



Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update

Sunday 9th January 2022



Please NOTE the next **Men's Breakfast** is now hopefully to be held in March, the January date of the 22nd being postponed due to continued Covid problems.

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.

We are very pleased to welcome our friend **Tony Simmonds** who will be leading our worship this morning.

His theme is: 'What can I give Him?'

The reading is: **Matthew 2: 1-12**

Everyone is welcome to join us this afternoon for our monthly **Tea Service** which is at **3pm** led by our own Rev. Jo Hellenbrand .

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With much to bring to our Lord in prayer this coming year I am restarting the **weekly Prayer Meetings via Zoom**. To join these please see the email sent out by Val Statt giving the Zoom joining link.

Telephone joining details are:-

0330 088 5830 followed by:
Meeting ID: 894 0385 0127 Passcode: 123456.
If you have any difficulties please call me.
Thank you Rev Jo Hellenbrand.

Using our church for WORSHIP:

Covid precautions are still being taken: you can choose where to sit but are required to wear a face covering. 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).

Refugees. For many refugees, whether they are Christians, of other faiths or none, the Christmas period may have seemed just another time of homelessness, hunger, anxiety and uncertainty. Pray for all displaced people, and especially at this time for our Christian sisters and brothers. Pray that they will be encouraged by remembering that Christ Himself became a refugee and had no place to call His own, fleeing from His homeland.

The World. Pray about the problems of climate change, famine, war, and economic imbalance between countries. Pray for successful diplomatic efforts to prevent possible invasion of Ukraine by Russia, and other places in the world where wars and major conflicts between and within countries are currently happening often under the radar of regular news reporting. Pray that Governments and people of influence around the world will increasingly work together to ease the problems of climate change, before it is too late.

Pray for everyone in the world who is suffering from Covid 19, including those who have had the effects of long Covid. Pray at this time for the many countries where, in the words of the head of the WHO last week, that the Omicron and Delta variants of Covid 19 is producing a tsunami of cases between them. Pray especially at this time for the countries which have recently set new records for infections, including the USA, France, Spain, Italy and the UK. Pray that this will not lead to an increased level of deaths, and that medical services will not be overwhelmed. Pray for the physical and mental wellbeing of NHS and other medical staff and carers.

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 bring hope and peace of mind in these situations. Pray for the many families and individuals 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 pray for those who are unwell, in body or spirit that they may rest in God's care as they receive treatment and support. Thank God for all the services, meetings and events we were able to have over the Christmas period, and thank Him for the further plans that He has for His church in Eastwood. Thank Him that Rev Jo Hellenbrand has now been ordained, and that we are now able to wait expectantly for our new minister to also join us.

These newsheets 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.



After an extraordinary busy Christmas we have calmed down on a Wednesday morning at present. The stocks are quite low at the Warehouse so we are putting out a request for

Tinned Meat Meals such as Pies, Chilli, Curry, Stewed steak
Fruit Squash
UHT Fruit Juice
Packs of 80 Tea Bags
Tinned Carrots

Thank you, Sharon and the Team

THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 10th January: 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio 's
14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 *open to receive Food Bank donations*

19.30 Deacons Meeting

Tuesday 11th:10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 12th: Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods .

19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meeting

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 January 16th at 10.30

Our morning worship service will be led by Revs

Darren and Melanie Pike. **We are happy to have**

Darren and Melanie and family join us and it is

hoped to share in a fellowship meal together.

As guidelines have not changed it is intended to have a light lunch after the morning service. If you would like to come please add your name to the list in the vestibule or let Val Statt know or any of the Diaconate. Arrangements can then be made. If you can offer your assistance with serving and setting up please let Val Statt know. Thank you.

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.