



# The Church that meets at Bethel

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



## Activities & Prayer Diary

### 18th – 25th May 2025

Sunday	18	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service
Monday	19	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Knit & Natter Little Lambs Pre-School
Tuesday	20	9.30am	Little Lambs Summer Trip
Wednesday	21	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone
Thursday	22	8.30am 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School <b>NO</b> Prayer Meeting
Friday	23	2.00pm 7.00pm	Little Lambs CLOSED - Staff Only Feel Good Friday Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	24		
Sunday	25	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service

All streamed services can be found on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams)  
and are also linked from our website [www.bethelchapel.org.uk/news/](https://www.bethelchapel.org.uk/news/)

# For Your Prayers



- Please could I ask you to hold before God for His healing - Mike, Jan and Teresa ... the Lord knows all about them all.
- Please continue to pray for Mariann's son Matthew. He has now been diagnosed with High Grade Lymphoma (99% sure!) and has started chemo. He is now home with Mariann so she can look after him as he is still very weak, and he'll receive treatment as a day case. Please pray for his complete recovery and pray too for Mariann as she supports him and for his partner Katie and their little girl at this troubling time.
- Please continue to pray for Harry, Jen Anslow's son, the operation to remove the brain tumour is scheduled for this coming Friday, May 23rd. Please pray for him as they prepare him to get ready for this operation, he needs to be awake through parts of it so that they can check his responses. Prayers too please for Jen and her family for God's peace, strength and comfort, and for a good recovery and results from the histology afterwards.
- Please continue to pray for Nigel Cook. He has agreed to have preventative radiotherapy and had a full scan two weeks last Thursday. He sees the oncologist again in 2 weeks to decide when the radiotherapy will start, and hopefully get the scan results.
- Please continue to pray for Ken and Bessie Priest, both at home, struggling with various health issues. They are doing some room conversions to make things easier for them both, so please hold them and their family in your prayers.
- Please continue to hold Jane Hart in your prayers, waiting now for a breathing test.
- Please keep on keeping on bringing before God beautiful baby Mila, who has sadly been diagnosed as having cerebral palsy in all four limbs. They've now found out that Mila's one leg is shorter than the other. It will probably be an operation in the future. Also sometimes when she's asleep she's started to laugh uncontrollably and they're not sure if she's having little seizures. More tests to be done. On the bright side she is much happier in herself and doesn't cry so much as before. Continued prayers much needed.
- Please continue to pray for Jacqui Davies' niece Katie. Here's a message from Jacqui - "Not been so good this week with the blood thinner injections they have now put her on blood thinner medication she has been experiencing a lot of bleeding. Back at hospital next Tuesday. They are having a couple of day away in a log cabin so she can try and relax. She just seems to take one step forward two back." Your continued prayers please for her healing.
- Please keep Lynda in your prayers as she goes forward, for strength, determination and God's peace within as we continue to walk with her throughout her dementia journey.
- Please continue to hold Jacq in your prayers, asking the Lord to bring His healing touch on her life for all the left-behind, post-cancer, post-radiotherapy treatment damage. Please pray that the Lord will reach out and heal her, restoring her health. Please also pray the treatment for the lymphedema will continue to progress well to give her more relief from the symptoms - especially in this warmer weather.
- Please continue to hold Johnny Bass in your prayers. His next scan is due this coming Thursday, 22nd May. As always, please continue to pray for John to be healed.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for Joyce and Roy. Roy is very tired and sleeping a lot of the time. Nurses have been in and taken more bloods to try and find the root of the tiredness. It may be an infection, or may just be the progression of the AND. Your prayers please for this most awful situation for him, and your prayers for strength, rest, courage and peace within for Joyce as she takes care of him 24/7.
- Please continue to hold Beryl and Julie in your prayers as they both experience their own difficulties. They are both in a lot of pain with arthritis, but just keep smiling through. Julie's wet room was finished on Tuesday, it really is lovely, and that has given her a boost. Please pray for relief from pain for them both.
- Would you please keep our lovely Betty, who came along to Feel Good Fridays, in your prayers. She is increasingly frail and needs more help to eat and drink now, and her dementia symptoms are progressing. Please pray for her to feel a sense of God's love, comfort and peace.
- Would you please continue to pray for Philip, one of our Cancer Peer Support group. He is awaiting results on a number of tests/scans, please pray for good results from them all.
- Please continue to pray for Carl and his family - Caleb's elbow is mending well but needs to have reverse surgery to take out the wires which stabilised his elbow after the original break. Carl is feeling better but things remain challenging in a house with 4 children with special needs. Please pray peace and God's presence to be evident.
- Please continue to pray for Hilary as she continues to recover at home, it is lovely that she is now back in church. God bless you Hilary.

