



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 10th October 2021

We are very pleased to be able to welcome again Pastor Fred Onwuchekwa who is leading our worship this morning. He is preaching on The Wise and Foolish Builders with a reading from Matthew ch 7:24-27.

At 3pm this afternoon we have our Tea Service

Martin Wright, Minister in Training will be taking part.

We give everyone a warm welcome



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.



We were pleased to welcome 5 guests collecting for their families this week. Some were very worried about the loss of credit top up All were grateful for our help.
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.
8th and 15th October, 1.30 – 2.30pm.
Ferndale Baptist Church, North Avenue, Southend-on-sea, SS2 4ET.
Email: 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)

The prayers this week are very different. There is, in effect, just one prayer. In this country, even before the Covid pandemic, there were many families and individuals who were having problems, often behind closed doors, and not revealing the full extent of those problems. We have heard recently of some of the stories from people who have come to our Foodbank, and that the pandemic has created and worsened many physical, emotional, mental, economic and social problems. For many (including some in our church family), these worries have affected sleeping patterns, causing people not to be able to sleep properly.

This is an excerpt from The Aidan Compline, from The Northumbria Community book "Compline's From Celtic Daily Prayer" published by Collins, and used by permission.

O Christ, Son of the living God, may your holy angels guard our sleep, may they watch over us as we rest and hover around our beds. Let them reveal to us in our dreams visions of your glorious truth, O High Prince of the universe, O High Priest of the mysteries.

May no dreams disturb our rest and no nightmares darken our dreams, may no fears or worries delay our willing, prompt repose.....

My Christ! My Christ! my shield, my encirler, each day, each night, each light, each dark, be near me, uphold me, my treasure, my triumph.

Circle me, Lord; keep protection near and danger afar. Circle me Lord; keep light near and darkness afar. Circle me Lord, keep peace within: keep evil out.

The peace of all peace be mine this night in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OUR 2020 AGM

This will be after the morning service on 7th November, all are welcome.

I was so grateful for the many volunteers we had ready to help at the Dementia Café which was due to start last May. I am in discussions with the local SBC Dementia Pioneers about opening a monthly Community Café with a Dementia focus in the New Year on a Wednesday Afternoon (which one isn't decided yet). To launch this we are holding a Community Carol Service on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm, where we plan to ask those in the community what they would like it to look like. I hope this will be a real blessing to all those who live in Eastwood and our surrounding areas, whether they have dementia, or would enjoy some social interaction and company with others. If you would like to be part of this team please let me know. Jo H

While Jo is on her study leave please simply email her or let one of the Leadership Team know of your willingness to help and we will pass it on. Thank you.

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 11th October: 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 open to receive Food Bank donations

Tuesday 12th: 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 13th: Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

Friday 14th 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 17th at 10.30 Our morning worship is being held as a joint service with 6 other local churches taking part ; using remote technology.

The sermon will be given by Rev. Diane Watts from the Faith and Leadership Team at Baptist House . The theme for the morning is 'Togetherness' and refreshments will follow the service.

Weekly teas and coffees: please add your name to the rota in the vestibule if you can help with these. Milk and biscuits are also supplied so you just need to be able to serve and wash up. Thank you.

Belle Vue Baptist Church
SHOEBURNESS & THORPE BAY BAPTIST CHURCH

A day exploring **CREATIVELY EXTENDING MISSION** and **GENERATING FINANCE** through **COMMERCE, ENTERPRISE, and HOSPITALITY.**

13th October 2021 / 10am-3.30pm
@ Belle Vue Baptist Church, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2QZ
Lunch included
To book, email nicky.snoad@stbbc.org.uk

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