

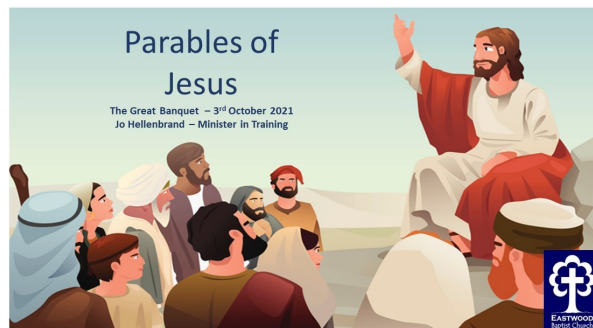


# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Weekly News Update

### Sunday 3rd October 2021

We are very pleased that our own Jo Hellenbrand is leading our worship this morning. She is preaching on The Great Banquet from Luke 14:15-24. Tea and coffee is served in the lower hall following the service and then our Members Meeting will take place at 12.30. All are welcome to stay for this -although only church members may vote on any issue.



#### 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 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 .

#### Time Out for Jo Hellenbrand MIT

As Jo is nearing the completion of her studies the Leadership of EBC have decided to give Jo some time out throughout the month of October.

This will give her the time to conclude her studies and assignments. We would appreciate your support in **not contacting** Jo, especially on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Jo will not be making pastoral visits unless it is a critical emergency situation. If you have any pastoral or prayer requests please contact Graham Back, or any other Deacons of EBC. Thank you for your consideration and understanding at this time. On behalf of the Leadership of EBC.



Many thanks for the generous Harvest gifts which included £150 in cash to support our work. We also received a full car of shopping from Rayleigh RAVS who have plans to help us further too. Sharon and Team.

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#### 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.  
8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 – 2.30pm.  
Ferndale Baptist Church, North Avenue, Southend-on-sea, SS2 4ET.  
Email: [mk\\_eversden@hotmail.com](mailto:mk_eversden@hotmail.com)

### 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.** With a population of over 220 million, Pakistan is the fifth most populated country in the world. Christians in that country number only 3%, but that is over six and a half million of our brothers and sisters. They are generally despised by the Muslim majority, many living in great poverty, and are restricted to dangerous, dirty, low status jobs, such as cleaning sewers. Violent attacks have increased in the last two decades. Pakistan's "blasphemy" laws are often used to make false accusations against Christians, as simply stating their beliefs can be construed as "blasphemy", and the courts usually favour the testimony of Muslims, in accordance with sharia (Islamic law). Pray that the blasphemy laws will be repealed, and those awaiting trial or execution protected and exonerated. Ask the Lord to be a "wall of fire" around Christian women and girls, keeping them safe from abduction, rape and forcible conversion, and that the justice system will protect the innocent.

**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.

**Covid 19.** pray for all the 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 work increasingly 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 Covid 19, and that booster and flu vaccinations will be readily available for the most vulnerable. Pray that some current shortages in the supply chain, especially of some essential foodstuffs, medical equipment and road fuel, will be eased. Pray that now the Government backed furlough system has ended, that this will not lead to reduced working hours or redundancies for the 1.6 million people who were claiming it. 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 and food 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 that for most of us, we are now able to attend more of our normal church services and events, such as last weekend's Harvest Festival. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is encouraging more use of our church by other users. Pray that this Sunday's members' meeting will be successful. Pray for the plans that God has for our church, for clarity and a willingness to follow God's leading, and thank Him for his continued guidance in our search for a new minister.

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

#### THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 4th October:10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's**

**14.30 Women's Fellowship**

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

**Tuesday 5th:10.00 Green FISH Bible study**

**Wednesday 6th: Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods**

**Friday 8th 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 October 10th at 10.30 Our morning worship is being led by Pastor Fred Onwuchekwa.**

**At 15.00 we have our Tea Service when Martin Wright Minister in Training will be taking part.**

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

We were all thoroughly entertained by Chris's stories of his life with his Guide Dog Colonel. Thank you to everyone who came along to support his fundraising for the Guide Dogs in Colonel's name in which £312.40 was raised. Everyone's generosity is very much appreciated. Chris and Christina are away this weekend but if anyone else would like to donate their collecting box will be in the church on Sunday or please contact them directly.



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