



# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Weekly News Update

### Sunday 4th July 2021



We are pleased that our own Minister in Training : Jo Hellenbrand is leading our Communion service today both in church at 10.00 and on You Tube.

The Bible reading is from

**Daniel chapter 3: 1-30**

**Welcome to you all.**

#### **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)**

#### **EBC Members' Meeting**

Our next Members meeting will be on **Sunday 18th July 2021**. It seems unlikely that the lifting of

restrictions will be before 19th July so we are considering our options at the moment .

More information will follow next week.

#### **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. 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 welcome you all.

#### **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.

#### FOR OUR PRAYER TIMES

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: 18-The Message). In these times of uncertainty, continue to recognise that God is central, that true stability can only be found in Him, and pray that we be given the eye of faith that sees beyond uncertainties to the certainties: the things hoped for and the things unseen (Hebrews 11: 1).

**The Persecuted Church.** In China, the communist party (CCP) is increasingly clamping down on Christians. New regulations last year gave it control over almost every aspect of religious life. The measures state that religious organisations must submit to the leadership of the CCP and spread its "socialist policies". Pray for courage and resilience for Christians in China that they may stand steadfast in their faith. Pray that the authorities will see Christians as a force for good and harmony in society.

**Samaritans.** As this note is being written, there has been a news item about how loneliness is becoming a big health issue in this country. This month, Samaritans are challenging the UK to become better listeners by sharing expert tips on how to be a better listener. Pray that this will be a successful initiative, and lead to us all becoming more aware of the needs of others.

**Covid19.** Give thanks that, despite planned easing of restrictions being put back to 19th July, many people are still able to do more. Pray that, despite the recent change of Health Minister, and the reasons for that, people will be sensible in what they do and that the present high level of infections will not lead to the NHS being overwhelmed. In other countries, pray that governments and health services will work together to improve their situations.

**In EBC,** give thanks for currently being able to move towards reopening more activities, as well as developing new ministries. Pray for the health and circumstances of so many in our church fellowship, our families and friends. Pray for those who continue to be 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.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Anniversary Gift Day. A total of £3,325.00 was raised, which helped offset the cost of replacing the heating system for the sanctuary, which came to around £9,500.00. Andrew Edwards, Treasurer

#### Val's Jokes this week:

"What starts with an E and ends with an E, and has only one letter in it?"

An envelope!

"What is a crocodile's favourite App?"

"SNAP"!

"What kind of key cannot unlock a door?"

A Monkey!

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

#### THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 5th July 10.00-11.30** Pinocchio 's

**14.30-15.30** Women 's Fellowship

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

**Tuesday 6th 10.00** Green FISH Bible study

**Wednesday 7th 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 9th July 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* **July 11th** Church worship which is also on You Tube , will be led by Tony Simmonds and followed by our ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30 as overleaf



**Volunteers are needed** to be part of a 3 day event collecting food at Tesco's, Prince Avenue; Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th July. It will be arranged in 2 hour shifts from 9am to 5pm .

If you would like to help please email Emma :

[volunteers@southend.Foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@southend.Foodbank.org.uk)

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