



# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Newsheet covering Holy week and Easter Week

### Palm Sunday March 28th 2021

### Easter Sunday 4th April

**Welcome to our Palm Sunday Service** at 10.00 In the church and on YouTube  
Led by our Minister in Training Jo Hellenbrand  
Reading **Matthew 21:1-11**  
Followed at 11.30 by Zoom coffee and chat see link below  
**HOLY WEEK :**

daily devotions, including a reflection, a song from a well known worship leader and prayers; available on Eastwood Baptist Church Essex **YouTube channel**,

**Monday – Wednesday** reflecting on key witnesses to Christ's crucifixion reading from Stephen Cottrell's :

**The Nail:**

**Monday 29th – Peter**

Luke 22:47-62 and Song of Solomon 3:1-3

**Tuesday 30th – Judas**

Matthew 27:3-10 and Song of Solomon 8:6-7

**Wednesday 31st – Pontius Pilate**

John 19:1-16 and Psalm 69:1-4a

**Maundy Thursday 1st April** Reflecting on

Nadia Bolz-Weber's sermon "How hard is it to receive love?"

Reading John 13:1-35

**Good Friday service 10.00 in the church and on YouTube**

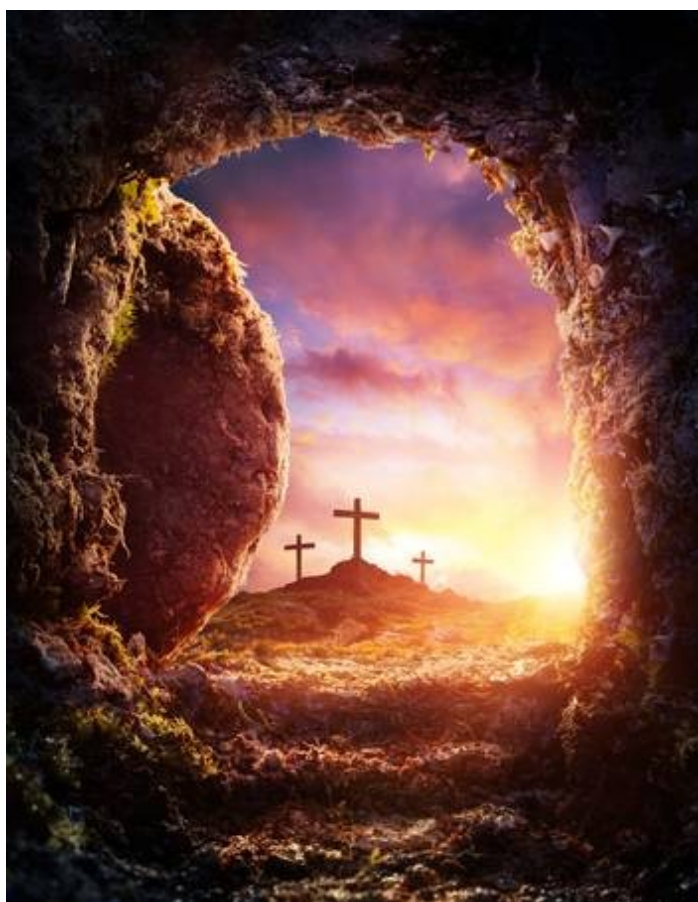
Led by our Minister in Training Jo Hellenbrand including Regional Minister Rev Nick Lear's 'Good Friday voices' readings.

**Easter Sunday's Communion service 10.00** in the church and on YouTube

Led by our Minister in Training Jo Hellenbrand

Reading John 20:1-18

Followed by zoom coffee and chat at 11.30



#### 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](http://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**

## 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 new growth and life around us. Give thanks, as Christians, as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, which enabled us to have new life. Thank Him for His constant love and protection and guidance.

Give thanks that many of us at EBC and at many other churches locally and nationally, are once again able to worship God in physical fellowship with each other especially at Easter.

Give thanks for the ongoing Covid vaccination and testing programmes that involve so many, for all the work in delivering these and pray for all those who are undertaking regular testing in schools, colleges and other settings.

Give thanks for the reducing numbers of Covid cases and deaths in this country and pray that the lower number of critical cases in our hospitals will allow more people with other life threatening illnesses to receive specialist treatment.

We also pray that the third wave of Covid in mainland Europe will be stemmed, with all countries around the world working together, to ease problems and uncertainties about adequate provision and acceptance of vaccines.

As the slow easing of lockdown in this country continues, let's pray for those who are still unwell, many who are feeling the effects of "Long Covid", those who continue to be sad, anxious or worried, those struggling with feeling confined, and those who are wary of going out.

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

Especially at this time, please pray for the health and circumstances of George and Joan, Gareth and Christine, Doug, Zena, Val B, Gladys, Ruth and Richard (following Gwen's funeral), Wendy Barwick and her family (following the death of her mother Kay), Carole and Peter Collier and the 12 year old daughter of a friend of the Kinsler family so unwell in hospital with anorexia.

Pray for those in positions of decision making in this country; may they be guided wisely, including ways of helping all feel more secure following the death of Sarah Everard and in ensuring that people are able to express their views peaceably but within legal provisions.

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 Jokes this week

Q. How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?

A. Only one—after that it's not empty anymore

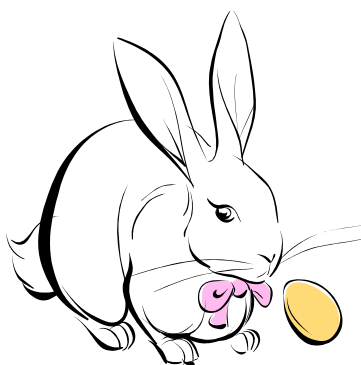
Q. What do you call a bunny with fleas?

A. Bugs Bunny

Q. How do you know that carrots are good for your eyes?

A. Have you ever seen a rabbit wear glasses?!

Hoppy Easter Blessings to you all



### Next TWO WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 29th March and 5th April 15.00-16.00** Church open for dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

**Wednesday 31st March and 7th April Food Bank open 09.30-11.00** for guests with vouchers to collect goods

**Wednesdays at 19.00 for 19.30** Zoom prayer meeting via link

**Friday 2nd April 10.30-11.30** Church open for dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

**Friday Club and Energise** holiday until 16th April

**Sunday 11th April 10.00** worship in the church and also on You Tube led by **Michelle Eversden-Thomas**

followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30



Last Wednesday was a busy one. A few guests wanted to talk and we did have time to listen which reminds us that it not just food and toiletries that are needed. Southend Foodbank have produced a signposting leaflet which we give out showing how help can be sought in different areas of people's lives. Southend Foodbank made up 410 Easter goody bags that were distributed to local schools this week so please pray for this initiative. Thank you, Sharon and Team

### Using the church for Worship

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 a group of six people outside permissible from 29th March. 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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