



# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Weekly News Update

**Sunday March 14th 2021**

We are pleased to welcome our own **Minister in Training; Jo Hellenbrand** who is leading our Mothering Sunday service which is on You Tube.

The Bible reading is :**Acts chapter 9:36-43**

**Welcome to you all.** Zoom Coffee is open for all to join in at home at 11.30 see details below



**Funeral arrangements for Gwen Harper.** A service led by Jo will be held in the church on **26th March at 1pm** followed by a private cremation. Numbers are limited but if you would like to attend the church service please email [jo@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk](mailto:jo@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk) as soon as possible. Many thanks.

A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, announces she never cared for pie.

A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone's else.

### **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

"If you're missing your mum this Mother's Day, know you are not alone. God is with you, He understands your heartache and his comfort is like that of a mother-tender and compassionate. You are so loved."

### **EBC Magic Evening via Zoom.**

We are pleased to be having Steve Price a member of Christian Magicians UK to perform via Zoom on **Saturday 20th March 2021**. Zoom Opens at 6.30 pm for 7pm start.

### **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.

Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

(Ephesians 6, verse 18-The Message).

Praise God for the beauty of His creation that we particularly enjoy at this time of Spring as we see signs of new growth around us. Thank Him for His constant love and protection and guidance.

As we move into a slow easing of lockdown let's pray for those who continue to be unwell, those who are anxious and worried and those struggling with feeling confined and those who are wary of going out. Give thanks for the ongoing vaccination and testing programmes that involve so many, for all the work involved in delivering these and pray for all those who are having to undertake regular testing in schools and colleges and other settings.

Pray : for those in our fellowship and also those known personally to us who are unwell, sad, lonely, worried or anxious. May they have the comfort of friendship and the deep peace of knowing they are cared for and loved.

For those in positions of decision making -may they be guided wisely. For those in who have authority -may they humbly use their positions to make the world a better place for all. For all who serve that they may be encouraged, empowered and strengthened in their work.

We offer our prayers of petition, praise and thanks to Almighty God in the knowledge that we are always heard, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Re-opening church for WORSHIP

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister the Baptist Union have advised churches that they can, if they so wish, open for Sunday worship. The diaconate has decided to plan to open from Palm Sunday; 28th March. The services will start at 10.00 in order for folk to be back home for the 11.30 Zoom coffee. The services will still be available via You Tube.

Covid safety continues with essential wearing of face masks, social distancing and no socialising inside, with the meeting of one other person outside now permissible. There is no heating in the sanctuary at present and the top windows will be open for increased ventilation so please dress accordingly. Numbers are limited as before, if possible please advise Jan Noble that you plan to attend as we would not wish to turn anyone away.

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



A busy Wednesday with 6 guests this week meant that the team were really able to help. There were some sad stories so do please continue to pray as we support this work. Food requests continue to be for puddings, custard, long life juices and fruit squash.

Thank you. Sharon and Team

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building remains closed except for:

**Monday 15th March 15.00-16.00** Church open for dropping off  
Food Bank donations ONLY

**Wednesday 17th** 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 19th 10.30-11.30** Church open for dropping off  
Food Bank donations ONLY

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

Please note Friday Club now meets from **18.30-19.00**

**Saturday 20th Evening with Steve Price** see over for details

Next week **March 21st** You Tube Service at 10.00 led by  
**Michelle Eversden-Taylor** from Belle Vue Baptist Church

followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30

### Val's Joke this Week!

A Mum texts: "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?"  
He texts back; "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You  
Later."  
The mum texts him; "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask  
your sister, love you too."

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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