



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update Sunday 6th June 2021

We are pleased that once again to welcome **Rev David Mayne** our Moderator ,who is giving us the message for our service which includes Communion and is on You Tube and in the church at 10.00 .

The Sermon on the Mount series continues:

The Bible reading is from

Matthew chapter 6 : 19-21 and 24-34

Welcome to you all.

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

Our **Gift Day thank offering** is now closed, **thank you** to all who gave so generously. The new heating for the sanctuary is in place and ready for the winter.

Full details will appear at a later date.
Andrew Edwards, Treasurer.

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



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. Ventilation is increased so windows will remain open during the service. 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. We are happy to see that more of our church family are now coming out to church. Thank you.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR Lilian Fitzgerald.

This will take place in our church at 13.30 on Tuesday 15th June. The family welcome those who knew Lilian to join them; places are available as we can now seat up to 45 people Do please let Jo Hellenbrand know if you would like to come.

Thank you.

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. This week, rather than giving examples of persecution of Christians, let us look at what the Apostle Paul had to face, and recognise that many Christians are still having to face these problems today. Paul suffered much persecution, and wrote to the believers in Corinth to tell them what he had endured, and how vitally important their prayers were in sustaining him and his companions during hardships that seemed too great to bear. In 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 he saidWe do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us again. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers.

Give thanks and pray for those who have been able to get away this past 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, especially with increasing Covid 19 infections at present, and ask that our Government will show wisdom in their decisions about whether to further ease restrictions from 21st June.

Pray also that in other countries, where people are suffering from increased levels of Covid infections and deaths, that governments and health services will work together to improve their situations. Pray especially for countries like Peru, who have recently had to acknowledge that the numbers of deaths from Covid in their country have been significantly understated.

Our schools. Give thanks that teachers and pupils have had a restorative rest during last week's half-term week, and that children will be able to move forward this term to start to recover some of the gaps in their learning which has been caused by the lockdowns.

In EBC, give thanks for being currently able to move towards reopening more activities, as well as developing new ministries. Pray for our church leadership as they meet on 7th June to discuss church matters.

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."

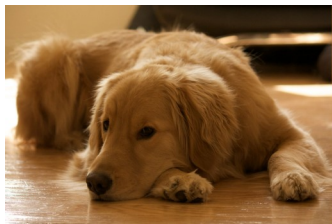
Val's Joke this Week!

Q: What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator?

A: A friend you can count on.

Q: What do dogs do after they finish obedience school?

A: They get their masters.



"I tell you, my dog is lazy. He doesn't chase cars. He sits on the curb and takes down license plate numbers".

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 7th June 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio 's

14.30-15.30 Women 's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 *dropping off* Food Bank *donations* ONLY

19.30 Deacons Meeting

Tuesday 8th 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 9th 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 10th 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio 's

11.30 -12.30 *dropping off* Food Bank *donations* ONLY

Friday Club 18.30-19.30 for Years 1-6

Energize 19.45-21.00 years 7+ from **7pm-8pm**. Look out for FaceBook information

Next week **June 13th** Church worship, which is also on You Tube , will be led by Pastor Fred Onwuchekula from Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay Baptist church and followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30 as overleaf



Thank you all for your support of this outreach which was very well used last week. Thank you too, to all the volunteers who make this happen. The Trussell Trust are actively involved in research that is presented to the government which highlights some of the social issues that result in the need for food banks. They have recently joined the End Child Poverty coalition and published research about their State of Hunger project. You may be interested to read more.

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