

Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update Sunday 24th April 2022



We welcome you to this morning's service which is being led by our own **Martin Wright**

The reading is: **Acts 16: 6-15**

The theme is: **The unplanned church**

Refreshments are served in the lower hall following the service and all are very welcome to enjoy these, there is no charge.



ORDINATION AND INDUCTION SERVICE FOR MARTIN WRIGHT

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL AT 14.00

We look forward with excitement to this very special service when Martin will have the support of his family and his previous church fellowship as we welcome him into ministry here. We expect a full church and ask that only Blue Badge holders use the car park. Everyone is invited.

Tea will be served in the Memorial Hall, Lambeth Road, following the service, all are very welcome.

Many thanks to all helping, could all bakes please be **brought to the hall** between 11.30 and 13.30 on Saturday or to the **church** on Friday 29th between 11.30 and 12.30. Thank you

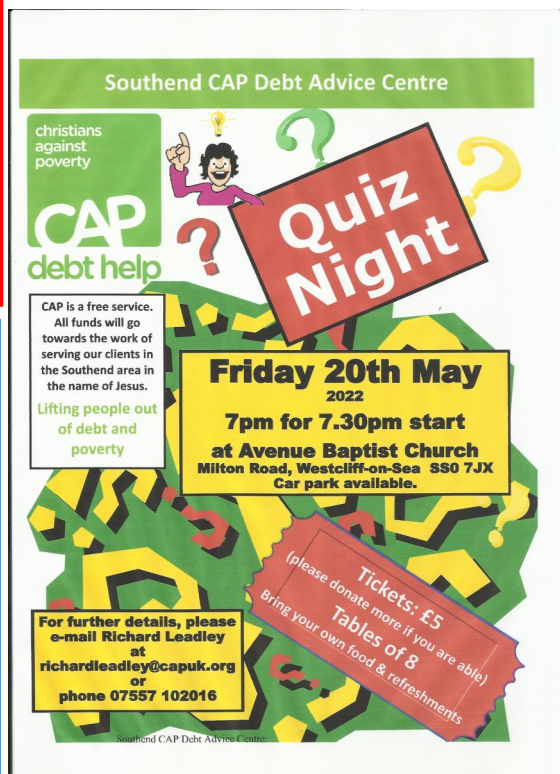
Weekly Prayer Meetings via Zoom. To join these please see the email sent out by Val Statt giving the joining link.

Telephone joining details are:-

0330 088 5830 followed by:

Meeting ID: 894 0385 0127 Passcode: 123456.

Meetings open at 19.00 for chat then 19.30 for prayer



Ladies Breakfast at the Oakwood on **Saturday 7th May at 09.30.**

This is open to all ladies of any age and an opportunity to get to know each other better whilst enjoying a cooked brekkie!

Please **sign up** on sheet in vestibule.

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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)

Graham, who usually compiles this item for prayer is unwell, so you will note a different style.

Praise God for the glorious Easter celebrating our risen Lord, the centrality of our faith.

We are so very blessed, let's give grateful thanks to God for the beauty of His creation around us most evident in springtime. With the arrival of Martin and the family we are enriched by our ministry team committed to working for Christ in this church and locality, as we give thanks for this and look forward to the Induction and Ordination service we pray that the whole family will feel supported and upheld as they settle into a new home, make new friends, adjust to new schools and colleges. Bless Jo and Martin as they learn to work together, doing God's work.

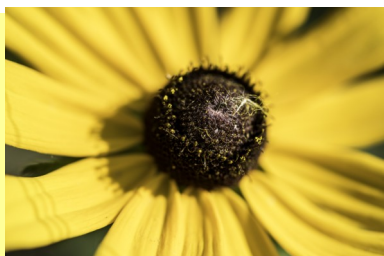
Please pray for all the children and young people known to us through Pinocchio's, Friday Club and Energise; for those returning to schools, colleges and universities after the Easter break. Thank you for Jan, Graham, Andrew and all those who help with our youth work as they encourage and support. For those amongst our fellowship who also teach we pray for encouragement and energy as they encounter the day to day difficulties and challenges of helping children of all ages.

Many in our own fellowship have been -and continue to be -quite unwell. Our prayer emails keep us informed but we do not need to know details to continue to offer these brothers and sisters up in prayer for God to comfort, strengthen and heal. Thank the Lord for the provision of health care and support available to us all, give compassion and sustenance to all those working to enable this. For those who are feeling anxious lonely or sad at this time may the peace that comes from resting in God's presence be experienced.

When we pray for the vulnerable we also think of the many refugees fleeing circumstances that we really don't even want to imagine. Pray for protection, safety, comfort and security for those who are losing everything familiar to them. Thank God for the agencies willing and ready to offer aid, may this be able to happen. Pray for wisdom in decision making of the great and powerful, may hearts be moved to seek justice and mercy, may fighting cease and peace be sought by all involved.

As we look forward to welcoming many friends of the Wright family next Saturday we pray for journeying mercies and look forward to a day of joyful worship and praise. Bless all who are taking part.

Thanks to Tony and Linda Rouse for the beautiful flowers today



This Easter reflected the pattern of 'expect the unexpected'. In the first week we had so many guests that our shelves were almost emptied, in the second very few visiting. We enjoyed being able to give out lots of Easter eggs which were very well received.

Over the whole Foodbank requests for help are rising.

Requests this week are:

Jam, Meat meals. Tinned vegetables, Rice pudding, Vegetable soups

Thank you for your support, Sharon and the Team

Our next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Saturday 14th May**; here at church, when the guest speaker will be Chris Petrou. Please **add your name** to the list in the vestibule or speak to Graham Back. All men welcome.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 25th April : 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's

14.30 Women's Fellowship

15.00-16.00 open to receive Food Bank donations

Tuesday 26th: 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

19.30 Blue FISH meet

Wednesday 27th Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods .

19.00 for 19.30 Wednesday Zoom prayer meeting

Friday 29th: 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

Saturday 30th 14.00 Induction and Ordination Service

Sunday 1st May 10.30 worship and communion service will be led by Martin Wright. The communion offering in May and June is for Guide Dogs

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.

Please save used stamps for RNIB box in vestibule