



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 17th – 24th August 2025

Sunday	17	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service	School Holidays
Monday	18	1.00pm 5.30pm	Wedding: <i>Chloe Westwood & Nick Westcott</i> Flourish! Health & Wellbeing Group	
Tuesday	19			
Wednesday	20	12.30pm	Cornerstone Afternoon Tea	
Thursday	21	4.00pm	Prayer Meeting	
Friday	22	2.00pm	Feel Good Friday	
Saturday	23			
Sunday	24	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 - a message from Mariann: Matt saw the consultant today - not very good news - they can't do the other type of chemo it's too dangerous at the moment. They are going to have a meeting with another consultant - the one who is well up in the type of Cancer Matt has. They have also put the other cancer back on the cards - things looking not so good. The operation has gone from bad to worse, so waiting for the surgeon to get in touch to see what he is going to do about it. Not a good day at all. Blood transfusions tomorrow (Friday) and next week they are going to try blood transfusions once a week to see how things go - two pints. They think some of the blood drops are down to the Chemo so going to watch very closely how things go over the next few weeks. It all seems "We will try this and then no we will try something else" - it's very hit and miss.
- Please continue to pray for Harry, Jen Anslow's son - a message from Jen - All good at present thanks. Harry's just going in for his last treatment this week. He's been generally doing ok, a few side effects but nothing major at the moment. Prayers for him to continue to be well throughout his treatment and that it is effective as it can possibly be would be much appreciated.
- Please continue to pray for Nigel Cook. He finished his radiotherapy treatment this week and now awaits a scan in 3 months time. He says he is ok, but very tired. Please keep praying that the treatment has worked to heal him totally.
- Please hold Ken Priest and family in your prayers, following the sad passing away of Bessie. She was beautiful in every way, and it's a sad loss to this world, but she's now in Heaven with her Lord and Saviour out of all pain and suffering. Her funeral is on Wednesday 27th August, with a service of thanksgiving here at Bethel at 2.00pm.
- Please would you continue to pray for Jacqui Wilson, that her improvements will continue. Please pray that we can get her back at Bethel regularly.
- Please continue to hold Pastor 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 is doing ok, she is still carrying on with the Phesgo injections every three weeks until April next year. She is seeing the oncologist on the 19th with regard to hormone injections for the time being, ovaries out next year. No results at the moment from the liver scan, hopefully next week with good results. Thank you for all your prayers.
- 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-radiotherapy

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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 difficult in this hot weather.

- Please continue to hold Johnny Bass in your prayers as he continues with his chemo tablet treatment. He and Val are in Scotland, spending time with Emma and Gavin, Aurora and new-born baby boy Samuel (middle name yet to be decided). 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 (AutoNomic Dysfunction) diagnosis. Roy remains nursed in bed, though not as tired as he has been, with shorter periods of sleeping during the day, though he's still not eating and drinking as well as he was. At the moment, it's same tat, different day, and it's exhausting for Joyce who is battling her own health problems. Please continue to pray for Roy, and for strength, rest, courage and peace within for Joyce as she still takes care of Roy 24/7.
- Please pray for Julie (and Beryl) - a message from Beryl - prayers needed for Julie. She has been to Birmingham Orthopaedic hospital today. She is to have her right leg amputated. There is nothing else they can do. They can't do anything for the knee joint, and the muscles in her hip are just non existent now, this has all come from the stroke that took her right side. If they don't operate, the pain will just keep getting worse. It really is the only solution to her problems. She has accepted this. We are all as you can imagine, very upset, but must all keep strong for Julie. The operation will take place sometime in October just after her 63 birthday.
- Would you please keep our lovely Betty, who came along to Feel Good Fridays but is now in a nursing home, in your prayers. Please pray 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 had his op to remove the small tumour from his liver on Monday, all went well and he was to be discharged on Tuesday, but as he was getting ready to leave the hospital he heard a loud snap and had pain at the top of his leg, so they are now x-raying and scanning to see what happened, so still immobilised in hospital! Please pray they find out what it is and they can sort it out quickly for him.
- Please continue to pray for Carl and his family. Things are generally quiet because it's summer. Caleb seems to have taken the operation to repair his elbow in his stride. They are looking for some supported living accommodation for Joel who is now 20 years old and Eva who is just 13 is out of school with no further options due to her behaviour. Eva also has no ongoing support from mental health services despite being actively suicidal at times. Prayers for peace in the house and healing for this whole family would be appreciated.
- Please pray for Mark H, he recently lost his father, please pray he is able to grieve. Mark and his wife are struggling to find support for his daughter who also has learning difficulties. Please pray for a breakthrough for them in this regard.
- Please pray for Arthur & Sylv - Arthur is going on okay, Sylvia is still uncomfortable with her back and both are thankful for the prayers. Please continue to pray for healing for them both.

