



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 21st November 2021



We are very pleased to welcome Pastor Fred Onwuchekwa to lead our worship this morning.

His theme is: "Enduring Suffering"

The reading is: 2 Timothy ch 2: 1-13

This morning we also receive the Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with thanks to all those who have packed one or done this on-line.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the lower hall for refreshments after the service.

REQUIRED THROUGHOUT DECEMBER!!!

MINCE PIE MOUNTAIN!!! If you can bring any boxes of mince pies please put them in the kitchen; check the expiry date is after 25th December please.

Freshly home made ones are also welcome for the 8th, 12th, 13th and 19th December too. Thank you. Rosie

We are thrilled to be Baptising Gracie next month and will be meeting together on Monday 29th November at 6pm in the lower hall to talk about preparing for Baptism and exploring our faith. Everyone is welcome to come along. For more information please see Jo H.

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Dementia Friends Training – Wednesday 1st December at 2pm,

Lower Hall. We will be holding Dementia Friends Training for the volunteers of the upcoming Community Carol Service and Café but if anyone would like to know more about supporting those living with dementia you are welcome to join us. For more information please see Jo.

We will again be doing 170 care home bags for all the staff and residents of Brooklands, Havengore and Badgers Care homes. We have been blessed by many people making cards, gifts and pictures to go in them. If however, you would like to contribute financially towards the bought items needed to be included please let Jo H.know.

We have a Prayer Board in the Lower Hall displaying Eastern Baptist Association churches prayer requests plus an opportunity to place our own prayers. These will be regularly prayed for by the Leadership Team and Prayer Team. We encourage you to make use of it.

Using our church for WORSHIP:

Covid precautions are still being taken: you can choose where to sit and whether to wear face coverings. The Sanctuary will be well ventilated. The heating is on but please do bring something warm and consider wearing a hat. 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.

WELCOME TO 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). Pray for **Sir Davis Amess' funeral**, which is due to be held at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell on Monday, with a funeral mass on Tuesday at Westminster Cathedral. Pray for his family, his friends, and everyone in our local community and elsewhere who were touched and affected by his murder. Pray that counselling and comfort is readily available for those who need it. Pray for our police and other bodies as they continue to work to identify potential plans for terrorist atrocities. In the midst of, and despite their grief, the Amess family released this statement. "We ask people to set aside their differences and show kindness and love to all. This is the only way forward. Set aside hatred and work towards togetherness. Please let some good come from this tragedy."

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

Refugees. Pray for all refugees in the world today, currently numbering over 26 million, with well over 82 million having been forcibly displaced from their homes. Pray especially at this time for the thousands of refugees on the border between Belarus and Poland, seemingly being used, in the depths of their despair, as a political weapon.

Persecuted Church. It is estimated that around 75% of Iraq's Christian population (around 1.5 million believers in 1990) have left the country altogether in the last 30 years, due to anti-Christian hostility. Ask the Lord to protect and strengthen Iraqi Christians who feel unsafe in their homeland. Pray that God will guide those who are displaced as to where to settle down. Pray that their community and the Iraqi government will enable a Christian heartland to be re-established in Iraq.

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 from wisdom from our Government and all of us as we live with Covid 19, and be thankful that booster and flu vaccinations are readily available for the most vulnerable.

In this country. Pray for those who are struggling. 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. Pray that current shortages in supply chains will be eased. Pray for the many families who are facing financial and accommodation difficulties at this time, and now face the likelihood of increased prices on food, fuel and other bills.

In EBC, continue to pray for all those who are unwell, in body or in spirit, that they may rest in God's care as they receive treatment and support. Thank God that the easing of restrictions is enabling and encouraging more use of our church building. Thank God for all the meetings and services that are planned from now until the end of the year, and for the further plans that He has for our church. Thank Him for His continued guidance in our search for a new minister.

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

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



This week was again busy with 8 families visiting. We were also able to give out a few trolleys on wheels that had been sourced by Jan and Wendy to help people to carry their goods home independently and more easily. Many thanks to RAVs who have again delivered a large donation. Your continued support is appreciated.

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 22nd November: 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio 's
14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 *open to receive Food Bank donations*

Tuesday 23rd : 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

19.30 Blue FISH then meeting fortnightly after that

Wednesday 24th: Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

Friday 26th : 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 November 28th at 10.30 Our morning worship service will be led by Martin Wright and will be followed by a church family lunch, all are welcome but please put your name on the list for catering purposes. There is no charge.

After service refreshments: please add your name to the rota in the vestibule if you can help with these. Milk and biscuits are supplied .Thank you.

Dates to save:

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28th November: Church Family Lunch please put your name on the list in the vestibule by the 23rd.

1st December at 19.00 Special Church Members' Meeting .

Gracie Redding's Baptismal Service Sunday 5th December at 3pm

Jo's ORDINATION Monday 13th December at 18.00

Men's Breakfast at The Oakwood 18th December, see Graham Back to book, note change of date