

Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update : Sunday 1st May 2022



We welcome you to our morning communion service which is being led by our own Rev. Martin Wright

The reading is: Acts 16: 16-21

The theme is: Freedom at what cost?

Our retiring communion offering today is for

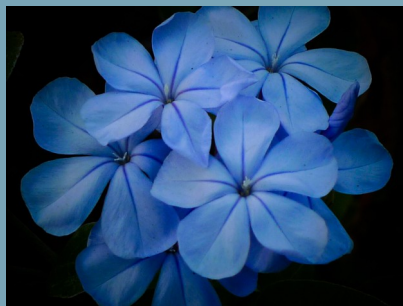
Guide Dogs

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



With the Queen's Jubilee Celebration weekend just over a month away we have planned three events to celebrate here in Eastwood. We will be holding a family craft event, a service to watch the celebration service and enjoy some puddings and on the Sunday we will have a celebration service for both the Queen's Jubilee and Pentecost then a bring a share meal afterwards. More information and sign-up sheets are at the back of the Church or contact Martin

Thanks to Shelagh Turner for today's beautiful flower display.



ADVANCE NOTICE Members' Meeting to be held at **12.30 on MAY 22ND** following the morning service .Bring your own lunch if you wish. Teas and coffees will be served.

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 and see Val Statt for more information.

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

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To find out about **room use** please email bookings@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

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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*)

This week, as well as your normal thanks and prayers for people and situations, we ask you to pray about these things.

Give thanks that the induction and ordination of our new minister Rev Martin Wright yesterday went well. **Give thanks for what God** has in store for our church as Martin now works in ministry alongside Rev Jo.

Pray about the continuing tragedy in respect of the invasion of Ukraine. Pray that God will tear down evil schemes, and even now, when Russia are attacking many cities and other areas, especially in the south and east in Ukraine, that He will give wisdom to peacemakers seeking a less violent way; pray against fear -that He will rescue those who are vulnerable from the hands of their enemies; pray for the church in Ukraine-that He will give them courage in this crisis, and bind up broken hearts, and bring comfort to all who mourn; pray that Ukraine be delivered from evil-that He will have mercy and heal that country; pray that He will give that country peace, and the chance to develop as a nation that values truth, justice and freedom; pray for the safety and wellbeing of all the refugees (about 5.3 million who have left the country, and an estimated 7.7 million who have been displaced within the country), that they will find welcome and safe harbour.

Pray for all in the world who are being affected by the high increases in provision of energy and foodstuffs, that all of us, but especially those who are already living in poverty, will be able to cope.

Pray about the continuing increase in the numbers of **refugees** elsewhere in the world, with at the end of last year over 82 million people having fled from their countries.

Pray about the plight of God's **persecuted church** in countries around the world. Pray for Christians living under the constant threat of violence or injustice simply because of their faith. Pray also for all Christian refugees, that He will be their refuge and a strong tower, and that they will know His comfort and peace. Pray for the many in **our fellowship** who have been, or continue to be, quite unwell. Lift up these, our brothers and sisters, up in prayer for God to comfort, strengthen and heal. **Thank the Lord** for the provision of health and support available to us all, and 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. **Thank God** for all the services and other events we are able to have in our church, and thank Him for the further plans that He has for His church in Eastwood.



Foodbank News;

Stocks are quite low at the Foodbank. An excellent way of collecting products is through a **supermarket collection**. There are 2 arranged that need **volunteers** to help them happen; **Asda in Shoeburyness on 6th -8th May** and **Waitrose 11th June**.

Please contact Sharon for more information.

Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre

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CAP debt help

CAP is a free service. All funds will go towards the work of serving our clients in the Southend area in the name of Jesus. Lifting people out of debt and poverty

Quiz Night

Friday 20th May 2022

7pm for 7.30pm start

at Avenue Baptist Church
Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7JX
Car park available.

Tickets: £5
(please donate more if you are able)
Tables of 8
Bring your own food & refreshments

For further details, please e-mail Richard Leadley at richardleadley@capuk.org or phone 07557 102016

Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre

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 2nd May: 15.00-16.00 open to receive Food Bank donations

Tuesday 3rd 10.00 Green FISH Bible study

17.30 Singing group meet, all voices welcome

Wednesday 4th Food Bank open 09.30-11.00 for guests with vouchers to collect goods.

19.00 for 19.30 Wednesday Zoom prayer meeting

Thursday 5th Church in use as Polling Station 07.00-22.00 for local elections

Friday 6th: 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 7th 09.30 Ladies Breakfast at The Oakwood

Sunday 8th May 10.30 worship service will be led by Rev. Martin Wright who is also leading the Afternoon Tea Service at 15.00

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