Prayers, Notes and News

- Sadly, we let you know of the death of Barbara Worton, one of our long-time Cornerstone ladies. She has been in a care home for some time, so now ... Peace at last. Her service is at Stourbridge Crematorium on Monday 8th September 2.10pm
- 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 has been back in hospital, her eye sight and hearing are really quite poor, so your prayers for overall improvement for her are appreciated. Continued prayers please for Sadie who last week was got out of bed for a while, and the mobile hairdresser has been, so things are looking up!
- 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 are now on Summer holidays. Please pray for peace and strength for all the teachers as they try and recharge their batteries through the next few 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.
- Prayers also for those who have received A, AS or T level results this week and those who will receive GCSE results next week - may they be content with what they have achieved and go forward wherever God needs them to be.
- 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 HOLIDAY SEASON.**

Pray for Peace

- 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."
- 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.



The Persecuted Church

Elim Pentecostal Church, Bannister Street, Cradley Heath, B64 5EQ invite you to Saturday Night Fellowship with Kristal Kiersteson. She will share a message of hope from her experience of visiting believers living in the midst of persecution. **Saturday 23rd August** at 7.00pm. Further details contact Dave Walker on 01384 567042 or 07794 928421.

Notes and News

Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show

On **Saturday 6th 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 afternoon tea, coffee/tea and maybe a little bit of Prosecco too!

Summer Raffle

We have a Big Summer Raffle taking place, organised by our Lynda, with lots of lovely prizes - *please see the table outside the kitchen just for this week.* Tickets are 20p each or £1.00 for a strip. Please help yourself to tickets, put your name on the stubs and put the money in the box provided. The draw will take place at the Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show on Saturday 6th Sept.

Cake Bake Sale

Just a note for your diaries, we will be having a cake bake sale on **Sunday 21st September** to raise funds for the flowers for Harvest and Christmas. If you are good at baking, we would love some home-made cakes and if you are terrible at baking, please come and buy some!

Rock Choir

Another lovely evening of music is planned for the end of **September, on Saturday 27th** from around 7pm when our local Rock Choir will be coming along to share some of their wide range of songs with us. Sally is a member of the choir, so if you would like to know more about them, please have a word with her. We will have refreshments on the evening too, either a ploughman's supper or jacket potatoes with various fillings, depending how many sign up to come along. The usual £5 per ticket, and this might be something nice to bring along friends and family to. Bring

your own drinks, or coffee/tea and squash will be available.

New Year's Eve!

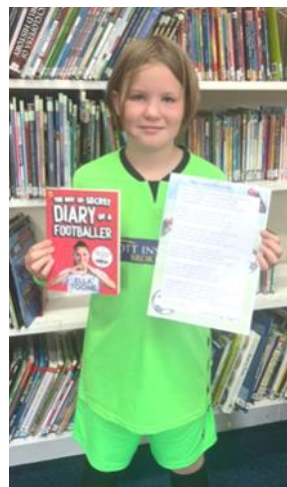
We have planned to have a New Year's Eve party here at Bethel this year, something we haven't done for many years! Can you indicate on the board if this is something you would like to come along to, just so we can see early on if it is going to be a viable event to put on please. Many thanks.

Catherine - YFC

Catherine Green's Summer Youth for Christ update is now available to read and a copy is on the following pages - please take a look to catch up with what Catherine has been doing recently and support her and YFC in their work with young people. Thank you.

Congratulations

Well done to Erin O'Grady, who you will remember 'emigrated' to the Manchester area with her lovely family a couple of years back, but thankfully they still keep in touch. She has recently won a competition at Wigan Libraries on the theme "What Football Means To You". She wrote a fantastic poem, which you can read on the noticeboard outside the kitchen - its well worth taking the time to have a look for it. Great job Erin, its lovely to see you so passionate about the game you love!





We're about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus.

Summer 2025 - Update from Catherine Green.



Hello. Over the first May bank holiday weekend British Youth for Christ came together with our local centres to run **United for Change** - a 30 hour online fundraising event.

It was the first time the team had done this. It was hard work but it was also a fantastic opportunity to showcase what we are doing collectively around Britain. We had a studio set up at Albion Street Church in Brierley Hill and starting at 4pm on Friday 2nd May we ran through until 10pm on Saturday 3rd May. There wasn't much sleep but there was lots of fun.

Some of the head office team cycled around 500 miles either on the road or on exercise bikes in the studio for our "Dudley to Disney" challenge - cycling the equivalent of the miles between Dudley West Midlands and Disneyland Paris. I was involved in our Taskmaster challenge to create a "Veggie Tale" within 24 hours, set by my manager, Nick. I got to compete against colleagues, Analice and Matthew, and it made great TV and had a twist.

