



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 18th July 2021

We are very pleased to welcome back Michelle Eversden-Thomas who is leading our service today both in church at 10.00 and on You Tube.

The Bible reading is from

Daniel chapter 5:1-31

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

Our Members Meeting starts via Zoom at 12.00



Exciting news from



Eastern Baptist Association

Following a robust appointing process and a strong call at the general meeting, Eastern Baptist Association has the pleasure of announcing the **appointment of two new Regional Ministers** who will take up post later this year. (exact date to be confirmed).

Using our church for WORSHIP:

Worship in Church from 25th July.

We will be discussing the opening up of our church at our Members meeting today.

With the lifting of restrictions we plan to open up our church more fully.

You will be able to choose where to sit and how far away and whether to wear face coverings.

The Sanctuary will be well ventilated.

We would ask that you do not attend church if you have any Covid Symptoms or have been requested to self-isolate.

Please continue to use the hand sanitisers

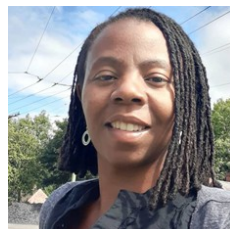
We welcome you all.

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



Rev Gale Richards will be joining us on a part time basis.

Gale brings with her experience of church pastoral ministry, chaplaincy and local, regional, national and international engagement in Baptist Life.

Rev Claire Blatchford will be joining us as full time regional minister for the southern sector.

Claire brings with her experience of church pastoral ministry, Claire has a passion for people and churches to grow and develop spiritually to further the work of the kingdom.



We are very excited to have new members of the team and feel blessed with all they will add to the current gifts and skills present in the team. Please pray for both Claire and Gale as they prepare to join the team.

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)

A reflection after the Euro's football competition. Give thanks that we have a God who selected us, teaches us skills, trains us, equips us, uses us, and shares our joy when we succeed. And a God who is with us when we fail, who embraces us, restores us and sets us on our feet again.

The Persecuted Church. Indonesia, home to the world's largest Muslim population, has seen a rise in recent years of hard-line Islamic ideology. Only a generation ago, Muslims and Christians lived peaceably as respectful equals in accordance with the state-promoted philosophy "Pancasila". But now Christians (more than 15% of the population) experience many difficulties, with the threat from Islamic extremism, pressure from local authorities and hostility from the Muslim community. Give thanks for the Muslim-background believers who come to faith and follow the Lord despite persecution. Pray that the Word of God will be available to all in Indonesia, and that where church buildings have been shut on various pretexts that these will be reopened.

Covid19. Pray for wisdom this week as we start stage 4 of the Government's easing of restrictions. Against the current background of increased infections, whilst being thoughtful about how this might impact others, pray that we will all learn to take responsibility for our own actions. 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.



This week is National Tesco Foodbank Collection week for Trussell Trust Foodbanks.

The great thing is that Tesco weigh the gifts and add to the value so they take no profit from this arrangement.

Please continue to support with your food donations during the summer.

Thank you

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

Thank you.

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 19th July:14.30-15.30 Women 's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

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 25h Church worship will be led by Fred Onwuchekwa and we resume having a time to enjoy refreshments afterwards -to which all are very welcome. Please add your name to the rota if you can help with these.

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

Val's Jokes this week:

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to the last day of school?

A: Because her students were so bright.

Q: What school do kids like to go to during the summer?

A: Sundae school – because of all the ice cream

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," the teacher instructed her year 4 student.

"The fireman came down the ladder pregnant," he answered.

"Umm Do you know what pregnant means?"

"Yes," said the boy. "It means carrying a child."



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