



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 5th September 2021

We are very pleased to have our own Jo Hellenbrand back with us today, she is leading our service which includes Communion and the Baptism of Annette.

Our theme of the **Parables of Jesus** continues with the **Parable of the Sower**

The Bible reading is from **Matthew ch 13:1-9**

Welcome to you all.

Do join us for a light lunch as we celebrate with Annette and her family and friends and have the opportunity to have a chat following today's service

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.

"Thank you so much to everyone for the beautiful rose bush, cards and well wishes on our Golden Wedding Anniversary, it was very much appreciated, Brian and Jan."

"Please thank the church for our beautiful rose and card on our 25th Anniversary, Jo and Neil Keeble"

12th September Shoebox Launch 2021 at the 10.30service



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.

Resuming next Sunday afternoon at 3pm

Sunday Afternoon Tea Service



Enjoy a traditional service followed by refreshments and fellowship.

2nd Sunday of the month 3pm



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

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 and the occupying forces have left, pray that the new forming government there will be prepared to live peaceably, not just within their own borders, but with other countries. 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 also that Afghans who have been evacuated to this country will find security and comfort in their new homes, and will feel welcome in their new communities.

Continue to pray for Haiti, struggling to recover from the recent earthquake there. Pray that aid agencies will increasingly be able to bring assistance, and that God will move mightily in this situation, and bring relief and comfort to this troubled country. Pray that the recent reports about **Climate Change,** and the many extreme weather events recently, will weigh heavily when countries meet at the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November, that that will be a 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.

Covid19 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. Pray also that the current shortage of facility for blood tests will soon be eased.

As our children and young adults start or return to their studies in schools, colleges and universities, pray that this will become easier following the easing of Covid restrictions, and that those children who fell behind in their studies during the lockdowns will be able to catch up with their studies.

In EBC. Continue to pray for those who are unwell, that they may rest in God's 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 to start the tea services again.. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is encouraging our regular, and some new, hirers to start their sessions. We pray today for Annette and her family and ask divine protection over her as she witnesses her faith may she grow in her relationship with Jesus and be kept safe. We also thank God for 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 6th September 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Tuesday 7th 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 8th September Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

Friday 10th 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

11.30 -12.30 dropping off Food Bank donations ONLY

Next week September 12th at 10.30 Morning

worship will be led by Pastor Fred Onwuchekwa and includes our Shoebox Appeal launch by Sharon

15.00 Monthly Tea Service resumes led by Jo Hellenbrand

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

Friday Club and Energise will resume on the 17th September watch out for information on Facebook.

EBC HARVEST TIME 25th - 26th SEPTEMBER

We will start our Harvest celebrations with a family fun time on **Saturday 25th September.**

From 5 pm for 5.30 start

Neil will be organising games and his illusions for us, as our resident Christian Magician!

Light refreshments will be available

Our gifts will go towards our Food bank.

All are invited and welcome.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be at 10.30 am

on Sunday 26th September and is being led by Jo Hellenbrand our Minister In Training.

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

Thank you.