



The Church that meets at Bethel

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

Activities & Prayer Diary 19th – 26th October 2025

Sunday	19	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service
Monday	20	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 5.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Knit & Natter Little Lambs Pre-School Flourish! Health & Wellbeing Group
Tuesday	21	8.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	22	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone
Thursday	23	8.30am 10.00am 12.30pm 3.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Fayre Prep Morning Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs - Afternoon Parents Meetings
Friday	24	8.30am 2.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Feel Good Friday NO Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	25		
Sunday	26	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, Charlie and Jan ... the Lord knows all about them all.
- Please continue to pray for Matthew, for good news and better progress. A message from Mariann - Matt's sadly not very well at all and he hasn't eaten for two days. He's feeling nauseous and will have to get back in touch with the consultants tomorrow . He seemed better this morning but he has gone down again now.
- Please continue to pray for Harry, Jen Anslow's son. Here's a message from Jen - Finished his first course of chemo tablets and no major side effects thankfully. He has speech therapy next week and is continuing to work on his strength and mobility improving following his accident. Many thanks for all your ongoing prayers
- Please continue to pray for Nigel Cook. As you may know, he is on Kinver Ward, Bushey Fields Hospital. His mental health is very fragile, and he is there until at least next Wednesday. At the moment, he welcomes visitors. Please continue to pray for the Lord to help and strengthen him in body, mind and spirit.
- Please continue to hold Ken Priest in your prayers. He has moved into Hillcroft Nursing Home in Wordsley. Here's a message from Vivienne, Ken's daughter - "I went to see him yesterday and a group from the local church were just starting a communion service, which he enjoyed and some of the carers were winding him up about having to buy his own armchair, and he was actually laughing! He's asked to move rooms to a bigger one which I thought was a good sign because he's taking an interest. He has limited mobility and has to be moved in a wheelchair but at least he's up and dressed and talking to people. Holding my breath that this works for him."
- Please would you continue to pray for Jacqui Wilson, she is needing some extra support and has problems with her legs, back and chest for which she is having some treatment and some extra equipment has been ordered to help with her mobility. Please pray that we can get her back at

Bethel regularly.

- Please continue to hold Pastor Jane Hart in your prayers for the Lord to help with several health concerns, keeping her strong.
- Please keep on keeping on bringing before God beautiful little Mila, who is now three years old and enjoyed her birthday. She is still awaiting a date for the operation as one of her hips has come out of its socket. Please pray that this will be soon and that she will not be in any pain.
- Please continue to pray for Jacqui Davies' niece Katie. After a meeting with the oncologist last week, the next course of treatment offered was a tablet to stop the production of oestrogen which she will have to take for 10 years. These tablets come with lots of very unpleasant possible side effects and she has had a very emotional time trying to decided on the best path. She has decided to try the tablets, which she has been on for over a week now. Sadly, at the moment, she's on bed rest as she had a scare Wednesday. She was in hospital all day until 11pm on the evening. She had been doing too much because she was feeling stronger. Her heart rate was not good, heading for a heart attack, so they were very stern with her and she is doing what they have told her. Unfortunately Katie is a girl that likes to be doing, but not lifting branches from trees and slabs! She had been working in her garden. Let's hope and pray that she takes things easy and not run before she walks. Please also pray for Katie's mom, Rose, who has been in hospital this week with a nasty gallstone infection. She has been sent home now, awaiting an operation.
- 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

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treatment for the lymphedema will 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 is sleeping quite a lot on and off all day, and sleeps through the night. 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. There are so many not-so-little issues for them both going on at the same time, including Joyce's macular degeneration and diplopia, and emotionally, it's very difficult. Please pray for Joyce to remain well, strong, and filled with God's peace as her sole aim is to remain well enough to take care of Roy.
- Please continue your prayers for Julie and Beryl. Here's a message from Beryl - "It was a long day for her. The infusion kept getting bubbles, so the staff had to keep restarting it. She was on the drip from 9.30 am until 5.30pm. She got home about 7.30. She was very tired and not too good for a couple of days, but seems d brighter today. I'm OK. Still in lots of pain, but that will no doubt continue, with the cold and damp. Otherwise I'm well." Please hold them both in your prayers for God to reach out and help and heal.
- Thank you for all your prayers for Betty, from Feel Good Friday group. Sadly Betty passed away on Monday morning, peace at last. Please pray for Betty's family at this very sad time. Her funeral service is here at Bethel on Monday 10th November 11.00am followed by burial at Dudley Cemetery.
- Would you please continue to pray for Philip, one of our Cancer Peer Support group. Unfortunately his consultant appointment at the beginning of October was postponed, but he had a telephone call with the oncology people this week and no results yet from a variety of tests and scans.

Please pray for good results when they arrive.

