



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday February 7th 2021

We are pleased to welcome **Rev Steve Tinning** Minister from Leigh Road Baptist Church who is leading us today as we hold our service which will include Communion and is on You Tube.

The Bible reading is Psalm 23

Welcome to you all.

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

Carehome Easter Gifts

We are again making up gift bags for all the staff and residents of Brooklands, Havengore and Badgers Care Homes, in partnership with Leighfields Church. If you would like to contribute or help with the making up of the bags or purchasing gifts please let me know. These gifts were so well received at Christmas and the Homes are thrilled to receive them. Thank you Jo x

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**

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: When?

For further details and Zoom Link Contact Jo H
<https://prayercourse.org/prayercourse2/>

**EEC/EBC
BIBLE
STUDY**

**STARTING
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MARCH 1ST
10.30**

EBC Members Meeting

Sunday 28th February 2021 at 12 noon.

We have our first Members' Meeting of 2021 where David Mayne our Moderator will be chairing.

David will also be leading our service via Zoom. Joining details will be sent out together with dialling options. We look forward to our service and meeting as we look ahead for EBC.

Psalm 23 is about our 'Forever Shepherd', the One who feeds and leads us, the One who seeks us and restores us, the One who is there to care for every hurt and heal every bruise. If life is difficult today just keep following the Shepherd, He will never lead you where He cannot care for you. William Varner

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.

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 10 million people have now received their first vaccinations, and that in Southend a mass vaccination centre has now been opened at the Cliffs Pavilion. Pray that the supplies of vaccines will be maintained, and that the number of cases and pressure on hospitals reduced, so that restrictions can gradually be reduced. We also pray at this time for those who are in need of medical supplies/medicines from the EU, which are involved in legislation-that this situation will soon be rectified by all concerned. We give thanks that Mark Jeffery, after a very long period of uncertainty about moving back to Devon, has now been able to move. We pray that he will quickly settle down in his warden assisted property there.

We give thanks that Gwen Harper is now back home from hospital, and is receiving regular visits from carers.

We give thanks that David Wackett has found a car to replace the one that had to be returned to Motability.

We give thanks that our Foodbank was able to serve three families this week, for the links that are being made, and for the generosity of many in the local community.

We 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"



THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building remains closed except for:

Monday 8th 15.00-16.00 Church open for dropping off

Food Bank donations ONLY

Wednesday 10th February Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meeting via link

Friday 12th 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 14th You Tube Service at 10.00 led by our own Jo Hellenbrand

followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30 .

Val's Joke this Week!

My three-year-old sat in the bathroom with me, watching as I removed my dentures and brushed them.

After a few minutes, he asked, "Can you take your ears off too?"

Please save all used stamps for RNIB and place in box in vestibule

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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