



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

6th December 2020 :2nd Sunday of Advent



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

The Bible reading is from Isaiah chapter 40 verses 1-11.

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 Newsheets 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**

Share in our 'Candle Of Hope' this Christmas Eve



We'd love you to join with us at 7pm on Christmas Eve by standing at your front door with a lit candle. It'll only take a minute or so and will present a wonderful chance for you to think of others and about **Jesus**, the light of the world.

PRAYING Let's remember "Great is our Lord and mighty in power: His understanding is infinite." Psalm 147:5

Give thanks for answered prayer:

Val's family are making good progress from their Covid infections. Jo Keeble has noticed much improvement following her cataract surgery.

Trevor is feeling much better

One vaccine is ready for distribution and others are being trialled in order for the whole world to benefit from these.

Our Food Bank distribution centre is getting ready with volunteer training underway.

For our prayers:

Gareth as he continues to face the challenges of treatment and Christine who has also not been well.

Zena that she may be able to come home and for the care package that will enable this move.

David and his family as they make funeral arrangements for Maggie. Holly as she comes out of self isolation and returns to her family, for all that family as they mourn the death of Brian.

For all the exciting events we are planning over advent that those we come into contact with learn something about God's love them and about our Christian community and are stimulated to find our more for themselves.

That those who are making plans to see family and friends are sensible and use the guidelines to try to keep safe and well.

For journeying mercies on all who are travelling to be at home or with loved ones.

For those who are working so hard to keep us well, to keep us safe, to provide our food and all that we need as well as all those extra's that we really don't need but like to have at this time.

That during this time of advent CHRIST will be at the centre of all our busy-ness

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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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Please note EBC can open for Worship Services under the new Tier 2 restrictions. As a church we have put all the protocols in place to keep everyone safe. We ask that you follow these rules, especially around not mixing with others not in your own family. We are allowed to meet outside with 6 other people not from our household, keeping socially distanced. Thank you. EBC Leadership Team.

Tuesday 8th Dec 10.00: Green FISH Bible study, open to all.

Wednesday 9th Dec 19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meeting via link

Friday 11th Club and Energise meet, details on Facebook

Next week **December 13th at 10.00 led by Our Minister in Training: Jo Hellenbrand** Please ring Jan to confirm your seat. This will also be on You Tube and still be followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30

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

"Women's Fellowship Christmas Carol Service; Monday 14th December at 2.30pm. If you would like to join us, even the gentlemen, we have some spare seats so please ring Jo and we will book you a seat."

Val's Jokes this Week!

Where did the mistletoe go to become rich and famous?

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What do the Royal Family play instead of musical chairs?

Game of Thrones!!

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