All are welcome to attend and it is a chance to find out more about how the Police are working locally. Several wards have now been amalgamated which means these meetings are held in various venues to enable

more people to attend, so instead of meeting at Eastwood Baptist Church every quarter, it's more likely to be held once or twice a year.

Olive Tree Centre – Now well established on the church premises in comfortable rooms at the rear of the premises, which are available six days a week. From time to time they also use other rooms within the church for feedback and training purposes.

Eastwood Baptist Church is also used as a polling station for both local and General Elections.