

# The Bethel Mag

The Church  
that Meets at  
Bethel



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The magazine from the church  
In the community  
For the community





# NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

Hi All

Here we are again for our next Bethel Mag. Loads has happened since our last Mag, and we left off talking about our October events. We had a lovely Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, and even had a local Dudley School bring their boxes to add to ours. Steve Hawker and John Weston did another road trip to take 102 boxes to the Collection Centre in Coventry, from where they were distributed across the world.



November saw our Christmas Fayre - an annual event here which seems to be really popular with the community around us. So very many people come to support, and we are truly grateful for all the links we have made from Bethel into the Community during the last over 100 years. A lot of the people who come are previous partakers in Little Acorns, Little Lambs, One Way, Waterhole, and of course, Pathfinders and IceBreakers past people. It is lovely to simply walk around and see so very many "old" faces

that still consider Bethel their Church, even if they don't attend Sunday services. Jesus spoke a lot about seeds being sown into people's lives for the Gospel, and so take a long time to come to flower - long may Bethel continue to sow those seeds and be what we've been for a long time prayers - Bethel - The Church in the Community for the Community.

Each year as Christmas comes around, we are treated to a deeply spiritual experience as our Pathfinders and PathBreakers children take over the Nativity Service and present us with the story of Christmas. It's hard every year for me to find new way of presenting Christmas, but this year, our Nativity was truly unspeakably brilliant. Watching children tell their story of faith always "gets" me, but this year, I am not ashamed to say I "lost the plot" emotionally, and was unable to continue to wrap up the service. If you would like to watch, for Safeguarding reasons, you need to ask us (phone the Bethel office) for a private link. When you get to an aging Mary bringing a crown of thorns to the manger having heard Jorja play and sing "Thorns in the Straw" you will be forgiven for also losing the plot emotionally. I seriously wonder how our marvelous, precious children and young people will ever better that.



Christmas always has lots of events round it, and we were no different at Bethel last year - there was a lovely Christmas Evening with Maggie O'Hara, Little Lambs help their Nativity is Church, and Jorja replaced me to play, and a resounding success she was. Choral Society sang the cantata Christ is Born, and again, though I may be a bit

biased, it was splendid. Then, on Christmas Eve, we gathered on the Bethel lawn to simply sing carols with Santa.

So, after Christmas, what could be better than a Believer's Baptismal Service, and in March, the most important service of the year - our Pathfinders, PathBreakers and IceBreakers Prize Giving Service. It may seem a bit of an old tradition to keep going, but old is not always needing to be replaced, and new is not always better - sometimes yes, but Prize Giving is where we thank God for all the precious, loved and treasured children and young people that God allows us to have in our safekeeping, and we (well, Jacq) chooses a lovely book to help encourage them to read, enjoy and deepen their faith. Again, if you want to watch that service, ask the Bethel office for the privacy link - keeping our children safe, especially on-line is an incredibly high priority for us.



We've had several new initiatives to help strengthen the Bethel community, including a bingo evening, Ladies Cuppa and Cake afternoon, table top sale and of course we open our doors frequently each week to different groups to come and meet and make relationships with others. The latest group is Widow's Oil, started by Karen Dawes (from Chawn Hill Church). It's a really lovely time of safety, chatting and support, for widows only. It's every other Tuesday (dates are listed later in this Mag), and if you are a widow, you are very welcome. If you don't think you need help or support, maybe you could help or support someone else?



Then came Mothering Sunday, and my eldest God-daughter, Sarah, bought me a book called "Happy Mother's Day from the Crayons." With some thinking outside the box, I managed to cobble together a Mothering Sunday preach called,

"The Colours of Love." Again, if you want to watch on Bethel's YouTube, go right ahead.

