



# The Church that meets at Bethel



## Activities & Prayer Diary 2nd - 9th April 2023

Sunday	2	10.30am	Palm Sunday Morning Service <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmEGMvr85VA">www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmEGMvr85VA</a>	<b>School Holidays</b>
		1.30pm	<i>Christenings: Amy Lily &amp; Leo William Parkes</i>	
		6.00pm	Palm Sunday Evening Service <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJoQs6bmP_4">www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJoQs6bmP_4</a>	
Monday	3	9.30am	Knit & Natter	
		10.00am 1.00pm	One Way Club Easter Special BIBO	
Tuesday	4			
Wednesday	5			
Thursday	6	4.00pm	Prayer Meeting	
Friday	7	7.30pm	The Crucifixion - Choral Society <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PJYhzCmLKY">www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PJYhzCmLKY</a>	
Saturday	8			
Sunday	9	10.30am	Easter Morning Celebration <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5wYZhYLUA4">www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5wYZhYLUA4</a>	
		1.30pm	<i>Christening: Penelope Lillian Marsh</i>	
		6.00pm	Easter Evening Celebration <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joHsU4L8rtk">www.youtube.com/watch?v=joHsU4L8rtk</a>	



# Prayers, Notes and News

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Thank you for all your prayers for Nigel Cook. He is home, and the 1cm mass is a papilloma - benign!! Thank you Lord.
- Please would you pray for Janet Dingley - she is battling a rare cancer. Please ask the Lord to reach out to touch, heal and strengthen her, and pray for Keith too as he takes care of her at home.
- Please would you continue to hold Lynda and Alf in your prayers. They both are undergoing tests etc at the hospital, and Lynda is awaiting injections, so please ask the Lord to reach out to touch, heal and strengthen them both.
- Please continue to hold Jacq in your prayers. We still need Jesus' healing touch on her life for all the left-behind, post-cancer, post-radiotherapy treatment damage. Jacq struggles on each and every day, and the pains give her constant agony. Please ask Jesus the Healer to help her as we faithfully hold her in our prayers.
- Please continue to hold Joyce and Roy in your prayers. They are both contending with a number of health issues, both having various tests etc at the hospital. Roy's results are back and they have an appointment with the doctor next week. Good news for Joyce is that a new consultant is trying new prisms for her, which do seem to be helping her reading, so please ask the Lord to reach out to touch, heal and strengthen them both.
- Please continue to hold John in your prayers as he continues with his chemotherapy tablets. As always, please continue to pray for a cancer-free John.
- Please pray for James, Freida's son who is having on-going treatment for MS. Brilliant news here - these are Freida's words - "After his next treatment tomorrow, which is every 6 weeks, they are putting James on a new trial, again every 6 weeks. Instead of intravenous they are trialling a treatment. It's an injection. The 1st 2 times he will stay an extra hour after. If all is okay it again will be every 6 weeks, but will only need to stay 15 minutes after. I can't explain how I feel - I can't thank everyone who has been praying for James enough. Bless them all." Please thank the Lord for this news, and pray for her other son Neil too and also for Freida with all her own struggles at this difficult time. Thank you.
- Please continue to hold Beryl's daughter Julie in

your prayers - we seem to have hit a brick wall with her being allocated the flat near Beryl, so prayers please for this blockage to be removed! Pray to for the fibromyalgia - it's literally crippling her with pain. Prayers especially for Beryl who has been really unwell for a few days, and although much better, is still in awful pain with arthritis which restricts her mobility.

- Please continue to pray for Ann Mason (Kim Nicholls' mom) Pray for the Lord to heal her please, and for Kim as she walks with her mom through these days. Pray too for Ian Watson (same family) who has started his treatment, who also needs extra prayers for healing.
- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des, currently in a nursing home and Sheila, still recovering from an operation.
- Please pray for our Little Lambs staff, children and parents and for all our children and young people at nursery/school/college/university, that they would remain protected by and close to the Lord.
- Please keep in your prayers Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent and all the staff including the unit staff, as they serve the community with the Little Shop of Hope. *Anyone wishing to volunteer a little time helping out at Bethel Treasures, please, just come forward!*

## **Pray for Ukraine**



Please pray for the people of Ukraine. After more than a year of conflict, thank God for the courage and bravery of the Ukrainians who are living in dreadful times. Pray that the Lord of Hosts would continue to hold them, protect them and keep them as they push back and are re-gaining ground. We pray for this aggression against Ukraine to end.

## **WHAT'S ON AT BETHEL**

### **Easter Raffle & Spring Sale Table**

The raffle for the Easter Chocolate Hamper and other prizes will be drawn today, Palm Sunday. Tickets are £1 each, so you might just have time to buy some before the draw takes place.

Also in church is a lovely table filled with hand-made Spring items, made by Jackie Busby. Please take a look, there is a cash pot on the table if you wish to buy any of the items.

