



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 28th November 2021 Advent 1

We are very pleased to welcome back

Minister in Training Martin Wright who will lead our worship this morning.

His theme is: **"Mary and Elizabeth "**

The reading is: **Luke chapter 1:39-56**

We are following the service with a church family lunch for those who have booked a place; this will be after the usual teas and coffees which will be served in the lower hall, to which everyone is welcomed, no charge.

All are welcome to our Community Carol Service which will be Dementia friendly with large print carol sheets available. There will be refreshments afterwards. For more details please see Jo H



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



Many thanks to Val Statt for the beautiful Christmas Tree and to all those who helped set it up and decorate it. Thank you to Pam and David for setting out the candle lights, window decorations and Advent ring.



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See us on our Facebook page too

Our Foodbank continues to serve our community and cheerfully helped several guests this week. The Southend Foodbank Christmas campaign is called Storecupboard and Sparkle. There are more details on the website, leaflets available soon. Sharon

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

Dates to save:

Jo's ORDINATION Monday 13th December at 18.00

**Carols with Leighfields Church at The Oakwood
Tuesday 14th at 19.00**

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

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). Following Sir David Amess' funeral last week, pray that counselling and comfort is readily available for those who need it, especially those who were closely involved during and after this terrible terrorist atrocity.

Our world. Pray about the problems of climate change, famine, poverty, war, and economic imbalance between countries.

Refugees. Pray for all refugees in the world today. 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. Converts to Christianity from other religions in many countries often face outright rejection from family and community. They risk losing their spouse, children, job, home and possessions. Give thanks to the Lord for new converts who willingly take up their cross to follow Jesus, enduring loss and suffering for His sake. Pray that God will strengthen, encourage and protect them in their faith. Pray that they will be comforted by the assurance that their place in God's family can never be taken from them. Pray for all the countries in the world where **Covid 19** is being suffered by so many people, including the effects of long Covid. Pray that Governments and people of influence will work increasingly together, so that everyone can benefit from the vaccine and protocols which are necessary to beat this disease. Pray especially at this time for the Governments and peoples of countries on the European mainland, currently suffering from increased levels of infections, and experiencing social unrest as to how problems should be addressed.

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 increased prices on food, fuel and other bills.

In EBC, remember David Wackett, who passed to glory last Tuesday, and pray for his family at this time. Continue to pray for 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 more use of our church building. Thank God for all the meetings, services, and outreach events that are planned for this 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.

Original Hand Made Cards by Carole Collier

Lovely hand-made cards by Carole are available to purchase with proceeds going to EBC.

See selection in the vestibule which now includes Christmas Cards too! Carole can be contacted on 01702 511895 who will discuss your requirements and arrange delivery to any of our EBC family

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

We have a Prayer Board in the Lower Hall displaying Eastern Baptist Association churches prayer requests plus the 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.



Through Eastwood Baptist Church we were able to give 107 Shoeboxes to Samaritans Purse to distribute to children in other parts of the world who would value them. We eagerly await to hear where. Gifts were gratefully received in the form of boxes in church, online, in money and individual items. So many people were involved, we want to say a HUGE thank you to all.



THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 29th November: 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 open to receive Food Bank donations

18.00 Baptismal preparation

Tuesday 30th: 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 1st December: Food Bank open 09.30-

11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

14.00 Dementia Training and awareness

19.00 Special Church Members ' Meeting

Friday 3rd: 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 December 5th at 10.30 Our morning

worship service will be led by Jo Hellenbrand and include Communion. There will be a recorded message from our Moderator, David Mayne for Advent 2. At 15.00 all are welcomed to join in supporting Gracie as she is baptised by Jo

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.

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