So, Bethel has been here for over 125 years, and until the Rapture comes and maybe after, our doors will always be open as a place of worship to our wonderful God. It says on our noticeboard outside the Chapel doors, "This church opens wide it's doors, and in the name of Jesus, bids you welcome." That hasn't changed in a century, and it never will. Much love, Pastor Jill x

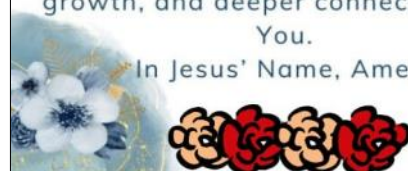
## Prayer For April

Dear Lord,

As April unfolds with signs of spring and renewal, we ask for Your guidance to rejuvenate our spirits and strengthen our faith. Help us to embrace the promise of new beginnings and the joy of the Resurrection with open hearts. Teach us to reflect Your love in all that we do, to offer kindness and support to those around us, and to appreciate the beauty of Your creation that surrounds us this season.

Bless our paths, protect our loved ones, and inspire us to live each day in gratitude and grace. May this month be filled with moments of reflection, growth, and deeper connection with You.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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# *I am not leaving Bethel!!*

Now then, let's set the record straight - I, Pastor Jill Berry, am NOT leaving Bethel. I preached a message on the first Sunday in January - Covenant Sunday - entitled just that - "I am not leaving Bethel." People just don't listen!!! The amount of times since then, random people who don't even come to Bethel on Sundays have said, "Oh, I heard you've left Bethel", or "Why are you leaving Bethel after all these years?" Must I say it again? I AM NOT LEAVING BETHEL.

My preach was trying to begin a pathway of no fixed length, where I would pass on the baton of many things with which I'm involved at Bethel, so that when the time is right, I can retire from full time Pastoring. I will ALWAYS be a Pastor at Bethel, but I won't always be the only Pastor. I'm 65 years old - not old I know - but I've poured my heart and soul into everything I've done in life, and working 100 hours a week for so many years, then reduced to 80, and now it's about 60, has taken its toll. I don't regret a single minute of the hours and work I've done - I love serving God - I truly love it, and that will never change until that wonderful day comes and I hear Him call my name for me to go Home.

So, to help Bethel (and me) transition through these changes, God has called three more people to serve Him at Bethel alongside me - Jane, Jo, and Jo. You'll see and read their stories of introduction on the next couple of pages. They are absolutely brilliant Pastors - and they already can give so much more time than I can to the Pastoral Care side of ministry - they are all three retired, and I still work more than full time to pay my bills! I am a volunteer at Bethel, and have been for over two years now, so I have to be self-employed to earn my keep. You'll read about what they do and their giftings over the page, but suffice it for me to say, they are God-sent and like me, in a different way, are a huge part of Bethel's future.



There are some aspects of Pastoring (and I've been full time and then some for 35 years) that are really exhausting, physically taxing and increasingly challenging in our changing world. Looking after people has never been more spiritually, emotionally, relationally and intellectually demanding. In all of our lives, and this has been creeping up on me, we hear ourselves saying, "I'm not as young as I used to be." We all have to accept that, and fight against it as much as we wish, aging



limits stamina, and there's an emotional weariness that comes after decades of fighting Satan and the world, and sometimes, even Christians!!

I am trying to walk the road towards retiring from full-time Pastoring - passing on the batons of full-time Pastor, worship leader and preacher - and I'm passing on those batons to those who will continue in those roles, working together with me. I AM NOT LEAVING BETHEL - I am simply sharing out some of my roles, changing my focus from doing it all myself, to assisting others to find their giftings as they serve God at Bethel too.

Change, although we fight against it, is not always bad - new is not always bad, just different, and as we transition to a new place in Bethel's journey of preaching the Gospel, God will help us accommodate those changes. Bethel's future is as safe as it's past, because it's all about God. All we have to do is walk in His ways - step up, stand up and move into whatever He has for us, not letting someone else take the strain or the pain, but gathering to be part of God's wonderful work here at Bethel.

This is a joyful time here at Bethel - God has a new thing planned for us, and that includes me, and you too. I don't know what my retirement will look like, and I certainly don't know when it will all fall into place, but I do know that "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." God started Bethel with a group of men and women who simply wanted to offer a place of worship to ALL. A place everyone could feel welcome, safe, learning about their faith and the inestimable gift of love from the Father in the person of Jesus. When Jesus knew that His time on earth in His present capacity was coming to a close, He made a plan of empowering those to whom He would pass the baton, and He gave them the Holy Spirit, without whom, the Church could do nothing.

