



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday January 31st 2021

We are pleased to welcome EBA Regional Minister Nick Lear who is leading us today as we hold our service which is on You Tube.

The Bible readings are from

Joel 2: 12-13 and Galatians 5: 16-25

Nick 's theme is PATIENCE-fruit

Welcome to you all.

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

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building remains closed except for:

Monday 1st 15.00-16.00 Church open for dropping off

Food Bank donations ONLY

Wednesday 3rd February Food Bank open to guests

19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meeting via link

Friday 5th 10.30-11.30 Church open for dropping off

Food Bank donations ONLY

Friday Club and Energise meet virtually, details on [Facebook](#)

Next week **February 7th** You Tube Service at 10.00 led by

Rev. Steve Tinning from Leigh Road followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30 .

Advance notice: **Members' Meeting on Sunday 28th February** at 12.00 via zoom

EEC/EBC BIBLE STUDY

STARTING
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MARCH 1ST
10.30

unanswered
prayer
the prayer course II

The follow-up series to The Prayer Course, (5 weekly sessions) designed to provoke honest conversation around the hardest and most personal questions we ask about prayer.

Session 1: Intro
Session 2: Maundy Thursday: How?
Session 3: Good Friday: Why?
Session 4: Holy Saturday: Where?
Session 5: Easter Sunday: When?

Read Pete Greig's book *God on Mute* alongside the course

For further details and Zoom Link
Contact Simon (EEC) and Jo (EBC)

<https://prayercourse.org/prayercourse2/>

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

EBC Minister Search

You will have received a letter from our Moderator, David Mayne who would like to host zoom calls with everyone, these will be small groups of 6 – 8 and last an hour.

If you are not able to join a Zoom call, you can write to David, Jo or Val Statt. Alternatively, we can arrange a phone call. Importantly, we would like to hear from you all.

The dates and times are shown in the letter where you can contact Val Statt to book you into a session. Thank you. EBC Diaconate.

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 11.30 Meeting ID: **899 3408 2687** followed by passcode **465701**

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.



Wednesday 20th January 2021 was our inaugural Foodbank session. As volunteers we were all masked up and Covid compliant as we opened our doors. We had time to get to know each other as we come from different walks of life. We have generously received so many donations as you can see in the photos. The facility has been very well promoted via social media and this has resulted in many people we don't know visiting and contacting the church to bring us gifts. We know we are supported in prayer and what a difference this is making as we are able to open and function face to face. We look forward to meeting many guests over the next few weeks and helping those that really need it.

THANK YOU FOODBANK TEAM and for EVERYONE who has supported us.

Let's be persistent in our prayers.

In the words of Max Lucado: 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 who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

We give thanks that over 7 million people have now received their first vaccinations, and that more sites are becoming available. Pray that the supply of the vaccines will be maintained, that the number of cases and pressure on hospitals reduced, so that restrictions can gradually be reduced.

Give thanks to God for answered prayer:- Joan Sage asked us to pray for George as he had severe stomach pain, usually only cleared by a stay in hospital. God answered our prayers and George's pain lessened.

Give thanks that Doug Miles is now able to move up and down stairs again.

Pray for all of those in or associated with our fellowship as they cope with the loss of a loved one.

For Mick and Liz and their family

For Trevor and Doris and their family

For David Wackett

For Angela Winfield and her family.

Pray for Gwen Harper who has been in Southend Hospital receiving treatment for long standing renal problems. She is improving, pray that improvement will continue.

Pray for Zena, who has now been in bed for 6 months, that she'll be able to have visits from a physiotherapy team soon, so she can get out of bed.

Pray for all in or associated with our fellowship as they cope with long standing illness, and for their families and carers as they support them.



Val's Joke this Week!

I was waiting at a small train station when a man came to put up a sign regarding my train: '30 minute delay'.

'What happened' I asked? 'The train went off the rails' he said.

'How long will it take to fix?' 'Quite a few hours.' 'Then why put up a sign saying it would only take 30 minutes?'

It is the only sign we have!

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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