



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 20th – 27th July 2025

Easter Sunday	20	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service	School Holidays
Monday	21	5.30pm	Flourish! Health & Wellbeing Group	
Tuesday	22	10.00am	Widows Oil - support group for widows	
Wednesday	23			
Thursday	24	4.00pm	Prayer Meeting - off site	
Friday	25	2.00pm	Feel Good Friday	
Saturday	26			
Sunday	27	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service	

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

For Your Prayers

- Please could I ask you to hold before God for His healing - Faye, Mike and Jan ... the Lord knows all about them all.
- Please continue to pray for Mariann's son Matthew. He has been diagnosed with High Grade Lymphoma and has been on different types of chemo for a while now. He has so many rollercoaster days - some better, some really awful. He is still receiving blood transfusions to try and keep his levels up. He awaits the operation on the 24th of July. Matt is at home with Mariann so she can look after him as he is very weak. 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. He has a meeting with the oncologist this week and they are now thinking that they will run the radiotherapy alongside chemotherapy. Your prayers please that the treatment they decide upon eradicates all cancer, and prayers too please for Jen and the family and for Harry's partner Sophie.
- Please continue to pray for Nigel Cook. He is back home, and is 4 weeks into the 6 weeks of daily radiotherapy sessions. Please keep praying that this works to heal him totally.
- Please continue to pray for Ken and Bessie Priest, both at home, struggling with various health issues. Bessie is very poorly at the moment and is being nursed in bed. Please hold both of them and



their family in your prayers.

- Please would you continue to pray for Jacqui Wilson, that her improvements will continue.
- Please continue to hold Jane Hart in your prayers.
- Please keep on keeping on bringing before God beautiful little Mila. The good news is if they lie her on the floor she has started to move her legs a little bit and laughs when she does it. She's still got the six hours physio each week. Please continue with prayers for her.
- Please continue to pray for Jacqui Davies' niece Katie. She has started her radiotherapy, which is going OK. Unfortunately Katie is not in a good place at the moment, her mental state is not good. She is seeing a therapist so we just need to pray she can get through this, she sees a glass door and everyone is on the other side and she cannot get through. Please pray that God will guide her gently through this difficult period for her.
- 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 give her much more relief from the symptoms, particularly in this hot weather.

For Your Prayers

- Please continue to hold Johnny Bass in your prayers as he continues with his chemo tablet treatment. He and Val are in Scotland for a few weeks, waiting for Emma's baby to arrive - should be this week!!! As always, please continue to pray for John to be healed.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for Joyce and Roy as we continue to walk with them through the progression of Roy's AND diagnosis. Roy remains very tired and sleeping a lot of the time, and he's not eating and drinking as well as he was. Please continue to pray for ease for him and 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. Julie had a seizure last week that put her in hospital, where she has had an MRI scan because she has blocked arteries in her head. Unfortunately she also had more seizures. They have left her with a very bad headache, and very tired. Please pray for peace for her and for healing and relief from pain for them both.
- Would you please keep our lovely Betty, who came along to Feel Good Fridays, in your prayers. She always has a lovely smile for her visitors. Please pray for continued improvements and for her to be surrounded by God's comfort and love.
- Would you please continue to pray for Philip, one of our Cancer Peer Support group. He has another



small tumour on his liver which they are going to treat with an operation using ultrasound. He's still on the waiting list for this so please pray that they can get a date sorted soon and for a quick recovery for him.

- Please continue to pray for Carl and his family. Caleb has had the operation to repair his elbow but his recovery is complicated by brittle bones so he is just a bit fed up. His other three children all have autism and are struggling so prayers for peace in the house and healing for this whole family would be appreciated.
- 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 Betty too. Prayers please for Pat Hall who hasn't been well enough to be with us for quite a while but is still in good spirits. Win is back home, and seems to have recovered extremely well from the latest stroke. Her eye sight and hearing are really quite poor, so your prayers for overall improvement for her are appreciated. Prayers please for Sadie who is back home, but is still sadly immobile, and spends almost all her time in bed. Please pray that some help can be sorted out for her.
- Please pray for our Little Lambs staff, children and parents and for all our children and young people at nursery/school/college and university as they have now broken up for the Summer holiday. Please pray for peace and strength for all the teachers as they try and

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recharge their batteries through the next six weeks, for an enjoyable holiday for all the children, and for those who are leaving one school to go to another, we pray for comfort and peace as they make that transition.

