

# **Eastwood Baptist Church**

# Weekly News Update

# **Sunday 19th September 2021**

We are very pleased to welcome Rev David McDowell, from Canvey Island, who is leading our worship this morning. He is preaching on The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin and the reading is Luke 15:1-10

#### 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 selfisolate. Please continue to use the hand sanitisers

We welcome you all.



#### 25th - 26th September 2021 **Collecting Harvest Donations** Saturday at 5.30pm for of food and toiletries to the Family fun and games led by our resident **Southend Foodbank** ood oank

**Harvest at Eastwood Baptist Church** 

**Christian Magician** Neil Keeble. Drinks provided, bring your own snacks. No entrance fee or booking required All welcome.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10.30am

# Social Media

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is going on at Eastwood Baptist Church (look for logo)

### YouTube Recordings:

A decision has been made not to record our services until we have our live streaming in place. We have experienced sound issues with our temporary arrangement using a mobile phone. This is regrettable but the best decision at this time. We will keep you informed as to when live streaming is going to be ready in the near future. Thank you - EBC Leadership Team.

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SEE Harvest Poster for all that is currently needed and please bring to the Harvest Service or on receiving days as overleaf.

Thank you

These newssheets 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)

**Persecuted Church**. China has over 97 million Christians, nearly 7% of the total population. There, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is increasingly clamping down on Christians in almost all areas of religious life. Pray for courage and resilience for Christians in China that they may stand steadfast in their faith. Pray that the authorities will see Christians as a force for good and harmony in society.

**Our world.** Pray about the problems of climate change, famine, poverty, war, and economic imbalance between and within countries-the gap between rich and poor.

Refugees. With over 82 million people having been forcibly displaced in or from their countries in recent times, pray that God will move mightily in addressing the problem of refugees in the world. Covid 19. Pray for the over 200 countries in the world where Covid 19 is being suffered by so many people. With many people in poorer countries not yet having had access to any vaccines, pray that Governments and people of influence will increasingly work together -to share their collective knowledge, experience and wealth, so that everyone can benefit from the vaccines and protocols which are necessary to beat this disease. In this country, pray for wisdom from Government, and all of us, as we live with this disease, and that Covid booster (and flu) vaccinations will be readily available. Pray that some current shortages in the supply chain, especially of some essential foodstuffs and medical equipment, will be eased. Pray that as the Government backed furlough system comes to an end, that this will not lead to job redundancies. Pray also for the many families in this country who are facing financial and accommodation difficulties at this time.

In EBC, continue to pray for those who are unwell, that they may rest in God's care as they receive treatment and support. Thank God for enabling us to meet at our normal Sunday services (and last week at our tea service), and to restart other things, Women's Fellowship, Pinocchio's, Friday club and Energise, and the Harvest Festival weekend coming. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is encouraging our regular, and some new, hirers, to start their sessions. We also thank God for his continued guidance in our search for a new minister.

## THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 20th September

10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

14.30 Women's Fellowship

**15.00-16.00** *open to receive* Food Bank *donations* 

Tuesday 21st 10.00 Green FISH Bible study
Wednesday 22nd September Food Bank open
09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to
collect goods

Friday 24th 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's 11.30 -12.30 open to receive Food Bank donations

18.30-19.30 Friday Club

19.45-21.00 Energise

Saturday 25th Harvest Social Event 17.00 for 17.30 everyone welcome; see poster overleaf

**Next week** September 26th at 10.30 Our Harvest Service of Thanksgiving will be led by our own Neil Keeble

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



Lunch included

To book, email nicky.snoad@stbbc.org.uk

Advance Notice: our next
Members Meeting will be on
October 3rd following the
morning service at 12.30
with beverages served but
do bring your own lunch if
you wish.

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