



# Eastwood Baptist Church

## Weekly News Update

## Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021



We are very pleased to welcome Rev. Andrew Picton to lead our worship this morning.

His theme is: "The problem with Peace Making"

The reading is: Micah chapter 4:1-8

There is a Civic service of Remembrance held in the Memorial Hall, Lambeth Road, at 14.00—open to all.

Our own Jo Hellenbrand is leading our Tea Service at 15.00 with the theme: "God's Peace"

This service will include Communion

The Bible reading is from Romans chapter 12: 17-21



**Dementia Friends Training –**  
Wednesday 1st December at 2pm,  
Lower Hall. We will be holding  
Dementia Friends Training for the  
volunteers of the upcoming  
Community Carol Service and Café  
but if anyone would like to know  
more about supporting those living  
with dementia you are welcome to  
join us. For more information please  
see Jo.

2022 COMMUNION OFFERINGS ; we plan to resume these in January and the following 6 charities have been nominated by Members and voted for:

Jan/Feb: CAP, Mar/April: HARP,

May /June: Guide Dogs for the Blind, July/Aug: TWAM,

Sept/Oct: British Lung Foundation,

Nov/Dec: Christian Hope International.

We are thrilled to be Baptising Gracie next month and will be together on Monday 29th November at 6pm in the lower hall to talk about preparing for Baptism and exploring our faith. Everyone is welcome to come along. For more info please see Jo H.

We will again be doing 170 care home bags for all the staff and residents of Brooklands, Havengore and Badgers Care homes. We have been blessed by many people making cards, gifts and pictures to go in them. If however, you would like to contribute financially towards the bought items needed to be included please let Jo H.know.

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See us on our Facebook page too

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

### **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**

## 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).

**Climate Change.** Now that the COP 26 conference in Glasgow has finished, and the Government representatives, delegates, invited specialist speakers and protesters have left, continue to pray that now there will be real action by everyone to do things, big and small, to save the world God created for future generations.

**Our world.** Pray about the problems of famine, poverty, war and economic imbalance between countries-the gap between rich and poor.

**Persecuted Church.** In Bangladesh (a poor country prone to increased risk of flooding and cyclones due to climate change), the 1% Christian minority is subject to discrimination from the 90% Muslim majority. There are also a few hundred Rohingya Christians living among 750,000 Rohingya Muslims who fled genocide in Myanmar to refugee camps in Bangladesh. These Christians suffered extreme persecution in their homeland because of their ethnicity, and are also attacked because of their faith by muslim extremists in the camps. Ask the Lord to protect and provide for Bangladeshi Christians, and also Rohingya Christian refugees. Give thanks for those who stand firm in their faith despite persecution.

**Pray for the charity Christian Hope International**, whose mission is to bring hope and practical help, especially in Africa, where many pastors walk many miles each day to visit their parishioners. The gift of a bike significantly reduces travelling time and enables many more remote communities to be ministered to. Sharing God's Word takes on a whole new meaning when only the pastor owns a Bible.

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 from wisdom from our Government and all of us as we live with Covid 19, and be thankful that booster and flu vaccinations are readily available for the most vulnerable.

**November.** A growing number of men in the world (nearly 11 million) are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 75% of all suicides. Pray, especially this month, that the charity Movember will increasingly be enabled to fund projects around the world to bring knowledge and solutions to those in need.

**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 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 prices on food, fuel 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. Thank God for our AGM and member's meeting last Sunday, and for the plans that He has for our church. Thank him for his continued guidance in our search for a new minister.



We were really pleased to receive 36 advent calendars from Morrisons this week. We were able to give out 15 on Wednesday so they were well received. We would appreciate donations of antibacterial cleaning spray and washing up liquid. Many thanks Sharon and Team.

## THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 15th November: 10.00-11.30** Pinocchio 's  
14.30 Women's Fellowship

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

**Tuesday 16th : 10.00** Green FISH Bible study

**19.30** Blue FISH resumes meeting fortnightly

**Wednesday 17th : Food Bank open 09.30-11.00** for guests with vouchers to collect goods

**Friday 19h : 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 21st at 10.30** Our morning worship service will include a blessing of the filled shoeboxes and will be led by Pastor Fred Onwuchekwa

**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.

## Dates to save:

**Quiz Night Saturday 20th November at 18.30**

**28th November: Church Family Lunch**

**1st December at 19.00** Special Church Members' Meeting

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

**Men's' Breakfast at The Oakwood 11th December, see Graham Back to book.**

**Jo's ORDINATION Monday 13th December at 18.00**

## 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 welcome for the 8th, 12th, 13th and 19th .December too. Thank you. Rosie

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