



Eastwood Baptist Church

Summer News Update

Sundays 25th July to 22nd August 2021

NEXT ISSUE 29TH AUGUST

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

Welcome back to church!

We are now able to be more flexible in our services as we have come out of lockdown in England. However, the advice is for all of us to be cautious and to think of others and be mindful how close to others we are. You will see that the chairs are all out and you can sit wherever you feel comfortable. We ask that you do not attend church if you are unwell, with covid-19 symptoms or have been told to isolate by NHS test and trace. Hand sanitisers will continue to be available for your use and wearing of face coverings is also optional. Our church will also be well ventilated for your safety. Congregational singing is allowed with or without a mask, if you wear a mask we would advise that you make sure it is a good quality breathable one. If you are exempt because of lung or breathing problems please do not wear a mask. The Diaconate will be taking advice from the BU and the Government as we move forward. Thank you.

We will no longer be having our **Zoom Coffee** time but our Wednesday Prayers will continue till 18th August.

From 1st August we will record the sermon only and Jo will add this to our **You tube** channel later on Sunday s or Mondays.

Live Streaming We are putting plans in place to live stream our services and hope to do this in the early part of the Autumn . If you would like to help with this please speak with Jo Hellenbrand or Neil Keeble. Thank you.

Zoom Gatherings Coming to an end

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 these will finish on Wednesday 18th August

SUMMER SERIES ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS

We welcome today, 25th July at **10.00**

Pastor Fred Onwuchekwa who is preaching on

Luke 18:1-8 The Persistent Widow

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM 1ST AUGUST

1st August **10.30 Jo Hellenbrand** ; Communion Service

Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

8th August **10.30 Pete Wyatt Compassion Charity**

15th August **10.30 Simon Werrett**

Luke 15 :11-32 The Prodigal Son

22nd August **10.30 Michelle Eversden-Thomas**

Mark 4:30-32 The Mustard Seed

29th August 10.30 Rev Duncan Keys from Friars Baptist Church

WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO COME AND LEAD OUR SERVICES

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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)

The Persecuted Church. Pray that, whatever their circumstances, God will give persecuted Christians the right words (Ephesians 6:19-20). Pray that persecuted Christians will understand and find peace in the sufficiency of God's grace, even in their weaknesses (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). Pray that Christians facing hardship will draw from a source of power larger than themselves (2 Corinthians 1:7-9). Pray that God would be present with persecuted Christians in their hardship, protecting them according to His will (Matthew 26:39 and 42). Pray that their witness would inspire those who seek to harm them. (Luke 6:27-31; Acts 6:27-31; Acts 16:34).

Our World. Pray for our world, at this time experiencing so many problems, many of them due to the excesses and desires of greedy man. Pray about the problems of Covid 19 and other diseases in countries around the world, of climate change, famine, poverty, war, and economic imbalance between countries, and even people within countries-the gap between rich and poor. Pray that God will move, and bring hope.

Covid 19 in this country. Following the easing of restrictions that were announced recently, pray for wisdom from Government, other bodies, businesses and all of us, as we enter this new phase of having to live with this virus. 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, although technology has been a real help to us in communicating with each other during this pandemic, that deficiencies in use of the NHS app will be remedied so as to reduce the numbers of people who are having to self isolate, causing staffing problems for so many in public sector and business situations. 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 our church and women's fellowship services as they return to a new "normal", and for other groups beginning to start again. For the plans that God has for us as a church- let's pray for clarity and a willingness to follow His leading and to give thanks for all that is currently happening."



The food collection at Tesco was really well supported enough was given to feed 65 families. Please remember us as you shop this summer. Just adding one product to your basket will, collectively, feed many people. Fruit squashes, UHT milk and custard are being requested. Donations received any Monday 15.00-16.00 or Friday 11.30-12.30

Thank you.

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

Thank you.

Coming ACTIVITIES

Monday 26th July:14.30-15.30 Women 's Fellowship

hold their last tea and chat and resume in September

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

Tuesdays 10.00 Green FISH Bible study continues weekly during the summer

Wednesdays Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

19.00 for 19.30 ; Zoom prayer meeting via link , last session 18th August

Fridays11.30 –12.30 *dropping off* Food Bank *donations* ONLY continues throughout the summer

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

See over for details of Sunday Services which return to 10.30 start from 1st August

Val's Joke this week:

A magician was working on a cruise ship. The audience would be different each week, so the magician simply performed the same tricks over again. The captain's parrot saw the shows every week and began to understand what the magician did in every trick. He started shouting out in the middle of the show: "Look, it's not the same hat!" "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!" The magician couldn't do anything; it was the captain's parrot after all.

One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean and, of course, the parrot was by his side. They stared at each other, without a word. This went on for several days.

After a week the parrot finally said: "Okay, I give up. What'd you do with the boat?"

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