- 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, **ESPECIALLY DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON.**

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. It's a prayer for a miraculous solution to be found,



as in earthly terms, there is no chance of peace.



Summer Fayre

Once again, thanks to everyone who made last week's Summer Fayre happen so successfully. The latest total is a wonderful **£7,196.96**

A final reminder, if you pay tax and have bought and donated any items to the fayre (prizes, chocolates, cakes, bottles, etc.) please let Jane or Hayley know how much you have spent and we can then claim back the tax on the value of what you have spent - which adds another 25% onto the value of your gift for no extra cost to you! Please either leave a note in the office or give the office a ring and we can get that sorted, thank you.

Summer Schedule

Over the next 6 weeks, as well as Little Lambs having their Summer Holidays, some of our outreaches are taking a well earned break too. There will be no Knit & Natter group until September, and Cornerstone has now finished too, but they are having an afternoon tea on 20th August to break up the long holiday. Friday Night Icebreakers is also finished for the Summer, but Flourish!, Widow's Oil, Prayer Group Feel Good Friday, Cancer Support Group carry on more or less as usual, keep an eye on the schedule on the front of each week's news sheet for up to date information. Please pray that those taking a well-earned break will return refreshed, and those continuing on will be blessed by their meetings. As always, the office will open each weekday throughout the Summer break.

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Maggie O'Hara sings Abba

Many thanks to Jane & Paul for organising last Friday's lovely musical evening. To Hayley, Reece and Nathaniel for getting the tables sorted and to Jo Rowan (and Pearl) for helping Jane & Paul with the catering. And of course to all those who stayed behind afterwards to clear up and put church back together. As always, we had a marvellous evening with Maggie and many thanks to her and her husband for coming and entertaining us again. Have a look at the above picture of Maggie with her backing group!!

Happy Retirement Maureen



After nearly 31 years as a Ewe, our current longest serving member of staff Auntie Maureen has decided now is the time for her to hang up her yellow top and say goodbye to Little Lambs this week! It is very sad for Lambs, but we wish Maureen a very happy retirement and we are

sure she will find a little something to fill her time in the coming months! Lots of love Auntie Maureen, you will be missed ♥

Flower Arranging Evening

The next special event we have at Bethel is a flower arranging demonstration by Tammy (one of our Little Lambs staff, and a florist), followed by a chance to learn how to make (and take home) a hand-tied flower posy. It is on **Tuesday 5th August** starting at 6.00pm, and will be £15 per person including your flowers to take home and light refreshments. Please sign up on the board if you would like to come along.

Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show

On **Saturday 7th September** from 3.30pm there will be a Ladies Afternoon Tea including a Fashion Show and sale with select items by Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent. If anyone would be up for modelling some of the outfits on the day, please add this to your sign-up on the board. It will be £5 per person, including

BETHEL  **TREASURES** *Heaven Scent* 

190-191 High Street, Quarry Bank, DY5 2AB

please call in any day they are open, you will be made most welcome
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 2pm - Saturdays 10am - 1pm

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afternoon tea, coffee/tea and maybe a little bit of Prosecco too!

Rotas

The rota board to commence in August is still available, but it will only be available for another week. We will assume you wish to carry on unless you cross your name off, and if you would like to serve God and your church by joining any of the rotas, please add your name to whichever rota(s) you wish to join. If you need to know more about what it entails, please ask Jane or someone already on the list. As always, we are particularly in need of people who will put flowers in church each week, and you will also notice that there is a revived column this time, for creche helpers as we now have one or two smaller humans to look after on Sunday mornings! If babies are your thing, please consider volunteering.

Nominate us!