What we are part of right now, is the next chapter in the amazing history of God at work through the Church that meets at Bethel. Do you need it just once more? I am not leaving Bethel, so please put any incorrect gossip to rest for me! It has been a privilege and honour to serve the Lord here at Bethel, through every way I could. That will never change, but now, I have finally had the brains to share stuff out, take more rest, allow other men and women to step out and flourish in new opportunities. That's what you've got with our three new Pastors. Read their stories next, and as you do, ask God - what does He require of you as you choose to serve Him right where you are.



I'm not leaving Bethel, and until He comes or calls, this is where I'll always be, part of a growing and expanding group of people who are quietly proud to be servants of the Most High God.

Much love, Pastor Jill xx

# MEET OUR NEW PASTORS



## Jo Rowan

I grew up in Halesowen and as a child went to St Margaret's Church in Hasbury and then to St John's Church in Halesowen where I was confirmed when I was 17. I started coming to Bethel in the summer of 1989 and was baptised here on 7th April 1990. I've been involved in many things over my years at Bethel and have been a pastoral care co-ordinator since 2020 when our lovely San felt too unwell to continue in the role and passed the baton on to me.

I have a daughter Katie-Ann from my first marriage and I married Ray in July 1999, becoming Stepmother to Kelly and Charlie (who considers me to be her Mum). We have 4 grandchildren Layla and Lawan from Kelly, Isabella (from Katie-Ann) who lives with us and we're guardians of, and Pearl from Charlie.



I retired at the end of February this year after 47 years in the civil service so now have more time available to serve God in whatever role he leads me which I feel at the moment is in pastoral care and prayer.

## Jane Hart



Hello everyone. I think most of you know who I am but for anyone who doesn't, my name is Jane Hart. I will tell you a secret that no one at Bethel knows about me..... I don't like being called Jane Hart, it always makes me feel like I'm in trouble, the problem is there are 2 Janes. So please feel free to call me Janey, or it is my honour to now be Pastor Jane.

So, what am I about? I am 60+ ish, married and have a grown up daughter. I enjoy reading, food, holidays, caring for others and most importantly being part of Bethel Family.

I first came to Bethel in 1985 when my daughter Clare started Sunday School. My reaction when asked if she could come was..... yes, but I'm not staying, I don't want any of that God stuff. Well eventually I did want God and stayed.

In Aug 1997 I had 2 weeks off while Chapel was decorated, but sadly didn't come back. I always felt God calling me home and eventually on 6th March 2016 I returned, little knowing what God had in store for me. I have listened, and obeyed God's plan for me, which is to be one of 3 Pastors here at Bethel.

I can honestly say, I did not see that coming. So, what is my intention now?

By working with Pastor Jo Chance and Pastor Jo Rowan I am here to serve God and Bethel, I will listen and take guidance from him. Together we can make Bethel stronger, and future proof. Let us nurture and guide our youngsters to keep Bethel standing for another 100 years. Together we will turn the lost into the found, and the faithless into the faithful.

I look forward to serving you. With love from Pastor Jane xx

### Jo Chance

Hi everyone, just a few thoughts and credentials for you to digest, as you get to know me.

My name is Jo Chance, as most of you know I'm married to Fran and we have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

I was born just along the road in Cradley (not Cradley Heath), a Black Country man, or mon as some would say (strong in the arm and soft in the yed).

I was educated in the local schools, always happy to do just what was needed, get home and changed and play in the street till it was dark (unheard of in today's world).

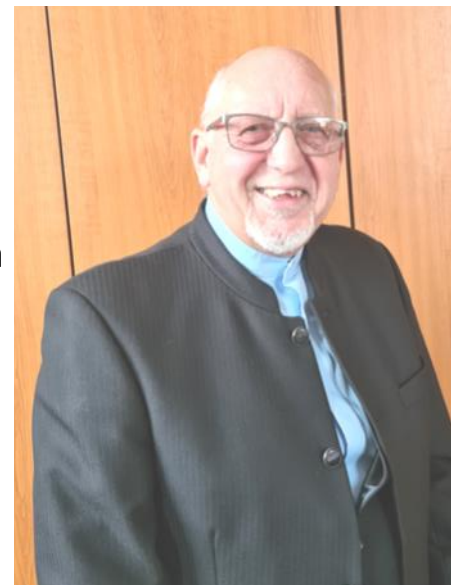
The biggest factor was when I left school, I could hardly read, but with the help from all around me, especially Fran – what can I say, “behind every man there's a great woman” – I got there.

