



# The Church that meets at Bethel

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

## Activities & Prayer Diary 24th - 31st March 2024

Sunday	24	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service - Palm Sunday <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_BEMULJb1c">www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_BEMULJb1c</a> Evening Service - Palm Sunday <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCGKZcowslc">www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCGKZcowslc</a>	School Holidays
Monday	25	9.30am 10.00am 1.00pm 6.00pm	Knit & Natter One Way Club - Easter Special BIBO - Support for those with breathing difficulties Lent Reflections - via Zoom	
Tuesday	26	5.30pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Cancer Peer Support Group Lent Reflections - via Zoom Choral Society Rehearsal	
Wednesday	27	6.00pm	Lent Reflections - via Zoom	
Thursday	28	4.00pm 7.00pm	Prayer Meeting Passover Meal	
Good Friday	29	12.00pm 7.30pm	Church open for quiet contemplation Choral Society - Stainer's Crucifixion	
Saturday	30			
Easter Sunday	31	10.30am 6.00pm	Easter Morning Celebration <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams</a> Easter Evening Celebration <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams</a>	

# Prayers, Notes and News

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Please thank the Lord, Sandra is now home. These are Sandra's words - "Thank you for all your wonderful words and prayers."
- Please continue to pray for Ken Priest, who is back at home, but currently bed-bound. Please pray for healing and restoration for him and please remember Bessie in your prayers too.
- Please pray for Jane Hart who is really battling several health problems. She is still having trouble breathing and gets exhausted quickly, and is fighting yet another chest infection. A scan showed that she has blocked blood vessels on both sides of her heart, mainly on the left. She is on the list for an angioplasty, expected around June. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch on her life. Please pray too for a swift and full recovery from her ankle injury following a couple of falls at home - she's on crutches!!!
- Please keep praying for beautiful baby Mila, who has sadly been diagnosed as having cerebral palsy in all four limbs. The operation to install a feeding tube as the milk is not nurturing her and helping her grow went well. Please continue to pray for our Lord to reach out and heal this little girl.
- Please continue to pray for Jenny Hill. She is feeling a bit achy and tired at the moment but is getting on with it. 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 - she has been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's and is on tablets that we pray will slow down any progress of this disease. Although she is experiencing memory problems, and slowness of speech, she is still carrying on at Cornerstone and Bethel "as normal", so please be gentle with her and keep her in your prayers for the Lord to help her, 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.
- The oncology appointment for Jane on Friday was all good, cancer markers still low so



nothing to worry about, thanks for your prayers.

- Please continue to hold Joyce and Roy in your prayers. We are still waiting for a date for 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. Sadly, there has been a deterioration in her eye sight and she visits the eye hospital this coming week. So 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. Brilliant news, his scan results were all fine, thank you Lord. As always, please continue to pray for a cancer-free John.
- Please continue to hold Freida and her two sons, James and Neal, in your prayers. James had excellent results from the hospital recently, and he can continue with the treatment, and Neal is "getting there." Please hold them all before the Lord.
- Please hold Beryl and Julie in your prayers. God's timing is perfect!!! Julie has been offered a flat in Beryl's block - and it's so much better for her than the one we wanted!!! Thank you Lord. Please ask the Lord to heal and help them both, as the arthritis, and Julie with fibromyalgia, causes such pain and immobility. Julie has another appointment with the orthopaedic consultant soon, regarding a potential operation.
- Please pray for Celia who is a really poorly lady. She moved to a nursing home this last week, and is settling in. Sadly, she is bed-bound and has a serious wound (bed sore) and Jenny has been told it's so bad she is in danger of sepsis. Please pray for this to be healed and for her to eat and drink some more. If you would like to visit her, please ask for the home's details.
- Would you please pray for our lovely Betty, who comes along to Feel Good Fridays. She's out of hospital following the operation on her broken hip, and is in respite care in Hollybush House, Stourbridge. Sadly, she, along with others in the home, has COVID. Please pray that God would protect, heal and restore her.
- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des and Julia, who are currently in Nursing Homes, and Toussi, who is moving into a care home next week. Pray too for Carol, Sam and

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Daphne, and also for Barbara, who is thankfully back home.

- 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. As always, it is the children and the most vulnerable that are suffering most in all areas. May the wars cease as He comes to people's hearts and lives.

## Pray for Ukraine



Please pray for the people of Ukraine, as they continue to live in war which 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.

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

## Help Needed

Another request for help with some big tasks! If anyone can spare some time, we have a couple of things we need help with - another batch of shredding and we have 100s of CD's with Jill's messages over the years on. They are all stored together in no order, so to start with we need someone to sort them into 'seasonal' messages, and then the rest into alphabetical order. After that, the next job will be to ask if anyone is willing to start transcribing them! We can transcribe them on Word, which is quicker, but then they would need checking against the audio as it doesn't always pick up the correct words. Or of course this can be done manually.

## Olivet to Calvary

Christ Church at the top of Quarry Bank High Street is putting on Olivet to Calvary on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm if you would like

to go along to support them.

## Congratulations

Well done to Charlotte, who got honours plus 89% in her Grade One Ballet exam - fantastic Charlotte, keep up the good work!



## Lent Reflections

It is the final week of the Lent Reflections that June Winnall is facilitating over Zoom. If you wish to join in, the dates this week are **Mon 25th, Tue 26th** & finishing on **Wed 27th at 6pm**, all on this week's Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533501327?pwd=M0dpZEt2NDk2U010cDI5Mk9xemx1dz09>

If you would like a copy of the booklet that goes with the series, please let us know and we can send it to you, but its not essential that you have a copy, as June reads from it each session.

***These sessions are stand-alone, and you don't need to have read the book because June reads the very short chapters out. It's 20 minutes of utter peace and tranquillity. If you can - Zoom it - you will not regret it - it's good for your soul. Jx***

## Passover

If you would like to come along to the Passover Meal which is being held **this Thursday, 28th March**, starting at 7.00pm, it is your last opportunity to sign up on the board today, or ring the office no later than Tuesday morning, as we need to buy the items needed so everyone is catered for.

## Good Friday

The church will be open for quiet prayers and contemplation on **Good Friday, 29th March**, between 12.00 - 3.00pm. Please feel free to drop in for as long or short a period as you wish.

The choral society that meets at Bethel will again be performing Stainer's Crucifixion, also on **Good Friday at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome to come and share in this beautiful choral service. Followed by hot cross buns.

## Easter Sunday

At the morning celebration service at **10.30am**, there will be a light continental style breakfast as part of the service.

For the evening celebration service at **6.00pm** there will be hot cross buns served.



# 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 24 Mar</b>	<b>Next Week 31 Mar</b>
Sunday door welcome	Denise Branson	Jo Rowan
Flowers arranged by	Easter Arrangers	Easter Arrangers
Sunday coffee/tea	Jonathan Wilding	Mariann Smith
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Hayley Marrison	Andy Parkes

<b>PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA</b>		
Sun	24	Wendy Weston
Mon	25	Ugo & Joe
Tue	26	Denise Branson
Wed	27	Mal Hawker
Thu	28	Mariann Smith
Fri	29	ALL BETHEL
Sat	30	Jill Berry
Sun	31	ALL BETHEL

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Barbara Green to remember her mom Phyllis and dad Arthur

Vera Holt in memory of her husband Mick on the 1st anniversary of his passing on 27th March

Win Parker remembering her husband Ray on their anniversary and also her son Andrew

# Palm Sunday

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

# "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"