Movement for Good

If you haven't already done so this year, nominations are needed for the Movement for Good grants. If you can please take a moment to nominate us, the next draw closes on **27th July**, but it is for double money this time - £2000! Please go to <https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1001260&ct=community> to nominate Bethel for one of their £2000 donations - our charity number is 1001260 if you need it but it should be there on this link. It is one nomination per person per charity, but if you have more than one email address, you can nominate us on each

of them! Many thanks.

Volunteers

Please have a think and a pray over the Summer holidays if you are being called to help in any area at Bethel. We are always happy for anyone to volunteer to help, either here or at the shop. At the moment we are especially looking for

- People over 25 to share the task of driving the minibus for Cornerstone on Wednesday afternoons
- People to help at the shop, particularly during the holiday periods to cover for the volunteers as they go on holiday and of course for Mariann whilst she is looking after Matthew. New volunteers always welcome.
- **We would desperately love to re-start the Little Acorns Toddler Group in September, but we need someone to lead the group - either one person or a couple/group of people to share it. Please consider if this might be you and come and have a chat with anyone in the office or Jen if you want to know more about what is involved.**
- Additional help is needed at One Way Club - once a month on a Saturday morning. It is a smashing time with the children and Clare plans all the lovely activities so you just need to turn up and be there for our children.

Please let the office know if you can help at all with any of these.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE NOTICEBOARDS OUTSIDE THE KITCHEN EACH WEEK FOR NEW ITEMS NOT INCLUDED INSIDE THIS NEWS SHEET

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Finances

Many thanks to everyone for pulling together and raising much needed funds for Bethel throughout this year. We are grateful for all the fundraising and one-off gifts which got us over the initial crisis at the beginning of the year, and we are especially thankful to those who have increased their regular giving, which is the only way we can sustain covering our expenditure in future with the increased cost of everything that we are experiencing.

Remember we now have collection boxes in place for your used inkjet cartridges here on the post table, in Little Lambs and at Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent - we recently received nearly £30 for a bag of cartridges which otherwise might have just been thrown out!

Thank you so much to all who have bought us something from our Amazon Wishlist, new things are appearing on there all the time - currently there are items on there ranging from under £5 to around £20, so its always worth checking out, and we are always very grateful for everything received.

The wonderful amount raised at the Summer Fayre has gone a long way to help us keep afloat for the time being, but as with our own personal finances, being good stewards of God's house and keeping a close eye on what we are spending, saving where we can and looking for new and inventive ways to raise funds is holding us in good stead. God is in control and he is blessing our giving and stewardship of his provision.

Keep going church, we are getting through this together - us and God, an unbeatable team!

Jesus Christ Superstar

Third from the Right Productions are putting on Jesus Christ Superstar at Halesowen Town Hall from Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd November, including a matinee on 22nd at 2.30pm. Tickets are £18 - £20, available from 07817 680849 or tftproductions.co.uk. Natalie, the daughter of Laraine Baggott from Cornerstone, is starring as Judas in this production!

For Sale

Are you or anyone you know interested in these adult mountain bikes? They look to be in fairly good condition and have been kept in a garage. They are being taken to Bethel Treasures shop in Quarry Bank if you would like to check them over for condition and suitability. One says Univega Rover 310, and the other says Magna Oxygen. You will need to ask to look at them as they are not being sold in the shop, we are just housing them there. Looking for around £25 each.



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 20 Jul	Next Week 27 Jul
Sunday door welcome	Jane Hart	Emeka Okoro
Flowers arranged by	Sue Wilding	Sue Wilding
Sunday coffee/tea	Jon Wilding	Jorja Robson
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Maureen Leonard	Can someone cover for Nigel please?

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	20	Jane Hart
Mon	21	Jacqui D & Reece
Tue	22	Jill Berry
Wed	23	Jane Hart
Thu	24	Mariann Smith
Fri	25	Jane Hart
Sat	26	Carol Prentice
Sun	27	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week
have been provided by

Nigel Cook
in memory of his dad

Ann Holbeach
in loving memory of Bryan

