



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update **Sunday 16th May 2021**

**Love
your
enemies**
and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44

We are pleased that once again to welcome
Rev Steve Tinning from Leigh Road Baptist
who is leading our service which is on You
Tube and in the church at 10.00 . He is
continuing our 8 week series on

The Sermon on the Mount

The Bible reading is from

Matthew chapter 5: 38-48

Welcome to you all.

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

Using our church for WORSHIP:

Services 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. At our Deacons meeting on 10th May, the Diaconate agreed to change the 2 metre rule for our church services to 1 metre ,with masks being worn as mitigation, this allows extra seating so there is no need to book in advance. All our Covid-19 protocols remain in place – that means currently no socialising inside, social distancing with the meeting of a group of six other people outside permissible. This guidance changes from Monday 17th when groups of up to 30 may meet outside and groups of six inside also allowed. There is no heating in the sanctuary at present and the top windows will be open for increased ventilation so please dress accordingly. We are happy to see that more of our church family preparing to venture to come out to church. Thank you.

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.

PRAYER WALK Sunday 23rd May 3pm We have again been invited to join with Eastwood Evangelical Church to Prayer Walk around the local schools in Eastwood, and this time to also walk and pray for Badgers, Brooklands and Havengore Care homes. If you would like to join one of the teams please let Jo H know on 07810713415 or email jo@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

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).

The Persecuted Church. In Myanmar (Burma) the identity of the ethnic (87%) Burman majority is tied to Buddhism. Most Christians are from non-Burman ethnic minorities including the Chin, Karen and Kachin. For decades the government have brutally oppressed Christian and Muslim ethnic minority groups. Many have been displaced, often by aerial bombardment. In 2020, about 100,000 ethnic Kachin, who are predominantly Christian, were living in IDP (internally displaced persons) camps. Lift up Chin, Karen and Kachin Christians, and other brutally persecuted ethnic minorities in Myanmar including Rohingya (mainly Muslims). **Pray** that they will be given strength to endure hardship in IDP camps and that all who have lost loved ones will be comforted.

Give thanks that this week our Government will ease more of the Covid restrictions. Pray that everyone will be able to enjoy these relaxations, and that people will be sensible in what they do. Give thanks for the continuing reduction of Covid cases and deaths in this country, and continue to pray that this will allow increasing availability for bed space in hospitals for operations and procedures for other health conditions. Pray also that GP's will soon be able to have more face to face appointments with their patients. **Pray also** that in other countries, where people are suffering from increased numbers of Covid infections and deaths, that governments and health services will work together to improve their situations.

In EBC, give thanks that as Government restrictions ease, we will be enabled to open up more activities (Pinocchios now open again on Mondays and Fridays, youth clubs now running in Eastwood Park, Women's Fellowship now running again), as well as developing new ministries.

Pray that God will guide suitable candidates to us in response to our application for inclusion on the Pastoral Vacancy List.

Continue to pray for the health and circumstances of so many in our church fellowship, our families and friends. Pray for those who continue to be sad, anxious or worried, and those who are wary of going out. May they have the comfort of friendship, and the deep peace of knowing they are loved."

Val's Jokes this Week!

A sign in a Music Shop
"Gone chopin"
"Bach in a minuet"

Q: How do you fix a broken tuba?
A: With a tuba glue.



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

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 17th May 10.00-11.00 Pinocchio 's

14.30-15.30 Women 's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Wednesday 19th 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 21st 10.00-11.00 Pinocchio 's

11.30 – 12.30 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Please note **Friday Club and Energise** depending on the weather, will be meeting either by the play area in **Eastwood Park** or in the church this Friday. Years 1-6 from **6pm-7pm** and years 7+ from **7pm-8pm**. Look out for FaceBook advice

Next week **May 23rd is our 110th Church Anniversary**

Church worship, which is also on You Tube , will be led by our own Jo Hellenbrand and followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30 as overleaf

Green FISH Bible study and prayer recommences in the church, lower hall, on **Tuesday 25th at 10.00**. Anyone who would like to join this group is welcome. Bible studies will no longer be sent via email but if you would like to receive a summary of what the group looks at please do contact Rosie on 01702 528880.



This week four families visited us on Wednesday morning, all of whom were very grateful for our help. Thank You for your donations, your generosity continues to amaze us. The Warehouse food items currently requested are : Cuppa Soup, Tinned Carrots, Rice Puddings, Sponge Puddings, Custard and Vegetarian Meals. Thank you ,Sharon and Team

Anniversary GIFT Day: during May we have the opportunity to give towards the heating in the sanctuary. Please give via BACS if at all possible: sort code 20-70-93 account number 23683559 using Gift Day as your reference. Envelopes for cash /cheques labelled Gift Day are available in the vestibule. Thank you, Andrew

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