



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 29th August 2021



We are very pleased to welcome **Rev Duncan Keys** from Friars Baptist Church, Shoeburyness, who is leading our service this morning .

Our theme of the **Parables of Jesus** continues : The Bible reading is from **Luke chapter 12:13-21**

Welcome to you all.

Tea and coffee is available in the lower hall after the service, do join us for a chat.

Using our church for WORSHIP:

With the lifting of restrictions regarding Covid we are able to open up our church more fully.
You can now choose where to sit 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 logo)

YouTube: Most Sunday Morning services are being recorded and then available to view, a Link will be sent out via email.
Please note this Sunday's service is NOT being recorded



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Weekend 25th and 26th September will include a family event on Saturday with Neil, our own Christian Magician.

Harvest Gifts will be for our FoodBank project.

These newsheets are available on line but if you would like a hard copy regularly please ask Rosie or Graham. Thank you.

Jan and Brian Noble celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 21st August and

Jo and Neil Keeble their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 26th August

Many congratulations to you both and wishing you many happy years ahead.

God bless from all at EBC

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)

Afghanistan. Now that the Taliban has taken over the country, pray that necessary flights will be allowed to facilitate foreign nationals and Afghans who worked for the outgoing Government and occupying forces to leave the country. As converts from Islam, Afghan Christians will be even more vulnerable under Taliban rule than under the deposed Afghan government. If they are discovered they will probably be given the choice: convert, leave or be killed. Pray that God will be their shield and their fortress.

Pray about the problems affecting **Haiti** after the recent earthquake there, with the death toll over 2,000, with more than 12,000 injured, and many still missing, with about half a million children there now having limited or no access to shelter, safe water and food, with rescue work being hampered by heavy rains having been brought by tropical storm Grace, and with rescue convoys travelling to the worst affected areas having been attacked by armed gangs. Pray that God will move mightily in this situation, and bring relief and comfort to this troubled country.

Climate Change. Pray that the recent reports about climate change, and the many recent extreme weather events recently, will weigh heavy when countries meet at the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November, that that will be a real catalyst for real action to take place. Pray that developed countries will be prepared to help other countries to have their industrial revolutions, using modern technology to enable movement away from fossil fuels. Pray that God will guide each of us to finding ways, maybe small ways, to turn this around before it is too late for future generations.

Covid 19 in this country. Pray for wisdom from Government, other bodies, businesses, and all of us, as we continue to live with this virus. Pray that some recent problems in the supply chain (due to people being unable to work because of Covid rules especially with essential foodstuffs, will be eased. Pray that as people begin to see GP's again, that the number of appointments and necessary onward referrals, will not overwhelm the system.

In EBC. Continue to pray for those who are unwell, that they may rest in your care as they receive treatment and support. As we start to be able to do more, thank God for enabling us to meet at our normal Sunday services, and next month to start the tea services again. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is now encouraging our regular, and some new, hirers to start their sessions. And thank God in his continued guidance in our search for a new minister..



Requested items this week are: fruit juices, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned pies, instant noodles and rice pudding
Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 30th August 15.00-16.00 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Tuesday 31st 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 1st September Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

Friday 3rd 11.30 -12.30 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Next week September 5th at 10.30 Church worship will be led by our own Jo Hellenbrand and will include Communion. We are delighted to join with Annette's family and friends as she is baptised. We will be having a time of celebration and the opportunity to enjoy a light lunch afterwards, to which all are very welcome.

Weekly teas and coffees: please add your name to the rota in the vestibule if you can help with these.

ALL children's and family work is taking a break until week beginning 6th September watch out for information on Facebook.



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September
Shoebox
Launch 2021**

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