



# Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update : **Sunday 26th June 2022**

We welcome you all to our baptismal service today;

worship is being led by **Rev. Jo Hellenbrand and**

**Rev Martin Wright** ; baptising Christine and Kim.

The theme: "Confidence" is taken from the reading:

**Philippians 3:1-11**

Do stay for refreshments after the service if you can, they are served in the lower hall, there is no charge.



## Can you help?

Over the next couple of weeks we have a few opportunities to connect with our local primary schools.

It would be great if we have a bunch of willing volunteers to help and support those of us leading.

### 1st July

#### Heycroft

Year 1 visit on the 1st July **9:00 till 11:45**

We have two classes in year 1 coming to visit our church.

They will complete a treasure hunt form and ask us questions at each station and then together create a piece of art for things which they are thankful for.

### Edwards Hall school fete

**8th July 15:00 to 20:00.**

We are running a stall with crafts and activities for the children (and adults).

We're looking for volunteers who can help for an hour or two.

Rev Martin Wright

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Our annual **GIFT DAY** for the **BMS Worldwide : Ukraine Appeal**. Envelopes, which can be Gift Aided, are in the vestibule or you can give by **BACS. Please use reference BMS Ukraine Sort code 20-70-93 Account number 23683559** Our Gift day finishes **TODAY**. 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

## Contact Details

### Ministers

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**Rev. Jo Hellenbrand: 07810713415** [jo@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk](mailto:jo@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk)

Please note that Martin's days off this week are Tuesday and Saturday and Jo is off Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please try to avoid contacting them on their rest days.

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See us on our Facebook page and You Tube too

## Date for your Diary:

Next **Ladies Breakfast** is at

**The Oakwood on Saturday 9th July**

**at 09.30**. All ladies are very welcome.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

The **Men's Breakfast** is on the same day at the same venue but starting at 10.00!

## 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) .*

**Here at EBC** we have been saddened this week to hear that Ann H passed away on Tuesday afternoon. Pray at this time for her family as they grieve for her. Also 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. Pray for Christine and Kim as they are baptised today, and for Sami as she prepares for her baptism in August, for encouragement and protection. Thank God for the many answers to prayer we have, and thank Him for all the services and other events we are able to have in our church.

**A World In Balance?** By early next year it is expected that the world's population will exceed 8 billion, more than three times what it was at the end of the 2nd World War and to feed all those people food production has had to try to keep pace. This increasing size of the world's population, climate change, plastic pollution, wars and famine caused by drought, flood and inability to purchase food by poorer countries, are all affecting the balance of our world. In recent months, the conflict in Ukraine is having a knock-on effect on food supply around the world, especially in the poorer regions that have long suffered from food insecurity and famine. Russia exports more wheat than any other country in the world, while Ukraine is also one of the world's largest exporters. The two countries are also leading exporters of other grains, seeds and vegetable oils, as well as much needed fertilisers. Food prices are rising beyond the means of the poorest, among them many thousands of our brothers and sisters.

**Pray that the Lord, who provides even for the birds (Matthew 6:26) will provide for these needy people.**

Pray for the many families and individuals who are facing financial and accommodation difficulties at this time, and are suffering from increased prices on food, fuel and other bills. Pray about the continuing problems relating to Covid 19, that we will all continue to be careful as we now live with the disease around us, and that vaccinations will continue to be made available to limit the spread of the disease and the severity of it, including the effects of long Covid.

### Prayer Warriors

We started Prayer Warriors, asking people to pray for the life of the church during our time of searching for a new minister and seeking God's call on the fellowship of EBC during the last two years. This involves receiving email requests, praying at home and then sharing how God has spoken through your prayers with the other Prayer Warriors to pray and discern. Martin and I would like to continue this as we feel so strongly that prayer is the foundation of all we do for the community and fellowship of Eastwood, and how God has blessed us through these faithful prayers and continues to do so. If anyone would like to be included in this ministry as we seek God in prayer in this new season please let me know. Thanks. Jo x

Our thanks to Gareth and Christine Evans for today's flowers



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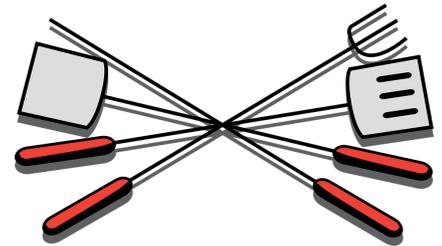
### A NEW WAY TO GIVE

This website is called Common Good and this link takes you to an area for

*common good*

Southend Foodbank . It is a wish list of items they need, anyone can go online, buy from the shopping list and the selected items are **delivered straight to the warehouse for free**. Most of the items on the list are bulk buys or multi-packs, which makes this a more cost-effective way of donating priority items. Thank you from Sharon and Team

**Invitation to open house BBQ at Martin and Kim's home is on the 3rd July after the service; sign up sheet to help with numbers, all welcome.**



### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 27th June 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's**

**14.30-16.00 Women's Fellowship**

**15.00-16.00 open to receive Food Bank donations**

**Tuesday 28th 10.00 Green FISH Bible study**

**17.30 Singing group meet, all welcome**

**Wednesday 29th June Food Bank open 09.30-11.00**

for guests with vouchers to collect goods .

**19.00 for 19.30 Wednesday Zoom prayer meeting**

**Friday 1st July 10.00-11.30 Pinocchio's**

**11.30 - 12.30 open to receive Food Bank donations**

**18.30 Friday Club and 19.45 Energise meet**

**Sunday 3rd 10.30 our morning Communion service**

will be led by our brother; **Rev Jonathan Blake**.

This will be followed by refreshments in the lower hall for which there is no charge. All are very welcome

If anyone would like to help prepare this weekly news sheet please see Rosie who would appreciate sharing the role. Thank you.