One thing as a family, we were always encouraged to attend church. I was brought up in a household where my dad was C of E, and my mom was Methodist. Never any confusion for me, morning and evensong, singing in the choir as a boy soprano, my solo was Another Temple from Olivet to Calvary. Afternoons attending mom's Chapel for Sunday School, singing again when it was Anniversary weekend.

All my working (a swear word to me now!) life, I've been a painter and decorator, French polisher, running my own business, with the reward that once I took on a lad from the educational learning programme, he should have spent 6 months and he stayed 9 years. After Fran and I were married, attending church was a big part of our lives. Fran would be involved in Sunday School and I was on the local preaching circuit. I also volunteered in the soup kitchens in Birmingham with Churches Together.

Fran and I had a period of time in our lives where we didn't attend any particular church, till the day I met Jill, at the time of the pandemic, at Stourbridge Crem, and the rest is history. So my friends, we found Bethel, “I come to serve” with God's help and your support “not to be served”. Working with my fellow Pastors and all of you.

Love and blessings, Jo C





# Farewell Lynda

After many years of dedicated service, it is time to say farewell to Lynda, as she retires from the position of Cornerstone cook. Lynda started volunteering at Cornerstone around 17 years ago when, after hearing there was no one to cook at the lunch club, she gladly volunteered. As the cook at Morrisons, she had all the knowledge, experience and qualifications to step into the role so she offered to help out for just 1 week. Well, the rest as they say is history, because she never left!!



Although Lynda had never heard of Cornerstone before stepping in, she took to the role perfectly and soon became a permanent fixture. Every Wednesday at the crack of dawn, while many of us were only just getting up, Lynda would arrive to start on her homemade meals, working hard to make sure everything is prepared and cooked to her high standards and anyone who has ever tasted Lynda's cooking knows what we will be losing – incredible food in 'Lynda' size portions (Lynda doesn't do small portions, it is safe to say no-one has ever left Cornerstone feeling hungry!!)

No matter how she was feeling, Lynda has been there to offer a smile, a joke, words of comfort, whatever was needed, and her no nonsense straight talking and wicked sense of humour and has kept us all laughing for years. She has created some amazing meals as well as organising special Cornerstone events and celebrations, buffets, afternoon teas and day trips, keeping us well fed and leaving us with wonderful memories.



Lynda has served our precious bids a delicious 3 course meal, week in week out, come rain or shine, she has done it with a smile on her face every time!! She will be greatly missed by the bids and volunteers alike, but now the time has come to relax and enjoy herself and maybe even have someone serve her for a change. Thank you, you good and faithful servant. Don't forget to come visit us often.



*If like Lynda, you've never had anything to do with Cornerstone or even never heard of it before but would like to come and have a go at helping out, you are more than welcome to join us any Wednesday during term time, 12-2.30pm*







# Bethel Memories

The Bethel Society Trust deeds which were drawn up in order to complete the purchase of the Hill Street site, before the start of the 1900s, were required to state the denomination of this fledgling Christian community. Being the pioneers they were, the Trustees insisted upon describing Bethel as a community of Christians who refused 'to be designated.' Implicit in this statement is a spirit of openness and willingness to listen to what others have to say about God's word. On 2nd April 2025 it was 125 years since the first services were held at Bethel in its new home in Hill Street. The Bethel Society used to have a wide range of preachers ministering to them. The preachers plan published in The January-April 1930 magazine lists a pool of twenty three preachers, fifteen regulars and another eight 'auxiliaries.' In that pre-motor car owning era it is humbling to note how far preachers were prepared to travel via public transport in order to minister. The Bethel 'regular' preachers included Mr H Willetts from Smethwick who would presumably set out on a Sunday afternoon to be in time for Bethel's 6pm service, whilst Mr S Melson regularly undertook the journey from Oldbury. Attending these engagements was a massive time commitment for these preachers. Such was their enthusiastic devotion to the 'Word' that throughout the decade the 'Preachers Plan' carries a polite note at the end of the page requesting that preachers for the 6pm service close at 7.30pm.