- Please continue to pray for Carl and his family, the situation is pretty much the same. 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 continue to pray for Arthur & Sylv. Sylvia is not too good with her back pain, there has been little relief from using the recliner chair, she was hopeful of benefit from that, maybe it takes a while. Flu vaccine today. Arthur is well in himself many thanks for continued prayers.
- 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 for Pat Hall who hasn't been well enough to be with us for quite a while. Win is still in hospital and sadly, is experiencing daily seizures, often more than one a day, which obviously causes her damage each time. She is tired and weary. Here's a message from Yvonne, Win's daughter - She is better than she was, as she had to go on oxygen for a day but ok now. Sadly, she can't go back to the care home she was in as she has got to go into a nursing home. Prayers are needed too for Mo and 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.
- 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.

It's almost time for Bethel's

Christmas Fayre



Saturday 22nd November, 12.00 noon

FIVE WEEKS YESTERDAY!

Five weeks for us all to do our bit – the community love it and it as a chance to outreach and share God's love in a lovely way in our local community, as well as adding pennies to our budget for the rising cost of running our fabulous church.

If you have not been involved in a fayre at Bethel before and would like to find out more about what it involves, please have a word with Hayley or Jo – it is so very rewarding and it is a privilege to serve God and share with our local community working together in this way. The organising group have been looking at who is allocated to the stalls and they ask that if you haven't put your name down yet and would like to volunteer, please grab the Volunteer Board and add your name to it today to save all the phone calls!

Help is urgently required with the following:

- Grand Draw tickets have just arrived and are now available - please pick yours up today if possible but whenever you can – they will be in a basket on the table at the front of church. We have lots of tickets available, so if you need more please don't be afraid to ask, or just pick some more up. Please do your best to sell as many tickets as you can around your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues.
- Also the Grand Draw board is still available with some gaps on it if you would like to supply a prize. Please bring Grand Draw items into the main office as soon as you can – remember to attach a note with your name and 'GRAND DRAW' to your item when you bring it in so that it doesn't get re-assigned to any other stall!
- Thank you to all those who have pledged so generously recently to the donations board to help cover the cost of the more expensive stalls. It is still available today if you are able to help in this way – remember to 'gift aid' it if you pay tax! If you can bring in your contribution for this as soon as possible, so that we can start buying the more expensive items needed for all the stalls and get ready to do the big warehouse shopping.
- If you buy any cakes in the next few weeks that have the plastic boxes with them (see the ones already accumulating in the kitchen) would you wash them out and bring them to church please, they will be very useful for the cake stall to either display or package their cakes in.
- If you know of anyone, or a shop or restaurant, that may be able to help with prizes or donations, we have letters you can use, please just ask for one and we can get that arranged for you.
- Our Amazon Wishlist contains some items that we are in need of for the fayre too if this is easier for you to do. The Amazon Wishlist is available here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1GDAUB4M7ZSNT?ref_=wl_share and there is also a link from the front page of the Bethel website.
- Please bring in items as soon as possible if you are able to help with any of the

following stalls:

- * Bottle Stall - please start to bring in bottles of various types and values - we need in excess of **500 bottles** - **please can we try to bring our bottle contributions in over the next couple of weeks** so that we can get the preparation and panic of bottle counting out of the way early. Bringing contributions in a day or two before the fayre unfortunately doesn't work for this stall, as we will have had to use the set up money to buy bottles to ensure there are enough and it is set up and ticketed in advance, so we know where we are with numbers – anything brought in late doesn't make it onto the stall and is either kept for the next event or passed on to other charities if there is a use by date on them. Therefore, it really is important to get your contributions in early for this stall. The Special Bottles board is also still available this week.
- * Chocolate and Sweets for tombola stall, please bring in any sweets, boxes of chocolate and chocolate bars, also packets of wrapped sweets to be used to fill cones. Decent Chocolate is getting more expensive these days so please keep a look out for any bargains to be had and let us all know where to go! This year we also have the new Special Chocolates board for the eye-catching big bars and boxes of sweets and chocolates.
- * Toy Stall - we still need some good quality second hand toys – please can we sort toys as soon as possible as they need to be cleaned and wrapped. (The upcoming Half-Term holiday might be a good opportunity for a big clear out of the toy cupboards before Santa comes to fill them up again!!)
- * Gift Stall /Christmas stall - new items, such as gift sets, jewellery, new toys or games, etc. or homemade items, suitable for either stall
- * Gift Tombola – gifts and new items, including sweets and biscuits.
- * Christmas clothes – if you have any good quality Christmas t-shirts, jumpers, dresses or accessories as well as any Christmas party outfits e.g. sparkly tops/ dresses etc – so you can come along and get new outfits ready for Christmas Jumper Day (11th December this year)
- * Winter warmer stall – with people struggling to afford to stay warm again this winter, we continue to have the 'winter warmers' stall. If you are a crafter could you help by making some - e.g. lap blankets, hand muffs, teapot cosies, mug hugs, hats, scarves, socks, fingerless gloves/mittens, handwarmers, draft excluders, hot water bottle covers, candles in decorated jars, etc. We wanted to give people the heads up early so if this is something you can do, you have time to start making items.