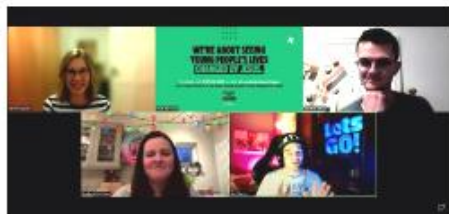


If you want to see what we got up to, the fundraiser is online on our Youtube channel www.youtube.com/@YOUTHFORCHRIST. It's in three parts for ease of viewing and you can see the results of Taskmaster in part 3 towards the end of the fundraiser. We were joined by centres doing their own challenges - Phase Trust's own version of Crazy Golf, Newmarket Youth for Christ walking 15 miles from Mildenhall to Ely, Wyre Forest Youth for Christ's all night "Dart a Thon" and Dundee Youth for Christ's walk involving haggis.



Thanks to everyone who tuned in and also to all those who got in touch and sponsored me. I was touched by people's generosity. Collectively we raised around £23,000 which will make a massive difference to young people like Emma

who we featured in our campaign. Emma was bullied at school by people she once called friends and had a difficult home life taking on responsibilities beyond her years. Thanks to ongoing support from people like you, Emma receives a lifeline from an after school club "The Lounge" run by Youth for Christ where she receives friendship and encouragement.





In July we launched a major piece of research called **Z-A: Growing Spirituality (Part 1)**. It's packed with real insights to help us better connect with today's 11-18s. We're now in conversation with a generation growing up in a world of noise, pressure and spiritual searching. Their questions are bigger, their trust is harder to earn and their view of the church is complicated. That's why this research matters.

In part 1, we explore: **Trust and Influence** – Who do young people actually listen to and why? **The Church** – How do they see it, is it relevant and welcoming? **Spirituality** – Where is their hunger for meaning leading them?

The research indicates there is a growing spiritual awakening among young people, interest in the Christian faith is increasing and the local church needs to respond. You can sign up to receive a free online copy of the research part 1 here yfc.co.uk/z-a-growing-spirituality and whether you're a youth worker, church leader, parent, or simply someone who cares, you'll walk away with real understanding and insights.

Part 2 will go live in October and will be looking at how the church is approaching outreach and evangelism to young people. The findings are fascinating, deeply encouraging and we think, hugely significant for anyone involved in youth ministry or who has a heart for evangelism and the local church.

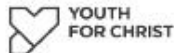
Over the school summer holidays I had opportunity to spend time with a local Youth for Christ Centre, **Phase Trust** phasetrust.org.uk. I've been helping with a Monday lunch time drop in for some of the young people they work with during term time. It's been great fun to work alongside the Phase Trust team and get to know young people they engage with. Phase Trust have a purpose built youth venue with sports hall and seeing young people come in to eat, chat, play pool, table tennis, video games and play sports with the team as well as other fun activities has been a really valuable reminder of why we serve young people.



Phase Trust have been running for over 25 years serving across the Dudley Borough in primary and secondary schools supporting young people's personal development with mentoring, lessons and assemblies. They also run community engagement and family support projects. The drop in was a great way for the Phase Trust team to stay connected with young people over the summer, they took a group of young people to Alton Towers who wouldn't otherwise have had that opportunity and have worked with families who struggle during the summer holidays. Many Youth for Christ centres have been running similar work through holiday clubs, taking young people to Christian festivals, running day trips and fun events. The Head Office team have also been running youth work and involved with festivals like Magnitude, Limitless, Thrive and Spree.

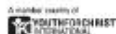
Thank you so much for your support which enables us to keep on reaching young people together. I truly value our partnership and try to keep in contact throughout the year. I have a genuine need for more people to join my personal support team. I can be contacted at Youth for Christ by telephone on **0121 502 9620** or email: catherine.green@yfc.co.uk. I also have a support page on our website yfc.co.uk/catherinegreen. If you visit my support page you'll find out more about what I do and why youth ministry is a subject close to my heart.

Every blessing, Catherine.



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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 17 Aug	Next Week 24 Aug
Sunday door welcome	Jane Hart	Mal Hawker
Flowers arranged by	Jane & Philip	Jane & Philip
Sunday coffee/tea	Reece Faulkner	Mariann Smith
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Hayley Marrison	Maureen Leonard

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	17	Jane Hart
Mon	18	Carol Prentice
Tue	19	Jill Berry
Wed	20	June Winnall
Thu	21	Ann Holbeach
Fri	22	Jane Hart
Sat	23	Jane Hart
Sun	24	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Paul & Jane Hart
in memory of Paul's mom, dad
and brother

Joyce & Roy Barratt
to remember Ma's birthday