Bethel always consulted with and worked closely with the other Churches and Chapels in the area but Bethel's independence also enables flexibility; an example of which is the prominent place women have always had in the building and running of the Chapel as far back as 1888. In Spring 1935 Christian Endeavour, which met every Wednesday evening, were pleased to be able to share with readers of the magazine that an outstanding feature of that quarter was the prominent part ladies had taken in the discussions and one in particular had given three very inspiring addresses to the members of Christian Endeavour which they felt had blessed them greatly.

Another 'first' for the ladies happened in Spring 1943 when Miss Hilda Moore was added to the ranks of recipients of World War II 'Comfort Fund' parcels; to qualify one had to be on active service in the armed forces and have a connection with Bethel. The magazine does not say what Hilda was actually doing at the 'front' but it obviously was something which put her life at risk. The contents of these parcels were paid for by the continuous fundraising efforts of the Comfort Fund Committee. Again we note the hard work of the Bethel ladies from making items for sale such as the 400 'Black Cat' mascots made by Florrie Howles which

## Society Report

We have to report that the first quarter of the year has been one of quiet progress. The chief item of interest being the Service of Song given by the Mothers Class when they surpass all previous efforts, and we congratulate our Mothers on their performance.

We are pleased to announce a revival of interest in our magazine, with the result that about 80 copies are being sold. We appeal to all our members to support the "Bethel News" every quarter.

We are sorry our attendances have been affected by illness of our members and we hope that all will soon be restored to health again.

**E** The outstanding feature since the last report of our activities has been the series of talks and discussions on the parables of our Lord; and the prominent part that the lady members took in the discussions. One of the pleasing items of news, is the fact that one of our lady members during the period under review has given us three very inspiring addresses, and we like "Oliver Twist" pray for more from the same source.



raised nearly £4, to those who worked tirelessly to make each concert party a resounding success.

In April 1945 the Women's Class were looking forward to attending rallies at neighbouring Churches whilst busily planning for the Bethel rally which was scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. They were expecting that the sense of inspiration and thanksgiving they normally experienced when the neighbouring Churches united for these occasions would be heightened by the imminently expected V-E Day declaration which would mean World War Two was ended. This year we are about to mark the 80th Anniversary of those celebrations.



For Christians the most holy festival of the year is Easter. The celebration is a roller coaster of emotions, from the happiness of Palm Sunday we go to sadness as we remember Jesus betrayed on Maundy Thursday then crucified on Good Friday. Tradition for many years, indeed since the 1930's, has been for Stainer's Crucifixion to be sung in Bethel on Good Friday evening. The editor of the 1992 magazine, Glenda Harvey states that the choir that particular year provided the *'best shout of 'Crucify' so far!* They earned their tea and hot cross buns that year. This year Good Friday sees the return of a 'newer' piece added to the repertoire, performed by the choir a handful of times since the turn of the millennium, Olivet to Calvary.

Celebrations often include eating as a way of sharing and marking the occasion and Easter at Bethel is no exception as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the promise of an eternal home with him in Heaven. In the 1990's the Bethel church family often shared breakfast after Easter morning service. There were competitions for the young and the daft including in 1990 an egg decorating contest, Glenda thought she would romp to victory with her 'Eggwina Currie' but alas it was not to be.



In 1993 we introduced the 'Sonrise' service at Wollescote Park. After being 'rested' for a few years, it has been resurrected again for this year, lead by Jo Chance and with refreshments served from the Sensory Garden. The distress caused by having to arrive at the park at some unearthly hour is forgotten when we see

the world in the same light as those faithful women who went to tend the body of their Saviour that first Easter morning only to find that he was not there, but had been risen.

As we celebrate God's love this Easter morning in a church awash with bright flowers and filled with joy, let us always remember that the message of Easter is like the beauty of a spring flower, ever welcome, ever fresh and always inspiring.

May you have a Happy Jesus filled Easter.



# Widows Oil

***Are you a Widow? Would you like to meet with other widows?***

Widows Oil is a support group, meeting fortnightly. Our simple intention is to create a warm and welcoming space where widows can meet, talk, support, and simply journey with each other.