We have a 'Crafting for the Christmas Fayre' afternoon planned for **Friday 14th November** from around 4pm onwards, if you would like to craft, or put together things that other people have crafted, please make a note of the date in your diaries.

We also need more volunteers to wrap and wash toys at home, we already have some items that need wrapping so if you can help, please have a word with Hayley, Jo or contact the office.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO JOINING WITH YOU
AS WE WORK TOGETHER IN HIS SERVICE**



Prayers, Notes and News

Pray for Peace



Please hold Israel, Gaza and the Middle East in your prayers, as part one of the agreement, ceasefire and release of the Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners has begun, but is not yet complete. Please pray for this very fragile peace.



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.



Harvest

Many thanks for all the donations made during our Harvest. A couple of food parcels have been made up to go to local families and the remainder will go to a local food bank this coming week. Thank you too for the cash donations for the work of Daniel in Kenya, these amounted to £137.70, including gift aid.

Urgent Need!!

Does anyone have a car that they could loan, rent out or give to Cynthia, please? Hers has been scrapped, and

she needs a vehicle for her job. Please let Jill know ASAP if you or someone you know can help. Thank you.

Friday Night Icebreakers

There is no FNIB this week (24th Oct) or next (31st Oct) for the half-term break. The following week is the skittles evening, but there will be a FNIB, either in the back rooms or taking part in the skittles!

Flourish!

A reminder that our health and wellbeing group is running each **Monday** at around 5.30pm, but no problem if you need to come a bit later. This is a small, friendly group, just ladies at the moment but men welcome too. It is organised by Jane and Hayley and is a time to share ideas and thoughts on how we can be the healthiest we can be, physically, mentally and spiritually. The cost is £2 per session. There is a weigh-in available for those that want it, and some gentle exercise available for those that want to take part at the end (come dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear if you do). Everyone is welcome to come along any week, new members always welcome, first week free!

Night Light Party

Once again, Clare has organised a Night Light Party, an alternative to Halloween, to celebrate Jesus Light of the World on a dark night. To take place on **Friday 31st October** 4.30-8.30pm. It will be £5 per child, and the dress code - Pyjamas. Spaces are

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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limited so see Clare R or let the office know if you would like to come.

Skittles Night

Always fun, another skittles night has been organised for **Friday 7th November** at 7pm. The cost is £6 to include a ham or cheese cob, with additional cobs available for an extra £2. The board is now available so sign up or let the office know ASAP so we have a rough idea of how many cobs to order.

Songs of Praise Service

Jo Chance is organising "Songs of Praise" for the evening service on **Sunday 23rd November** to start at the slightly earlier time of 5.30pm. It will be an evening of worship, hymns and choral music put together using peoples favourite hymns and worship songs. If you have a hymn you would like included, please let Jo C or the office know which one you have chosen and a few words of why this hymn is special to you.

Shoeboxes

A reminder that we will be a church collection centre again this year for shoebox presents to send out to children in need all over the world with Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to make a shoebox up yourself, there will be some pre-printed boxes available soon for you to pick up and use, so please have a think about collecting items you can fill them with. Remember that there are certain items that cannot be included in a shoebox, so please pick up a leaflet, lots on the post table but some in both church

entrances too, if you need any guidance about what can and cannot be included. The children's groups will also be putting together shoeboxes, and there are items on the Amazon Wishlist if you would like to make your contribution this way - there is a link from the front page of the Bethel Website to the Wishlist. Many thanks to those who have already contributed items from this list. We could also do with some WOW items, to be the main present in the box - so things like cuddly toys, dolls, cars, etc. that will fit into the boxes. Many thanks for all you are doing towards this for children who will not have much this year. Our collection centre dates are **13th - 16th November**, but the children's groups will be making their boxes up at the **beginning of November**.

Ladies Christmas Meal

After such a lovely time last year, we have decided to once again organise a Ladies Christmas Meal. It has been booked for 7pm on **Monday 8th December** at the Lutley Oak, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen. The cost is £18.99 for 2 courses or £21.99 for 3. There is a board available for you to sign up - please pop your name on if you would like to go even if you don't pick your menu yet, as we need to give them numbers quite soon. We also need £5 per person deposit by Sunday 26th October please.

(Chaps, are you looking at going out for a Christmas Meal? Is anyone up for organising it? Let us know and we can include the details in the next available news sheet if you are)

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

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 19 Oct	Next Week 26 Oct
Sunday door welcome	Jo Rowan	Jane Hart
Flowers arranged by	Jane & Philip	Jane & Philip
Sunday coffee/tea	Jane H & Clare J	Reece Faulkner
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Maureen Leonard	Nigel Cook ?

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	19	Jane Hart
Mon	20	Jacqui Davies
Tue	21	Mariann Smith
Wed	22	Jill Berry
Thu	23	Margaret Cartwright
Fri	24	Hayley Marrison
Sat	25	Carol Prentice
Sun	26	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Val Woodhouse
for Farida's birthday
and for Molly

