



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Sunday	31	10.30am 1.00pm 6.00pm	Morning Service Christening: <i>Kiara Nadine Westwood</i> Evening Service
Monday	1	8.30am 5.30pm	Little Lambs - Staff only NO Knit & Natter Flourish! Health & Wellbeing Group
Tuesday	2	8.30am	Little Lambs - Staff only NO Payer Meeting
Wednesday	3	12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone
Thursday	4	8.30am 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School
Friday	5	8.30am 2.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Feel Good Friday NO Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	6	10.00am 3.30pm	One Way Afternoon Tea & Bethel Treasures Fashion Show & Sale
Sunday	7	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Loved Ones Remembrance 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. It's not been a good week, Matt's chemo didn't go well, he is just totally wiped out and can hardly have the energy to eat and wash. Please pray he will feel better soon. They are not looking forward to what the new chemo might do to him and he is not in a good place mentally at the moment. Please pray for the Lord to reach out and touch his heart for faith and his body for healing.
- Please continue to pray for Harry, Jen Anslow's son, as he comes towards the end of his radiotherapy treatment. He will continue with the chemotherapy tablets afterwards. Please pray that the treatment works and when scans are done the results will be superb. Please continue to hold him (and his family) in your prayers.
- Please continue to pray for Nigel Cook. He awaits a scan in a couple of 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. Sadly Ken was unable to attend Bessie's funeral as he was admitted to hospital the day before. He is still in hospital, so please ask the Lord to be very near him and hold him in His arms.
- 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. This is almost 3 years old now! 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. Thanks everyone for your prayers to get her through the burns suffered from the radiotherapy, they are very painful. Jacqui has spoken to her this week and she's quite bright. Had an hormone implant this week, it's been on trial in America and done very well. We need to pray that her body does not reject it. This implant, if it works, will enable her not to have her ovaries out which will be excellent news.
- 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 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

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give her more relief from the symptoms.

- Please continue to hold Johnny Bass in your prayers as he continues with his chemo tablet treatment. As always, please continue to pray for John to be healed and cancer free.
- 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, and seems to have returned to more sleeping this week. He's still not eating and drinking as well as he was, and day after day, it's the same troubles - 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. We still await news of the operation date for Julie's right leg to be amputated, but it should be sometime in October. These difficulties have come from the stroke that took her right side. If they don't operate, the pain will just keep getting worse. Please hold them both in your hearts and minds and prayers.
- 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. The soft tissue damage will take a few weeks to heal, so please keep him in your prayers for that and for a good outcome from the cancer removal operation, blood tests and MRI awaited for that.
- Please continue to pray for Carl and his family. 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's doing really well at the moment and Sylvia's back is much improved, grateful for the prayers for them both.
- 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 at 2.10pm.
- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des and Julia, who are currently in

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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 moved out of hospital to Tiled House in Pensnett, but they are looking for her to move into a home rather than back home when she leaves. Continued prayers please for Sadie who sadly remains mostly bed-bound at the moment.

- 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 start a new school year this week - where did that 6 weeks holiday go!! Please pray for peace and strength for all the teachers as they prepare for the new term and for all the children who are going to a new school or moving to a new class, 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.

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.



Welcome to Autumn

This week we welcome September, the start of Meteorological Autumn (we know there are a few weeks to wait until astronomical Autumn on 22nd Sept!) and after the continual heatwaves of the summer, it is now thankfully seeming to cool down a bit and feel a bit 'autumnal', with some much needed rain appearing to quench the parched ground - hopefully the grass will now be able to return to green rather than scorched brown. We are now entering one of our busiest periods of the year as everything starts back

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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and we progress into Harvest and then through to Christmas. Lots to get involved with, please come along or volunteer for any of our regular activities or one-off events, new faces are always very welcome.

So lots of things starting up again in the next week or two:

- **Little Lambs** staff are back after the Summer holidays for Autumn Term this Monday, in readiness for the children to start on Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- **Knit & Natter** are returning **next Monday, 8th Sept.** Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you are a novice or an expert knitter, and have a natter over a cuppa.
- There is no **prayer meeting** this week, but they return next week with a change of day. From **9th September** they will be on **Tuesdays** from 4.00pm. Please come along any week to join in with the prayers.
- **Cornerstone** is restarting this Wednesday and it will be lovely to see everyone back after the break.
- **Friday Night Icebreakers** still have a little while to wait until they start back, with sessions due to begin again on **Friday 26th September**, as Caron & Martyn are away for a few weeks now.
- **Flourish** and **Feel Good Friday** have continued on through the summer and will continue to meet weekly throughout the Autumn, and the **Cancer Peer Support Group** and **Crafternoon** will continue their regular monthly meetings too.

Volunteers are still needed to get our **Toddler group** up and running

again, and to help with the monthly **One Way** sessions on Saturday mornings. Please let us know if you can help with either of these.

