



# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Weekly News Update Sunday 30th May 2021



We are pleased to welcome Simon Werrett from Leighfields Evangelical Church who is leading our service which is on You Tube and in the church at 10.00 . His theme is:

The Lord ' s Prayer and Linda Werrett will bring us the Bible reading which is from

**Matthew chapter 6: 9-15**

**Welcome to you all.**

We are sorry that ,due to holidays , we have to cancel this week ' s Zoom Coffee time

### 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 socialising is permissible with groups of up to 30 meeting 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 are now coming 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.

**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.** Christian children are often "on the frontline" of discrimination and persecution. For minority Christian children in countries around the world, school is often a place where they face hostility and pressure to convert to the majority religion. Many other Christian children come from families who are trapped in poverty due to anti-Christian discrimination, and can't afford to send them to school. Pray for the children of persecuted Christian families, and especially for their children. Ask that the Lord will lighten their path to grow up to be strong in their faith. Ask Him to be their Protector and their Comforter in the face of danger, and enable them to break free from the cycle of poverty and illiteracy in a safe and nurturing environment.

**Give thanks and pray** for those we know who are away this coming week, and for families being able to get together again for the first time in a long time. Pray that people will be sensible in what they do. Give thanks for the continuing reduction of Covid infections and deaths in this country. and that further easing of restrictions in stage 4 of the Government's road map from 21st June will be possible. 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.

**Our Schools:** Last Sunday we joined with Leighfields Evangelical Church to do a prayer walk around our local schools (and also the care homes). Most of the following prayer pointers were given to us by one of the schools. Pray for teachers and pupils as they enjoy a restorative break during this half-term week; for health and energy for the weeks ahead; for health for the families, some of whom have serious health situations; for wisdom in interpreting the guidance and making safe and sensible decisions; for understanding and compassion when things are stressful; for strength for staff to continue to maintain the protocols after such a long time; for wisdom for schools leadership as they navigate changes ahead; and for those young people who've done assessments over the last few weeks rather than the usual GCSE's.

**In EBC, give thanks** that as Government restrictions are eased, that we are becoming enabled to open up more activities, as well as developing new ministries. Pray that God will guide suitable candidates to us in response to our application for inclusion in 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."

### THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Half Term and please note that Jo is on holiday .

**Monday 31st May Spring Bank Holiday so no Women's Fellowship**

**15.00-16.00** Church open to receive Food Bank donations.

**Tuesday 1st June : 10.00-11.00** Green FISH

**Wednesday 2nd 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 4th : 11.30 – 12.30** Church open to receive Food Bank donations

Please note **Friday Club and Energise** will not be meeting this week

*Next Sunday June 6th 10.00* church worship, which is also on You Tube , led by our Moderator: Rev David Mayne which includes Communion .

followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30 as overleaf

**Anniversary GIFT Day:** during May we have had 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 are labelled Gift Day and available in the vestibule **until next Sunday**. Thank you, Andrew Edwards

### Val's Joke this Week!

Q. A magician promises that he can throw a ball as hard as he can and have it stop, change direction, and come back to him.

He claims he can do it without the ball bouncing off of anything, the ball being tied to anything, or the use of magnets. How is this possible?

A: He throws the ball straight up in the air!

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### Foodbank News

The top 5 items being requested for donations this week are :

Tinned Carrots Tinned Spaghetti Bolognese  
Tinned Macaroni Cheese Tinned Rice Pudding  
UHT [Long Life] Fruit Juices  
Thank You Friends