



The Church that meets at Bethel

Hill Street, Wollescote, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY9 8TL

Activities & Prayer Diary 25th February - 3rd March 2024

Sunday	25	10.30am	Morning Service www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqSb-VXT4V0
		6.00pm	Evening Service www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4jkkiiGgOg
Monday	26	8.30am	Little Lambs Pre-School
		9.30am	Knit & Natter
		12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School BIBO - <i>meeting off site this week</i>
		2.15pm	Funeral: <i>Brian Griffin</i>
Tuesday	27	8.30am	Little Lambs Pre-School
		12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School
		2.30pm	Little Lambs pm Parents Meetings - 1
		5.30pm	Cancer Peer Support Group
Wednesday	28	8.30am	Little Lambs Pre-School
		12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School
		12.30pm	Cornerstone
Thursday	29	8.30am	Little Lambs Pre-School
		9.30am	Little Acorns Toddler Group
		12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School
		3.30pm	Little Lambs pm Parents Meetings - 2 Prayer Meeting - <i>meeting off site this week</i>
		7.30pm	Choral Society Rehearsal
Friday	1	8.30am	Little Lambs Pre-School
		2.00pm	Feel Good Friday - social afternoon NO Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	2		
Sunday	3	10.30am	Morning Service - incl. Day of Reflection https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams
		1.30pm	Christening: <i>Skyla Elizabeth Thompson</i>
		6.00pm	Evening Service - incl. Day of Reflection https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams

Prayers, Notes and News

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Please pray for Jane Hart who is having some real health problems, but still battles on each day. She's having trouble breathing and gets exhausted quickly, and is now on her second round of antibiotics for a chest infection. The results of the scan show that she has blocked blood vessels on both sides of her heart, but mostly on the left. She is on the list for an angioplasty, but it won't be until around June. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch on her life.
- Please keep praying for beautiful baby Mila, who has sadly been diagnosed as having cerebral palsy in all four limbs. She is due an operation to install a feeding tube as the milk is not nurturing her and helping her grow. Please pray for our Lord to reach out and heal this little girl.
- Please continue to pray for Jenny Hill. Please pray that the treatment she has had, along with the ongoing treatment, will work together for the very best outcome for Jenny.
- Please keep Lynda in your prayers - following the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, she has started tablets that we pray will slow down any progress of this disease. She is experiencing memory problems, and slowness of speech, so please be gentle with her and keep her in your prayers, and we will support and love her wherever this path leads.
- Please continue to hold Jacq in your prayers. Please pray for Jesus' healing touch on her life for all the left-behind, post-cancer, post-radiotherapy treatment damage. Jacq is in pain and discomfort every day of her life, please ask the Lord to reach out and heal her, restoring her health.
- Please continue to hold Joyce and Roy in your prayers. We still await Roy's next appointment to check the stability of the operation he had on his neck some years ago. For Joyce, please pray for help and healing for the effects of the arthritis, MD and diplopia. Please hold them both in your prayers through these difficult times.
- Please continue to hold John in your prayers as he carries on with his chemotherapy tablets. As always, please continue to pray for a cancer-free John and for great results from his latest scan when he visits the consultant.
- Please continue to hold Freida and her two sons, James and Neal, in your prayers as they each battle their own difficulties.
- Please would you continue to pray for Beryl and Julie. No change for them both - really struggling with arthritis, and Julie with fibromyalgia, and the pain and immobility this causes, especially in this cold weather. Julie awaits another appointment with the orthopaedic consultant. Please pray that they would both get some relief from the pain and discomfort they are in.
- Please pray for Celia who has been deemed as medically fit for discharge, but no suitable place has yet been found. She's struggling with her mental and physical health, so please pray that the Lord opens the right door for her now.
- Would you please pray for our lovely Betty, who comes along to Feel Good Fridays. She had a fall in her garden recently and was operated on for a broken hip. She's still in hospital, but has back ache as she's not used to staying still! Please pray that God would heal and restore her.
- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des and Julia, currently in nursing homes, for Toussi at home, Carol who is struggling with eating problems, and Sam who is back in hospital following several falls at the care home. Pray too for Daphne, who is home now.
- Please pray for our Little Lambs staff, children and parents and for all our children and young people at nursery/school/college and university.
- 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.

