



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Harvest Sunday, 26th September 2021

We are very pleased to welcome Neil Keeble, who is leading our worship this morning. He is preaching on Psalm 65



Fundraiser for Colonel

Tuesday 28th September
2pm - 3.30pm
In Lower Hall

Chris' guide dog Colonel recently retired, and he would like to raise money in his name to thank the Guide Dog Association for all their support.

Chris and Christina will be raising funds, offering refreshments and talking about Colonel and the work of the Guide Dogs.

Please come along and support this amazing charity.



Harvest Appeal

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LET'S MAKE A MEAL OF IT!



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

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. Indonesia has the world's fourth largest population, and is home to the largest number of Muslims. That country has in recent years seen a rise in hard line Islamic ideology, causing Christians there (more than 15% of the population) to experience many difficulties. 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. Ask that church buildings which have been closed (over 1,000 in the last 15 years), will be reopened.

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 and now face the likelihood of increased fuel bills.

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. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is encouraging our regular, and some new, hirers, to start their sessions. Pray for the plans that God has for our church, for clarity and a willingness to follow God's leading. We thank God for his continued

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 27th September

10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 open to receive Food Bank donations

Tuesday 28th 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 29th September Food Bank

open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

Friday 30th 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

Next Week, Sunday 3rd October

Jo Hellenbrand will be taking the service which will include communion. This will be followed by our Members meeting.

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

Using our church for WORSHIP:

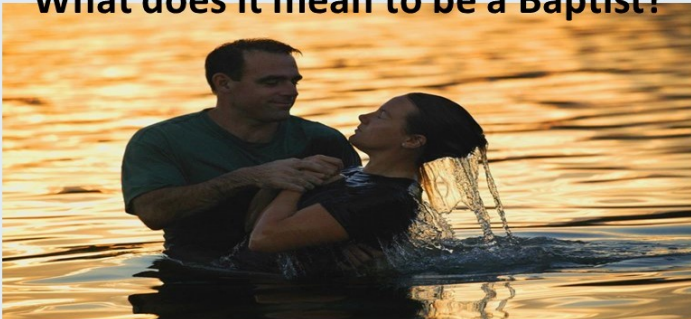
With the lifting of restrictions regarding Covid we are able to open up our church more fully.

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.

What does it mean to be a Baptist?



Two sessions looking at the history and principles of Baptist Christianity in the UK.

Led by Baptist minister-in-training Michelle Eversden-Thomas.

8th and 15th October, 1.30 – 2.30pm.

Ferndale Baptist Church, North Avenue, Southend-on-sea, SS2 4ET.

Email: mk_eversden@hotmail.com

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.

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