



# Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update Sunday 17th October 2021



We are very pleased to be taking part with six other local Baptist Churches in today's worship when Rev Diane Watts: Team Leader for Baptists Faith and Society Team, will be preaching to us all -using remote technology.

The reading is from Matthew ch1: 18-25 and the theme is TOGETHERNESS

## 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.

## Social Media

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This week we were able to help local guests and chat with them. We have run out of toilet rolls and long-life milk so your donations of these items would be gratefully received. Thank you, Sharon and Team

## 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 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.**

## 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)

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference (Max Lucado).

**The Persecuted Church.** North Korea is probably the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian, some have been executed for the "crime" of owning a Bible, and many have been incarcerated in political labour camps. Three generations have been punished for the "crime" of one Christian family member. Pray for daily grace for Christians, who are in danger every moment. May all facing death, torture and abuse in labour camps know God's sustaining power.

**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. Pray that with the coming Climate Change Conference in November, that the minds and actions of governments will find ways to improve our footprint on our world, for the benefit of future generations.

Those who are struggling 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. The effects of the pandemic has created and worsened many physical, emotional, mental, economic and social problems. Pray that God will move mightily in these situations, and bring hope and peace of mind.

**Covid 19.** Pray for all the countries in the world where Covid 19 is being suffered by so many people. 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 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 those who were claiming it. Pray also for the many families 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. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is encouraging more use of our church by other users. Pray for the plans that God has for 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.

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

## THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 18th October:10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's**

**14.30 Women's Fellowship**

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

**Tuesday 19th:10.00 Green FISH Bible study**

**Wednesday 20th: Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods**

**Friday 22nd: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 24th at 10.30 Our morning worship is being led by our own Neil Keeble. I

**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.

## Dates to save:

**AGM Sunday 7th November following the morning service.**

**Quiz Night Saturday 20th November at 18.30**

**Gracie Redding's Baptismal Service Sunday 6th December at 3pm:**

**Jo's ORDINATION Monday 13th December at 18.00:**  
Everyone is warmly welcomed to these special events.



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