Reece's fundraiser for Level Water

This weekend Reece Faulkner is taking part in a 24hour open water swim to raise money for Level Water, who use the power of swimming to improve lives for children with disabilities. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn to swim and fall in love with the water. If you would like to sponsor him to raise money for this great cause, you can do so via his Just Giving page -

www.justgiving.com/page/reece-faulkner-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

or put it on the sponsor board now available in church. Don't forget to gift aid if you're a tax payer!!

New Caretaker

This week we have interviewed for the role of Caretaker and after consideration of the excellent candidates interviewed, we have appointed Reece into the role, which the two Steves have been trying to retire from for the whole of this year! He will initially work alongside them for a few weeks to learn the ropes. Please give him a warm welcome when you are visiting. Congratulations Reece, we hope you will be very happy as part of Team Bethel.

Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show

This coming **Saturday, 6th September** from 3.30pm there will be an Afternoon Tea including a Fashion Show and sale with select items by Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent. There's a couple of the lads signed up for it too, so if any more

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chaps want to come, just pop your name on the list! If anyone would be up for modelling some of the outfits on the day, please add this to your sign-up on the board. **Could we ask for payment for your tickets ASAP now please - it is £5 per person,** please take your tickets when you pay. Afternoon tea is included, along with coffee/tea and maybe a little bit of Prosecco too!

Summer Raffle

Last chance this week to get your tickets for the Big Summer Raffle, organised by our Lynda, with lots of lovely prizes. Tickets £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 7pm when our local Rock Choir will be coming along to share some of their wide range of songs with us. Some of the songs in their repertoire include *Two Hearts, Make Your Own Kind of Music, Somewhere Only We Know, Video Killed the Radio Star, Shake a Tail Feather, Call Me, Green Green Grass,*

plus many others. Sally is a member of the choir, so if you would like to know any 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.

Support Worker/Carer Vacancy

Support Worker/Carer required as bank staff for our Nancy. Needed to provide cover for Support Workers' holidays by arrangement and if possible for sickness cover at short notice. Ideally a driver for Nancy's manual car. Hourly rate on application. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact Nancy's mom, Sue Whitehead, on 01384 395798.

Mobility Scooter

A special man needs a mobility scooter does anyone know of one available? He doesn't have much so it will have to be for donation please. Could you let Mariann know if you can help. Many thanks.

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

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Pathfinders/Breakers Christmas Trip



Yes, you read that right! We are having to think about booking up for our kids Christmas Trip already, as the booking opens this week! We loved the canal trip last year, so we are hoping to book again this year for an adventure finding the Last Letter to Santa! We don't want to miss out, as the tickets sell like hot cakes. We are hoping to book for around 2pm on **Sunday 7th December**, like last year where we had a packed lunch after morning service before making our way over to Dudley. Please look out for notifications coming through the WhatsApp group as soon as we find that booking has opened so that we can get the date and time booked in ASAP for everyone who wishes to come along. Once we've booked, numbers are unlikely to be able to change as the boats get booked up very quickly. Please let us know if you are unable to come on that date, or if you would like to come along to accompany your child (ren) on the boat, so we have a good idea of numbers as soon as booking opens. Thank you.

Nativity Service

Also, whilst we are talking Christmas, a heads up to everyone, particularly parents/carers, that this year's Nativity Service will be a little earlier than usual - at the morning service on **Sunday 14th December**.

Thank You

We want to say a massive 'Thank You' to anyone who has brought items off the Amazon Wish List for Bethel over the last few months. We don't always know who has sent them, as there is not always a 'gifted by' leaflet in them so assume you are doing it anonymously, but please be assured we are very grateful for all of the items we have received, and it is a massive help to us. One package turned up on Friday, just as I was about to order the item it contained as we were completely out of them and will be needing them this coming week - how fantastic!

There are always items we need and we add to the list regularly, so please check it out if you are able to - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1GDAUB4M7ZSNT?ref=wl_share or there is a link on the front page of our website which is easy to click onto - www.bethelchapel.org.uk

WhatsApp Groups

Just a reminder that there are many and varied WhatsApp groups at Bethel, started originally during the Covid-19 lockdown period but still thriving and growing now! The Bethel Family group is made up of 55 ladies, but there are groups for Cornerstone, Bethel Treasures, Pathfinders, Icebreakers, and lots more. If you are not on a particular group or fairly new to Bethel and would like to be kept 'in the loop', please just ask and we can join you to any suitable group(s).

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 31 Aug	Next Week 7 Sep
Sunday door welcome	Mariann Smith	Bev Southall
Flowers arranged by	Jane Hodges	Mariann Smith
Sunday coffee/tea	Jonathan Wilding	Jane H & Clare J
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Sarah Parkes	Reece Faulkner

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	31	Jane Hart
Mon	1	Jo Rowan
Tue	2	Jill Berry
Wed	3	Jane Hart
Thu	4	Mal Hawker
Fri	5	Jacq Shilton
Sat	6	Mariann Smith
Sun	7	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Nigel Cook
in thanks for Bethel family

The family of Bessie Priest



DEAR FRIENDS,
LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER,
FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD.
EVERYONE WHO LOVES HAS BEEN
BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD.

1 JOHN 4:7

