



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 5th November 2021 Advent 2

We are very pleased to be hearing a recorded message from our Moderator- Rev David Mayne - this morning and Jo Hellenbrand will lead our worship which includes Communion.

The readings are: **Deuteronomy 31: 1-8** and **Matthew 25: 14-30**

This afternoon at 15.00 we are delighted to be supporting Gracie as she is baptised by Jo Hellenbrand. Afterwards there will be refreshments served. to which everyone is welcomed.



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

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.

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 19th at 18.00

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See us on our Facebook page too

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

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

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.

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).

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. Pray also for wisdom for the European Union as they discuss the wide issues concerning refugees, and that our Government and other countries around the world will have a voice in these discussions.

Persecuted Church. The charity Open Doors issue a World Watch map every year showing which countries are most involved in persecuting our Christian brothers and sisters. These reports consistently show year after year that 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 thousands incarcerated in political labour camps. Three generations have been punished for the "crime" of one Christian family member. Pray for daily grace for Christians there, who are in danger every moment. May all facing death, torture and abuse in labour camps know God's sustaining power. Pray that God will protect our brothers and sisters as they meet in utmost secrecy; may they hear your loving voice giving them wisdom and strength.

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 vaccines which are necessary to beat this disease. Pray especially at this time that necessary restrictions in this country and around the world are applied, and accepted, to curb additional infections in respect of the newly identified Covid variant, Omicron. Pray that plans for families and friends being able to meet in the lead up to, and at Christmas, will be undisturbed.

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 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, continue to remember David Wackett's family as they prepare for his funeral. 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 we are able to make more use of our church building, especially as during this period of Advent. 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 and for the "preach with a view" visit from Minister In Training Martin who was accompanied by his wife and children.

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



Many thanks to the generous donations of food items received from Barclays Bank Rayleigh. Leaflets advising about 'store cupboard and sparkle' Christmas items are available. Please donate these by the 13th. Foodstuffs include tinned ham, sweet or savoury biscuits, Christmas pudding, custard, chocolate spread, UHT milk, gravy or stuffing mixes, festive sweets, tins of fruit, vegetables and soups, and jars of cooking sauces. Thank you for your support. Sharon.

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 6th 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's Party

14.30 Women's Fellowship Christmas Special

15.00-16.00 *open to receive Food Bank donations*

Tuesday 7th:10.00 Green FISH Bible study

19.00 Blue Fish meet

Wednesday 8th Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods

14.00 Community Carol Service

Friday 10th 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's Party

11.30 – 12.30 open to receive Food Bank donations

18.30-19.30 Friday Club

19.45-21.00 Energise

Next week December 12th at 10.30 Our morning worship service for Advent 3 will be led by **Paul Wheeler**

There will be our regular **Sunday Afternoon Tea Service** led by Jo Hellenbrand at 15.00 with a Christmas theme

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.

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 for special orders.

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