



# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Weekly News Update

### Sunday 11th July 2021

We are very pleased to welcome Tony Simmonds who is leading our service today both in church at 10.00 and on You Tube.

The Bible readings are from

**Daniel chapter 4: 1-8,13-16, 24-27 and 28-37.**

**Welcome to you all.**

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



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

Our next Members Meeting will be held on

**Sunday 18th July 2021**

and will be via **Zoom**.

The meeting will start at **12 noon**.  
Joining Details will be sent out **via email**.

#### **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)**

#### **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 for 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.** Eritrea is a country in northeast Africa with a population of around 3.2 million. It is one of the worst countries in the world for Christian persecution. Imprisoned Christians are tortured, starved and forced into hard labour. Conditions are worse for pastors and theological students who are singled out for beatings or have their jail terms extended as a warning to others. Many Christians are held indefinitely, often without trial, not knowing when they will be released. Some are kept in shipping containers, where they are exposed to the searing desert heat by day, and cold by night. Ask the Lord to strengthen Christians and bring healing and restoration to those released from prison, especially those who have no home to return to. Pray that the hearts of the authorities will soften to release more imprisoned Christians and allow believers of all denominations to worship freely.

**Staff working in the adult social care sector.** With both an ageing population and individuals of all ages with more complex needs that require additional social care support, there is an increasing requirement to recruit and retain staff doing this work.. Pray that the profile of the social care sector will be raised, so as to attract the many additional people who are needed to work in these roles.

**Covid 19:** pray for wisdom as we move towards a full easing on the 19th. May we all learn to take responsibility for our own actions whilst being thoughtful about how this might impact others. Pray that those who are fearful may be encouraged to do a little more in safety. Let us, as church family, set a good example in all our decision making.

**In EBC:** continue to pray for those who are unwell, that they may rest in the care of our Lord as they receive treatment and support. For those taking a break may they have a time of rest and relaxation, with journeying mercies and safety for those who are travelling- whether in this country or further afield. For the plans that God has for us as a church let's pray for clarity and a willingness to follow His leading whilst giving thanks for all that is currently happening.

Val's Jokes this week:

What's the name of a girl who stands in the middle of a tennis court?

Annette !

Why didn't the tennis player change the light bulb?

He refused to admit it was out!

Local tennis club's website is down.

I think they are having problems with their server.



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

### THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 12th July:14.30-15.30** Women 's Fellowship  
**15.00-16.00** *dropping off* Food Bank *donations* ONLY  
**19.30** Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday 13th 10.00** Green FISH Bible study

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

*Next week* **July 18th** Church worship which is also on You Tube , will be led by Michelle Eversden-Thomas and followed by our Members' meeting as overleaf.

**ALL children 's and family work is taking a break until September, watch out for information on Facebook.**



**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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