

Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

20th December 2020 Advent 4 and 3rd January 2021

Christmas at Eastwood Baptist Church

Online Services via YouTube –
search Eastwood Baptist Church Essex

Carols by Candlelight – 20th Dec from 6pm

Christingle – 24th Dec from 4pm

Christmas Morning Worship – 25th Dec from 10am

Make your own Christingle's

Collect Christingle packs on 24th Dec between 10am-12pm or
e-mail at enquiries@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk for other options.

Services in the church

Sunday Morning Worship

10am every Sunday morning

and Christmas Day Morning

Booking Required 01702 520618

or enquiries@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

Eastwood Baptist Church, Nobles Green Road

www.eastwoodbaptist.org.uk



As we are now in Tier 3 please follow government guidelines and keep to your family groups or bubble. Masks must be worn and care taken to give each other space. Thank you.

Our **Food Bank** preparations are progressing well with shelves being built, paper work and training being completed. We are asking for your help by continuing to pray for this venture. As well as giving food we would like to give toiletries, health products and cleaning products. Please could you think about adding an extra item to your shopping, for example, shower gel, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, washing up liquid or cloths which you would be able to bring to church for us when we are ready to open. Food donations are also welcome. Also, any extra carrier bags would be appreciated. Thank you in advance, Sharon and the team.

One of our Regional Ministers: **Beth Powney** is preaching for us on the 20th as we have our 10.00 church service which is also on You Tube.

Her message is: "Three Wise Women"

The Bible reading is from

Luke 1:26-45 and 2:36-38

Welcome to you all.

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

Our own **CAROLS by Candlelight** from 18.00 on You Tube

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

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

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

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.

"I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness" John 8:12

Praying together:

Give Thanks

For vaccinations already being administered and others being trialled in order that the whole world can benefit.

For all working to enable us to enjoy this time of the year: shop staff, postal and delivery workers, those who produce and transport our food.

All those involved in planning church events and outreach.

That family groups can enjoy time together safely.

Please continue to pray for

Gareth as he continues to face the challenges of treatment and Christine who has also been unwell. Zena unfortunately back in hospital, this time in Chelmsford with chest problems.

David and his family as they come together for Frances [Maggie] 's funeral on the 22nd and Jo as she leads this.

Doug Miles and Pam as she cares for him.

Graham who has hurt his back.

Those who receive the gift bags for care homes and staff, that they will know something of God's love for them.

For Paul Joyce's family and St. David's congregation following his sad death.

ACTIVITIES for the coming weeks:

Please note EBC is currently open for Worship Services under Tier 3 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 in groups of 6 -keeping socially distanced.

Thank you. EBC Leadership Team.

Sunday 20th: Carols by Candlelight on You Tube from 18.00 with a reflection from Jo Hellenbrand

Wednesdays 19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meetings **22nd Dec and 6th January** via link which will be sent out

Christmas Day Service at 10.00 and on You Tube. This will include a message from Regional Minister: Rev Graham Ross, reading from Luke 2:1-20

Sunday Services 27th Dec and 3rd Jan at 10.00 in church and on You Tube followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30. The Messages will be via You Tube:

27th with EBC Moderator Jenija Gwendu; reading from Matthew 28:18-20

3rd with Rev Graham Ross; reading from Romans 12:1-2

Women's Fellowship resumes on Monday 11th January

Green FISH Bible study resumes Tuesday 5th January

Friday Club and Energise resume 15th January details on Facebook

Please note that it is helpful to ring Jan to book a seat. If you come without booking you will be very welcome but would be unable to stay if we reached capacity.

Val's Jokes this Week!

How do fish celebrate Christmas?
They decorate reefs!

What did the spider request for Christmas?
A computer so he could find all the best websites!



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In order to keep everyone safe we have sadly taken the decision to **cancel our CAROLING** due to the current restrictions on gatherings. Please join us in our Christmas Services in the church or on You Tube which aim to bring the warmth and joy of this special season to all. Every Blessing from the Leadership Team of Eastwood Baptist Church