

Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday April 11th 2021



We are pleased to extend a warm welcome back to **Michelle Eversden -Thomas**; Minister in Training from Bellevue Baptist church, who is again leading our service which is on You Tube and in the church at 10.00

The Bible reading is from

John chapter 21: 15-25

Welcome to you all.

Zoom Coffee is open for all to join in at home

Thank you for your generous donations of food ,cleaning materials and toiletries .We have teamed up with the Community Champion from Morrison's who donated lots of Easter Eggs for our Foodbanks. Here are some with gifts from other people too. Sharon and Team



Social Media

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

<u>YouTube</u>: 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 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, while maintaining the YouTube services. we were able to hold services in church at Easter time and can continue to do so.

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. Pray that the further easing of lockdown provisions in this country from 12th April will be sensibly embraced by everyone.

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. Please pray for all those who continue to be sad, anxious or worried, those struggling with feeling confined, and those who are wary of going out. Especially for those in our fellowship and also those known to us personally, may they have the comfort of friendship, and the deep peace of knowing they are loved.

At this time, please pray for the health and circumstances of George and Joan ,Gareth and Christine, Doug, Zena, Val B, Gladys, Carole Collier and the family and 12 year old daughter of a friend of the Kinslers, so unwell in hospital with anorexia. Pray also for families and individuals known to us who are struggling with coping with death of loved ones.

Pray for those in positions of decision making in this country; may they be guided wisely, including ways of helping all feel more secure 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.

Church Members Meetings Sunday 25th April 2021

at 12.00 via Zoom.

Special Church Meeting at 12 noon.

One item: - To ask members to vote on asking our MIT

Jo Hellenbrand to continue after her 2 year training has ended in the autumn 2021

Followed immediately by an Ordinary Church Meeting to discuss all other church matters at this time.

Both these meetings will be via Zoom with joining details to follow.

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building remains closed except for: Monday 12th April 15.00-16.00 Church open for dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Wednesday 14th 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 16th 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

Next week April 18th 10.00 church worship, which is also on You Tube, led by our Moderator; Rev. David Mayne followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30

Val's Joke this Week!

There were ten cats in a boat and one jumped out. How many cats were left? None-they were all copycats!

Using our 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 coverings, social distancing and no socialising inside, with the meeting of a group of six other people 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 so ,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.

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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