

Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update Sunday 31st October 2021

We are very pleased to welcome our friend Simon Werrett who is leading our worship today with the theme:

"Is there a Plan B?"

Linda Werrett is giving us our Bible reading which is from Jeremiah ch 29: 4-13

AGM 7th November at 12.30 after our morning Communion service and bring your own lunch. Reports and audited accounts are accessible via our Members Page on our Website and a hard copy will be made available the Vestibule.

The Recognition of Leadership and Co-ordination roles at EBC are on display in the vestibule for those who kindly take on these roles. Please sign if you are willing to continue undertaking these roles and please also encourage by proposing and signing as well. If there are gaps please pray about them and ask yourself if this is something you might do.

Thank you - Val Statt

Social Media

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> to keep up to date with what is going on at Eastwood Baptist Church (look for logo)

We have a new Prayer Board in the Lower Hall displaying Eastern Baptist Association churches prayer requests plus an opportunity to place our own prayers. These will be prayed for by the Leadership Team and Prayer Team.

Thank you to Sharon for creating this

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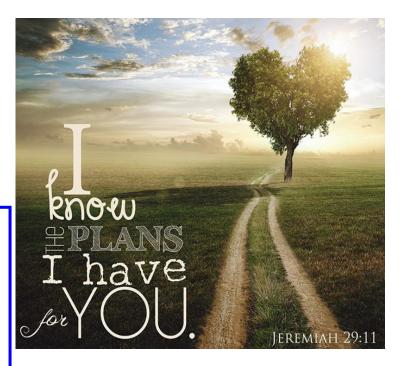
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Pam and Dour Miles want to thank everyone for the very special birthday wishes on Doug's 90th. They appreciated all the cards and greetings and have really enjoyed the afternoon tea given to them by the church with the support of Cake O Clock



We celebrated our busiest day ever in half term reaching out to help 11 families so we feel we are on the map now. THANK YOU team for all your hard work.

Using our church for WORSHIP:

With the lifting of restrictions regarding Covid we are able to open up our church more fully.

You can now choose where to sit and whether to wear face coverings. The Sanctuary will be well ventilated.

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**

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

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). **3ir David Amess**. Continue to pray for his family, his friends, and everyone in our local community who were touched and affected by his murder, and that He will bring comfort and peace.

Afghanistan. Last week's newssheet item asked for prayer about the plight of persecuted Christians in this country. This week, while continuing to pray about that situation, please also pray that despite many countries being uncertain about dealing with the Taliban leadership, that God will find ways to bring much needed food supplies to all the starving people there.

Our world. Pray about the problems of climate change, famine, poverty, war, and economic imbalance between and within countries-the gap between rich and poor. Pray that at the Climate Change Conference (COP 26) which begins on 31st October, that the minds and actions of governments will find ways to improve our footprint on our world, for the benefit of future generations.

Covid 19. Pray for all the countries in the world where Covid 19 is being suffered by so many people. Pray that Governments and people of influence will work increasingly together-to share their collective knowledge, experience and wealth, so that everyone can benefit from the vaccines and protocols which are necessary to beat this disease. In this country, pray for wisdom from our Government and all of us, as we live with Covid 19, and be thankful that booster and flu vaccinations are now readily available for the most vulnerable.

In this country. Pray for those who are struggling. Even before the Covid pandemic, there were many families and individuals who were having problems, often behind closed doors, and not revealing the full extent of those problems. 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 the likelihood of increased fuel, food and other bills.

In EBC, continue to pray for all 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 and encouraging more use of our church building. Pray for the plans that God has for our church, and thank Him for his continued guidance in our search for a new minister.





Chris
presented a
cheque for
£1,020.00 to
the Guide
Dogs
Association.

Thank you all again for your kind donations

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 1st November:10.00-11.30 Pinocchio 's 14.30 Women's Fellowship

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

Tuesday 2nd: 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

Wednesday 3rd: Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for

guests with vouchers to collect goods

Friday 5th: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 November 7th at 10.30 Our morning worship and Communion service is being led by our own Jo Hellenbrand and will be followed by our AGM after refreshments

Weekly teas and coffees: please add your name to the rota in the vestibule if you can help with these. Milk and biscuits supplied up. Thank you.

Dates to save: AGM Sunday 7th November following the morning service

Quiz Night Saturday 20th November at 18.30

Gracie Redding's **Baptismal Service** Sunday 5th December at 3pm

Jo's ORDINATION Monday 13th December at 18.00

Everyone is warmly welcomed to these events

These newssheets 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.