



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

29th November 2020 : 1st Sunday of Advent



We are pleased that our own Minister in Training **Jo Hellenbrand** is leading us today as we hold our service which is on You Tube. Our Advent series is a joint venture shared with Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay and BelleVue Baptist churches

The Bible reading is from Isaiah chapter 64 verses 1-9.

Welcome to you all.

Zoom Coffee is open for all to join in at home at 11.30 see details



Christmas Prayer Walk

After a couple of Prayer Walks with Leighfields this autumn, they have again asked us to partner with them in committing to pray for every house in Eastwood over December. Like us they normally deliver Newssheets at this time of year so this is a way of still placing all those who live in Eastwood in our prayers. We acknowledge not everyone can walk very far so whether we walk these streets or drive them I would ask you to join with me. I'm very much aware Prayer Walking hasn't been something we've done, in the 12 years I've been a member anyway, but please be rest assured there is no set method and it doesn't have to be long articulate prayers. It's just about walking past a house and bringing all those who live there to the Lord. We can often tell a lot about who may live in a house by the front and gardens so can make our prayers focused of possible families or elderly living there. Please let me know if you would like to take some roads, even if it's just the road in which you live in, and if you would like to chat more about how to Prayer Walk please call me. Thank you Jo x

Zoom Gatherings

We have been having a great time spiritually and socially on Zoom! It has been wonderful to see you all and we have been impressed that so many of you have given it a go. Meeting together is one of those things that define us as Baptists!

If you are logging onto our Zoom meetings with your computer, please use the links that Val is emailing out. If you want to call in, which some of you are doing, please call **0330 088 5830** which is charged at a local rate.

Wednesday Prayers at 19.00 for 19.30 Meeting ID **874 3252 0589** followed by passcode **398166**

Sunday After Service Coffee Meeting ID: **899 3408 2687** followed by the passcode **465701**

Social Media

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up to date with what is going on.

Eastwood Baptist Church (look for the logo)

[YouTube](#): Sunday Morning – a Link will be sent out on Sundays Website: www.eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

Original Hand Made Cards by Carole Collier

Lovely hand-made cards by Carole are available to purchase with proceeds going to EBC Carole can be contacted on 01702 511895 who will discuss your requirements and arrange delivery to any of our EBC family.

2 Thessalonians 3 v 5 NLT version

“May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.”

Give thanks for answered prayer:

Pauline Warnes is improving in health and has been able to reduce the number of painkillers she takes.

Jo Keeble's cataract operation went well, and her vision is already greatly improved.

For our prayers:

Maggie Wackett was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, 22nd November. Jo had visited with David on Saturday and was able to pray with them both. She says that Maggie was at peace. Please pray for David as he arranges for her funeral, and also for life without Maggie by his side. Jo's friend Holly whose father is in hospital with Covid 19 and now receiving palliative care, and also for his wife Rose, who is isolating.

Doug Miles and his ongoing treatment, and for Pam as she cares for him. Mike's relative Patrick as he receives palliative care, that he and his family will know God's presence with them during this time. Darren Pike as he attends hospital for a procedure to ascertain why he had the stroke last year. Pray that this will be successful. This will take place in Southend Hospital on 30th November. Please also pray for the rest of the Pike family.

Pray for Zena who is still in hospital. She is hoping to come home soon although she is still unable to get out of bed on her own.

Please continue to pray for Gareth's emotional and physical health following a difficult week and for Christine as she supports him

We're hoping to start the Food Bank up soon, please pray all with go smoothly, and we can provide the help that people in our area need at this time.

Pray that as this lockdown ceases next week we will be blessed by being able to meet together in the Church again.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we take part in the Prayer Walk for Eastwood, and that our prayers will make a difference.

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building is closed until 2nd December but do take a walk by and view the tree kindly donated by Val Statt.

Wednesday 2nd Dec 19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meeting via link

Friday 4th Club and Energise meet, details on Facebook

Next week **December 6th You Tube Service at 10.00 led by Our Minister in Training: Jo Hellenbrand**. God willing we also resume meeting in the church on the 6th, following Covid 19 protocols. Please ring Jan Noble to reserve a seat. Face masks need to be worn unless you are exempt.

This will still be followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30



The Olive Tree Centre invites you to join us for our **AGM via Zoom this Sunday 29th November at 18.00** for a short service and update. Details have been circulated via email. Throughout the current pandemic our counsellors have continued to offer support, using innovative ways of ensuring the service is available to those who need it.

Val's Jokes this Week!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh

Nothing. It was on the house!

What do you get when you mix a Christmas tree and an iPad?

A pineapple!

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB.

Please save all your used stamps by cutting round them, leaving a border. There will be a box in the vestibule for them once this is allowable. Thank you

Bible Studies

If you would like to receive a **weekly Bible study** via e mail or receive a hard copy please do ask for this by emailing Val Statt or phoning Rosie Midson on 01702 528880