## Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update : Sunday 15th May 2022

We welcome you to our morning service which is

being led by Simon Werrett The reading is:

Philippians 1: 1-11. The theme is: My Prayer

ADVANCE NOTICE Members' Meeting to be held at 12.30, on MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> which is next week. This follows the morning service .Bring your own lunch if you wish. Teas and coffees will be served.

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



## Foodbank News;

We send out a BIG thank you for the response to our appeal for donations. We were able to take over 8 crates full to Southend to make up boxes of food. The Asda food collection was a big success so at last the warehouse feels it has a healthy amount of stock. Requests this week are for Tinned Sweetcorn Tinned Carrots Tinned Fruit Teas Bags Micro Rice packs

Please save any carrier bags for us to use to give the food to our guests on a Wednesday.





**Queen's Jubilee Celebration** 

Plans are underway to mark this event, further details to follow



CREATE - Family Craft Event Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10am - 1pm Please book your child in via the QR code

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** -we will be watching the service live and enjoying cake and puddings.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - celebration service for both the Queen's Jubilee and Pentecost with a bring and share meal

We thank Pauline and Stan Warnes for their beautiful flowers this week.



## 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)

**Pray about the tragedy in respect of the invasion of Ukraine.** With the war now in it's eleventh week, it is important that we do not become desensitised, and are persistent in our prayers. Since the war began, almost 6 million refugees have left Ukraine, with a further nearly 8 million displaced within the country. 90% of those refugees are women or children, and more than half of all children in Ukraine have left their homes. You may find the suggested prayer pointers in recent newsletters of further assistance in your prayers, but there is so much being unfolded each day in the news.

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 homes. Pray that all refugees will find safe harbour and peace, safe from the horrors of war and injustice.

In this country it is estimated that one and a half million households (nearly 5 million people) will this year find their budgets being squeezed by rising prices and higher taxes. Pray for all in this country, and in the world, who are being affected by the high increases in provision of energy and foodstuffs, that everyone, but especially those already **in poverty**, will be able to cope. Pray about the plight of **God's persecuted church** in countries around the world. Pray for Christians living under constant threat or injustice simply because of their faith.

Pray about the continuing problems **relating to Covid 19**, that we will continue to be cautious, as we live with the disease around us, and that vaccinations will continue to be developed and made available to limit the spread of the disease. Pray for those who have suffered from loss of confidence in coming out from their homes after recovering from Covid, and for those suffering from the affects of Long Covid.

**In EBC,** continue to pray for everyone in our fellowship, our families and friends, who are unwell at the moment, in body or spirit, that they may rest in God's care as they receive treatment and support. Thank God for all the services and other events we are able to have in our church. Pray for the plans we have to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Anniversary in June. Thank God for what God has in store for our church as Revs Martin and Jo work together in ministry. Thank Him for all the plans that He has for His church in Eastwood.

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