Widows Oil is not a bereavement group but rather a place where widows can give, as well as receive, emotional and practical support; a place where widows can support widows.

Whether you've been widowed for a few months, a few years or for several years, meeting with other women, sharing, talking, or simply listening can be incredibly helpful.

On alternate Tuesday mornings 10:00-12:00 Widows Oil will be meeting at Bethel Chapel. There is no charge to attend the group and refreshments are provided.

For more information, please call Karen Dawes 07868 325 919.

Upcoming dates, all Tuesdays between 10am - 12pm:

April - 15th, 29th

May - 13th, 27th

June - 10th, 24th



## Widows Oil

### Widows Support Group



Meeting 10am - 12 noon alternative Tuesdays at  
Bethel Chapel, Hill Street, Wollescote, Stourbridge, DY9 8TL.

Through befriending, talking and sharing, our aim is to  
support widows emotionally and practically.  
Refreshments provided.



# *Where is my man?*



**By Alison Birket**

Where is the lovely man that I married,  
who shared my life and who's love I've cherished?  
Where is the man who would hold me tight  
and snuggle beside me through the night?  
This lovely man no longer knows how to cuddle  
So when I give him a hug it results in a muddle.  
Where is the man who could take control?  
who would shop and cook and have a DIY role,  
who built walls and cupboards, and did the electrics too,  
who can now look at a knife and not know what to do.  
Where is my man who poems would write,  
who now can't even get his signature right?  
Where is my man who with the Morris men danced  
who can't now stand on his own, and will fall if given the chance?  
Where is the man who would win every quiz  
but now has no concept of time or where he is?  
Where is my man who could manage his own medication  
but now grits his teeth, or spits it back out without hesitation?  
Where is the man who could down a pint in one go  
but now can choke on his drink, no matter how slow?  
Where is my man who used to enjoy a rare steak  
but now needs reminding a pureed spoonful to take?  
Where is my man who would sing, whilst doing the cooking  
but now only grunts as he stared into space without really looking?  
Where is my man, who would show so much interest in what I'd been doing,  
who now needs to know where I am, to stop anxiety brewing?  
Where is my darling whose eyes would twinkle, with a wicked grin,  
which occasionally happens and helps me to see,  
that he's still there within.

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# Finances

A message from Bethel's Trustees:

*We are hoping this message gives you reassurance if nothing else.*

*We have had a trustees meeting recently - trustees are the people who are ultimately responsible for Bethel. However, Bethel people know there's only ever One who is in control, and that's God. We as trustees know God has 'got this' uncertain situation we at Bethel have found ourselves in recently due to financial demands. It's not just at Bethel, it's everywhere.*

*We don't know what your level faith is, nor should we, so we completely understand people's need for practicality in solutions.*

*What you need to know is Bethel is not closing its doors and they are not even close to closing. Just as an 'in case' we are looking at the Bethel Deed of Covenant - what has to be in place legally due to finances etc.*

*But the trustees want you to rest assured that you are safe under the Bethel wings. Bethel has weathered many storms - this is just part of that.*

*"When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with you above the storm"*

*We've never been let down by God before, and that is not going to happen now. We know He is faithful. ALWAYS. That's the simplicity of faith.*

*Thank you for all of the donations recently and the ongoing giving. God's heart is bursting.*

*Let's keep on, keeping on, serving our God and the church that meets at Bethel.*

*Love from the trustees xx*

So, as well as praying for guidance, we have been looking at some practical ways to save money in some areas, and increase our income and raise funds in others, with some 'out of the box' ideas. People have been extremely generous with their regular giving and one-off donations as well as a Go Fund Me page set up to help us raise a wonderful sum.