# Prayers, Notes and News

## Good Friday, 7th April

The Choral Society will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion this year, the first full version of it we've done since lockdown! Everyone welcome, it lasts for just over an hour and we have some lovely new soloists this year. Stay for tea and hot cross buns afterwards!

## Easter Morning, 9th April



Following on from the success of last year's Easter Flower Cross, we will be doing the same again this year. Next Sunday morning, Easter Day, please bring along with you to the service a few spring flowers from your own garden or window box (maybe wrapped in some damp paper to keep them fresh!), to add to the cross that will be in church.

## Help Needed

We have a stall at The Friends of Wollescote Park's Bark in the Park dog show event on **Saturday 20th May**. If anyone can help out manning the stall, that would be great and will take the pressure off Lynda and her team. Please let Jill or anyone in the office know if you can help. Many thanks.

## Feel Good Fridays

No Feel Good Friday this week as its Good Friday, but will be back on next week, 14th April. Light refreshments are available (tea/coffee/biscuits), board games, dominoes, cards, free Wi-Fi, bring your own things to entertain you, or just have a chat! Please spread the word to people who you think may like to join us.

## Dates for your Diary

### Pathfinders Pottery Painting

Pathfinders save the date of **Saturday 29th April**, 2.00 - 4.30pm, for a crafty get together to do some pottery painting!! Please return the reply slips ASAP on letters that are coming out to you.

### Coronation Big Lunch

For Coronation weekend, we will be holding a Coronation Big Lunch after church on the Sunday morning. Please stay after the service and join with us to celebrate together. We will give more details nearer the time, but please save the date of **Sunday 7th May** in your diary

### Summer Fayre

Another date for your diary is **Saturday 1st July** for this year's Summer Fayre - that may seem ages away, but its only 13 weeks! A volunteer board is coming around again today so we can see what

everyone's availability is before we can confirm what stalls we will be able to put on.

## WHAT'S ON NOT AT BETHEL

### Free Kids Cartoon Club

Albion Street Church at The Storehouse, Albion St. Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE are very excited to be inviting all friends to their new Kids Cartoon Club at the start and end of the Easter holidays. Taking place on **Saturdays 1st and 15th April** at 10:00 am in their newly created cinema area, they will be showing some of the best loved and well known biblical stories on their massive 8 x 4 meter cinema screen! Superbook teaches children timeless moral truths and life lessons through the captivating, Bible-based adventures of two time-traveling children and their robot friend. Travel back with Chris, Joy, and Gizmo and get ready for the journey of a lifetime! FREE entry, FREE snacks, activities and take-away packs!!! As they are restricted on numbers, arrive early to avoid disappointment!

### Wild Earth Movement

A few activity days coming up over the Easter holidays - on **Good Friday, 7th April** from 10am - 1pm at Mary Stevens Park, plastic free Easter Egg Hunt, £5 per child. On **Saturday 8th April**, 11am - 2pm at the Bonded Warehouse, Easter Party & Crafts, including buffet lunch. £15 per child, accompanying adults free. On **Friday 14th April** at Norton Community Centre, 10-11am, Eco Indoor Play, £5 per child. Pre-booking is required for all sessions - see [www.wildearthmovement.com/events](http://www.wildearthmovement.com/events)

### Mum's Night Out

This event, organised by Care for the Family, is for women who happen to be mums, and need a night of laughter, a chance to reconnect with who they are and to hear encouraging wellbeing advice from women who get it! Join Cathy Madavan and Gill Lyth, two mums who know all too well that the demands of motherhood are many, but so are the moments that make them worth it. This night of fun is the perfect chance to refill your cup, so you can pour precious time and attention into your family, without running on empty. The local event is being held on **Tuesday 16th May** at Life Community Church, Lodge Road, Hockley, B18 5PW from 7.30pm. Tickets are currently £6 up to 4th April (£11 after that) To book, ring 029 2081 0800 or go to [cff.org.uk/mumsnight](http://cff.org.uk/mumsnight). More info and leaflets on the table at back of church.

# BETHEL'S VISION:

To turn the lost into the found & the faithless into the faithful

<b>Rota</b> <i>Please remember if you are unable to make your 'duty' to contact one of the other people on the rota to arrange to swap</i>	<b>This Week</b> <b>2 Apr</b>	<b>Next Week</b> <b>9 Apr</b>
Sunday door welcome		Nigel Cook
Flowers arranged by	All arrangers	All arrangers
Sunday coffee/tea	Nathaniel	Cynthia & Jon
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Hayley Marrison	Maureen Leonard

<b>PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA</b>		
Sun	2	Jane Hart
Mon	3	Jo Rowan
Tue	4	Carol Prentice
Wed	5	Mariann Smith
Thu	6	Nigel Cook
Fri	7	BETHEL - Good Friday
Sat	8	Mariann Smith
Sun	9	BETHEL - Easter Day