# Prayers, Notes and News

- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des and Julia, who are currently in Nursing Homes. Prayers please too for Pat Hall who hasn't been well enough to be with us for quite a while but is still in good spirits, and Sadie who is continuing to recover at home. Please pray that they will all be well enough for us to be able to see them regularly again soon.
- 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. **With Mariann looking after her son at the moment, if you have any free time at all and are willing to use that to serve the Lord through Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent, please let us know ASAP so that we don't have to shut the shop.**

## Pray for Peace - Israel

Please pray for peace in the tumultuous Middle East. It is the centre of the world's eyes, and Biblically, that's where it will remain until the return of Christ and then all that the Bible promises for a new Heaven and a new Earth. Please pray that all the hostages are released, and that there will be a new ceasefire agreement. Pray too for the peace of Jerusalem, so Biblically important in these "last days."



## Pray for Peace - Ukraine



Please pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray the fighting stops and that Russia are drawn into a genuine and brokered peace that brings safety and security for all the Ukrainians, without the loss of land.

## Charity Gift Aid Confirmation of Tax Status

It is time to check everyone's tax status if you give via blue envelopes or via the bank. You should have received a letter, or there are a few left on the post table, could you please complete and return to the office ASAP so we meet our HMRC requirements.

## 40 Days of Lent Fundraiser

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the 40 days of lent fundraiser. We have now counted up the money raised, and for such a fun, simple event we have raised a marvellous **£396.85** Well done everyone, and thank you to Mariann and Sue, one of the Bethel Treasures volunteers, for the idea.

## Crafternoon

For the Summer months, we have changed the dates and times for Crafternoon sessions. It will now just be on the **2nd Friday of the month,**

with the times changing to 4.00 - 6.30pm. The next session will be on Friday 13th June. If you would like to come along and have a go at a new craft you haven't tried before, or just bring one of your current projects and have a chat and a cuppa whilst crafting with other crafters, you will be very welcome.

## Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is 7 weeks yesterday - **Saturday 5th July**. Thanks to those who have already volunteered, if you missed the volunteer board there is still time to put your name forward! All the usual signing up boards are now available and the tickets for the Grand Draw should be with you next week.

## The Big Lunch

A reminder that we are hosting a get together in 3 weeks on **Sunday 8th June** for the Big Lunch, a national campaign organised by the Eden Project. Bring your own picnic and share time together after church on Sunday afternoon from 12.30pm - you guessed it, there's a board for that too ☺

## Together Festival

Is anyone interested in going along to this year's Together Festival, a multi-generational Christian festival organised by Love Black Country? It is on **Saturday 14th June**, between 12noon - 7pm at Himley Park, DY3 4DF. There are loads of things to do there (see [loveblackcountryfestival.com](http://loveblackcountryfestival.com)) Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for 12-17 year olds, £5 for 3 - 11 year olds and under 3's free. A family ticket (2 adults 3 children/youth) is also available for £25. Let the office know if you would like us to get tickets.

## Believers Baptism

The next baptism service will be on **Sunday 29th June**. If you haven't been baptised and feel like now is your time, or if you just want to know more, please see Jill or give the office a ring.

## Maggie O'Hara sings Abba

**Friday 18th July** is the next evening planned with Maggie O'Hara, this time singing the songs of Abba, so that sounds like it will be good for a sing-a-long! Seats are £5 each to include buffet. Yet another board is available for this one if you would like to come along!

## Our House

Quarry Bank Musical Theatre Society are putting on their production of the Madness musical, **Our House**, at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from **4th - 7th June**, 7.30pm each evening with an additional matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday 7th. Tickets range from £18.86 - £20.96 and are available from [www.seaty.co.uk/Organisation/qbmts](http://www.seaty.co.uk/Organisation/qbmts) or the box office number is 07742 803221.

## National Trust Family Passes to end of June

On table at front of church, please help yourself.

# BETHEL'S VISION:

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

## Rota

*Please remember if you are unable to make your 'duty' to contact one of the other people on the rota to arrange to swap*

	This week 18 May	Next Week 25 May
Sunday door welcome	Jacqui Davies	Jane & Clare
Flowers arranged by	Clare & Jorja	Sue Wilding
Sunday coffee/tea	Nigel Cook	Reece Faulkner
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Jo Rowan	Hayley Marrison

## PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	18	Jane Hart
Mon	19	Jacqui Davies
Tue	20	Jill Berry
Wed	21	Mal Hawker
Thu	22	Maureen Leonard
Fri	23	Carol Prentice
Sat	24	Nigel Cook
Sun	25	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week  
have been provided by

Mariann Smith  
in memory of her brother