Here are a few more ideas that we have going at the moment to try to help:

We are now a public collection point for used Inkjet Cartridges - if you have any empty ones, please bring them along to Bethel, Little Lambs or Bethel Treasures and we can add them to our collection - we can get around £1.25 for HP ones, but they vary from a few pence up to £2 each. If you can't get to either site, you can do it online here, they send you a free mailing label to print out -

Help Us Raise Money!  
Recycle Your  
Ink Cartridges



[www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/611551](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/611551)



We now have a Bethel Amazon Wish List - there are a few items on there that we need or use regularly, and we are constantly updating the list as we require things. Thank you so much to all those who have already sent us some of the items, including the paper used to print this magazine!! The link is on the front of our website or go here - [www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1GDAUB4M7ZSNT?](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1GDAUB4M7ZSNT?ref=wl_share)

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Please consider either registering with our Give as you Live page, or if you are already registered, going to the retailers you are using through our Give as you Live page, to see if we can raise extra funds for Bethel whilst costing you absolutely nothing! Whether you are planning a holiday, changing insurance provider, supermarket shopping or doing some home improvements, have a look to see if the company you were going to use is one of the 6000 listed on Give as you Live and it will cost you nothing to raise a little for Bethel! To sign up just go here



[www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details)



# Upcoming Social & Fund-Raising Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Description
Thu	10 Apr	7.50pm	<b>Cinema</b>	The Chosen - The Last Supper Pt 1 at the Odeon, Merry Hill
Mon	14-Apr	10.00am	<b>One Way Easter Holiday Club</b>	Fully booked, sorry!
Wed	16-Apr	10.30am	<b>Bethel Family Easter Coffee Morning</b>	including the drawing of the Easter Raffle
Good Friday	18-Apr	7.30pm	<b>Olivet to Calvary</b>	by the Choral Society that meets at Bethel
Easter Sunday	20-Apr	6.00am	<b>Sonrise Service</b>	Please join us at Wollescote Park for a Sonrise Service to celebrate and welcome our Risen Lord. We have arranged for the tea room to be open for hot drinks and hot cross buns.
"	"	10.30am	<b>Easter Morning Celebration</b>	including Easter Breakfast
"	"	6.00pm	<b>Evening Celebration</b>	including Easter Refreshments
Sat	03-May	PM	<b>Pathfinders Board Games Afternoon</b>	
Sat	17-May	Evening - late	<b>Eurovision Party Night</b>	Something very different! Come along and euro party - the theme is the host country this year - Switzerland (think cheese/ chocolate/mountains!)
Sun	08-Jun	12.30pm	<a href="#">The Big Lunch</a>	Bring your own picnic after morning church
Sat	14-Jun	all day	<b>Together Festival 25</b>	<a href="#">at Himley Park, organised by LoveBlackCountry</a>
Sat	05-Jul	12pm	<b>Summer Fayre</b>	
Fri	18-Jul	6.30pm	<b>Maggie O'Hara</b>	Singing the songs of Abba
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Aug			<b>One Way Holiday Club</b>	Please see Clare R or Hayley to book a place nearer the time
Tue	12-Aug	6.00pm	<b>Flower Arranging evening</b>	with Tammy
Sat	02-Aug	PM	<b>Ladies Afternoon Tea</b>	including Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent Fashion Show and Sale
Sat	27-Sep	Evening	<b>Music Evening</b>	An evening of music with Kidderminster and Stourbridge <a href="#">Rock Choir</a>
Tue	07-Oct	6.00pm	<b>Flower Arranging evening</b>	with Tammy
Fri	31-Oct	late PM	<b>Night Light Party</b>	
Fri	07-Nov	Evening	<b>Skittles Evening</b>	
Sat	22-Nov		<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	
Sat	06-Dec	PM	<b>Snowman Afternoon Tea</b>	for kids and their adults
Wed	31-Dec	late Evening	<b>New Year's Eve Party</b>	We haven't had one of these for a while!

*If you are interested in any of the above, please keep your eyes open on our news sheets/website, or give the office a ring.*



# Easter at Bethel



Hill Street, Wollescote

You are welcome to join with us for:

**Palm Sunday, 13th April**

**10.30am & 6.00pm** Palm Sunday Services

**Good Friday, 18th April**

**12.00 - 1.00pm**

**Sitting at the Foot of the Cross**

**7.30pm**

**Olivet to Calvary**

*The Choral Society that meets at Bethel*

**Easter Sunday, 20th April**

**6.00am**

**Sonrise Service at Wollescote Park**

**10.30am**

**Easter Morning Celebration Service**

*including a light Easter Breakfast*

**6.00pm**

**Evening Celebration**

*including hot cross buns*

