



EBC GRAPEVINE

Welcome to the January issue of “Grapevine”
 Our way of letting you know what is going on each month.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Therefore,
 if anyone is in Christ, the
 new creation has come:
 The old has gone, the new
 is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

- 2nd Spectrum All-Age Worship
- 9th Morning Worship
- 16th Morning Worship and LEP Service at 4.00pm
- 23rd Morning Worship with introduction of Rev Andy
- 30th Morning Worship and Dedication. Rev Andy will be preaching

PRAYER TEXT SERVICE

Do you or someone you know need prayer?

We can pray for you in confidence.

Just text 07775 578449

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Passing the Baton

At the November church meeting I mentioned that I and some of the deacons had been in contact with a possible future minister who lives in America and is planning a return to his homeland. I am pleased to say that arrangements are now in place for Rev Andy to visit at the end of January. He will be meeting all the deacons informally and will have a formal interview with them.

Please make a note of the following important dates:

Sunday 23rd January - I will introduce Andy in the morning service. You are all invited later to a "Meet and greet tea/coffee and cake" that afternoon from 4.00 to 5.30pm.

Sunday 30th January - Rev Andy will be preaching.

Please commit all these plans to prayer.

Mandy

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

LEP SERVICE

Sunday 16th January at 4pm

We are hosting the LEP Service for the week of prayer for Christian unity. The service has been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches. Would be great to see you there!

CHURCH MEETING

Monday 31 January at 8pm

The decision will be made nearer the time about whether it is in person or on Zoom. If you would like a copy of the previous meetings that have been on Zoom, then please email Clare, admin@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk and they will be emailed to you.

THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas services. I am so glad we didn't cancel any and that was thanks to all of you who supported in any way.

Mandy

A reminder of EBC COVID guidelines

To keep us all safe please remember the following:

- Windows will be open, to allow ventilation so please dress warmly
- A facemask must be worn during the service, unless you are exempt
- Please use hand sanitiser upon arrival
- Following the service, please leave the sanctuary quickly as cleaning takes place
- If staying for refreshments, please wear a facemask until seated and keep your social groups to a minimum
- If you require a self-test kit, please email Mandy and she will have one ready for collection after the Sunday service
- If you meet in a small group at church, then the decision on facemask wearing is down you as a group
- Adhere to the government guidelines regarding isolation:

“Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or who is self-isolating should not attend. This includes anyone who receives a positive test, develops symptoms, or has been a close contact of someone with COVID-19 when they themselves are unvaccinated.”

PRAYER FOCUS

JANUARY

At this time we look back at the Challenges we have lived through in the past year and the happy times we have enjoyed. We now also look forward to fresh starts and great times ahead. In January therefore,

LET US PRAY

- Giving thanks to our Heavenly Father who has held our hand and guided us through troubled times and good
- For the year ahead full of known and unknown circumstances that God will once again see us through
- For Mandy in her last year as our serving minister that the Lord will bless her in a special way to continue to inspire others with her zeal and passion to make the love of Jesus known in our community
- For the will of God to be clear to us as we endeavour to appointment a new minister to receive the baton and continue to enable EBC to grow from strength to strength.
- For the leaders of EBC and the church family to make good choices for the future
- For the homeless and charities seeking to make their lives better. For our part in the support of APAP, CAP and the Food bank
- Giving thanks for advances made in our efforts to combat Covid-19 and it's variants and praying that we will find ways to effectively reduce its threat to our daily lives and communities
- Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one in 2021