Pray for Israel

Please pray for the people - men, women and children - of Israel who have been devastated by the awful attacks on them by Hamas. As we pray for peace to reign, the peace of Jerusalem, and the men, women and children caught up in this horrific war, please hold the whole region including Gaza and the nearby countries in your prayers, asking God to strengthen and sustain and may the Prince of Peace's voice be heard. May the wars cease as He comes to people's

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hearts and lives.

Pray for Ukraine



Please pray for the people of Ukraine, as they continue to live in war which today has seen an horrific barrage of missiles into Ukraine. Please pray that the Lord of Hosts would continue to hold them, protect them and keep them

as we pray for this constant aggression against Ukraine to come now to a swift end, as we pass the 2nd anniversary of the start of this campaign against them this week.

Please keep praying for all areas of unrest, conflict and injustice throughout our world.

Day of Reflection

Next Sunday, 3rd March is designated as the National Day of Reflection for those who we lost during the Covid-19 pandemic. The organisers are Marie Curie, and as part of the services on that day we will pause for a short while to remember those who we lost during that period, whether due to Covid or for other reasons.



Prizegiving

Our annual Prizegiving service for our young people this year will be on Sunday 17th March. Please come along if you can to receive your prize, or to support our children and young people as they receive their prizes for 2023.

Library

You may have noticed a couple of extra bookshelves arrive at the back of church in the library area, which are quickly filling up with books. Please have a look at the books on there and feel free to borrow any you are interested in, and bring them back when you have finished with them. Would anyone like to 'look after' the library shelves, put the books in order, etc?

Prayer & Fasting Rota

There are lots of dates available on the March calendar for prayer & fasting days, please sign up if you can take any of them. Many thanks.

Wool

Does anyone have any spare wool that Bethel Treasures can have, suitable for knitting items for babies? Please bring it along if you do and we'll get it to them.

Envelopes Wanted

If you have any unused or business reply envelopes you don't need that you can spare, please bring them to Bethel office, our envelope draw is getting close to empty! Thank you.

Bethel Mag

The Spring/Easter edition of the Bethel Mag is due out in a few weeks! Please, if you have anything that you would like to contribute towards it, bring or send it into the office as soon as you can - this is your magazine and we rely on you to keep it relevant and interesting - even if its just an idea, jot it down and we will try to flesh it out for you.

Come and sing

Each Good Friday the choral society that meets here sings an Easter piece, usually Stainer's Crucifixion. If you fancy joining in and giving it a go, you would be most welcome. You don't have to have the greatest voice, just enjoy singing and the rehearsals are always fun - and its good for your mental and physical health! We have music scores here for you and a CD/MP4 file/YouTube recording are all available if you need them. Rehearsals are on Thursdays 29th Feb, 7th, 14th & 21st March, then the final rehearsal on Tuesday 26th before Good Friday on 29th March. Everyone very welcome.

Lent Reflections

June Winnall is facilitating a series of Readings & Reflections for Lent 2024 next month. The sessions will all be over Zoom, and if you wish to join in the dates start on Wednesday 6th March at 6pm, then follow on Mon 11th, Tue 12th, Wed 13th, Mon 18th, Tue 19th, Wed 20th and Mon 25th, Tue 26th and finishing on Wed 27th. Links to the Zoom meetings will be given nearer the time. Please let us know if you are interested in taking part, as there is a booklet we would like to get to you beforehand in preparation for the sessions - The Garden of the Beloved by Robert Way. You can either have it sent to you via email or we can print a hard copy for you - please let the office know which you would prefer.

Text and Context

14 session Bible course by Christian Friends of Israel UK at Cradley Heath Elim Pentecostal Church, B64 5EQ, starting Saturday 9th March at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend please register with Dave Walker by **this Wednesday, 28th Feb** to allow time to obtain study booklets, £10 each, on 01384 567042 or 07794 928421.

BETHEL'S VISION:

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

Rota <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>	This week 25 Feb	Next Week 3 Mar
Sunday door welcome	Jane & Clare	Mal Hawker
Flowers arranged by	Mariann Smith	Clare & Jorja
Sunday coffee/tea	Mariann Smith	Jane & Clare
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Hayley Marrison	Jo Rowan

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	25	Jane Hart
Mon	26	Carol Prentice
Tue	27	Jane Hart
Wed	28	Shelley Cartwright
Thu	29	Mariann Smith
Fri	1	Jacq Shilton
Sat	2	Jill Berry
Sun	3	Jane Hart



A Lenten Reflection...



- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry; trust divine Providence
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred; return good for evil
- Give up negativism; be positive
- Give up pettiness; become mature
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust