



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday March 21st 2021

We are pleased to extend a welcome back to **Michelle Eversden -Thomas; Minister in Training** from Belle Vue Baptist church, who is leading our service which is on You Tube.

The Bible reading is from the sermon on the mount:

Matthew chapter 5: 1-10,21-26 & 38-42

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Welcome to you all.

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



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Funeral arrangements for Gwen Harper. A service led by Jo is being 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 as soon as possible. Many thanks. Donations in lieu of flowers are requested for Southend Foodbank or UFM. Zoom joining details for those who might like to join remotely are:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89144991359?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89144991359?pwd=RkRsZ2tLOHJ1dWwyUThFNnQxSC9qQT09)
[pwd=RkRsZ2tLOHJ1dWwyUThFNnQxSC9qQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89144991359?pwd=RkRsZ2tLOHJ1dWwyUThFNnQxSC9qQT09)

Meeting ID: 891 4499 1359

Passcode: 533070

HOLY WEEK

Beginning 29th March there will be daily reflections on You Tube as well as our usual Wednesday prayer meeting and a 10.00 service on Good Friday. Full details in next week's double issue news.



This week we were able to help two families, one we had met before. We were grateful to Sainsbury's who donated a lot of bread and rolls this week. Requests remain the same: long life puddings, juices, squash, custards, rice pudding.

Thank you for your continuing support. Sharon and Team

Social Media

Follow us on **Facebook** to keep up to date with what is going on at Eastwood Baptist Church (look for the logo)

YouTube: Sunday Morning – a Link will be sent out on Sundays

Website: www.eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

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, many who are feeling the effects of 'long covid', 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 Gwen Harper's funeral on Friday, for all involved in organising and attending it, whether in person or virtually and especially at this time for her daughter, Ruth and son in law Richard.

For those in positions of decision making -may they be guided wisely, including ways of helping all feel more secure following the death of Sarah Everard. 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.

Val's Joke this Week!

Q What do you call having your Grandma on speed dial?

A Instagran!

"My Granddad started walking five miles a day when he turned 60 years old, he is 87 now and we have no idea where he is!"

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

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building remains closed except for:

Monday 22nd March 15.00-16.00 Church open for dropping off

Food Bank donations ONLY

Wednesday 24h 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 26th 10.30-11.30 Church open for dropping off

Food Bank donations ONLY

13.00 Funeral Service for Gwen Harper see notice overleaf

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

Please note Friday Club now meets from 18.30-19.00

Next week March 28th Palm Sunday church reopens for worship which is also on You Tube .

Service at 10.00 led by Jo Hellenbrand followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30

N.B. CLOCKS forward 1 hour on Sunday 28th at 02.00

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 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.

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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