



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary **26th October – 2nd November 2025**

Sunday	26	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service	School Holidays
Monday	27	9.30am 5.30pm	Knit & Natter Flourish! Health & Wellbeing Group	
Tuesday	28	4.00pm 5.30pm	Prayer Meeting Cancer Peer Support Group	
Wednesday	29			
Thursday	30			
Friday	31	2.00pm 4.30pm	Feel Good Friday Night Light Party	
Saturday	1			
Sunday	2	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. Please pray that he is feeling better than he did last week, and that he is now feeling like eating a bit more. He is very up and down, so please pray that he will experience many more 'up' days, as they continue to seek to get his condition under better control.
- Please continue to pray for Harry, Jen Anslow's son. He's doing ok-ish, and gets five days of chemotherapy in every 28. He goes to see the oncologist at the beginning of November before his next chemo round, so please pray that there is good progress. Special prayers please for Harry to find peace and calm in his mind - there may be PTSD from the accident which is governing some of his thinking patterns, which need to be changed.
- Please continue to pray for Nigel Cook. He is now home and says he is glad to be home. Prayers that the house will have viewings, be sold, and that Nigel can move to a lovely new home.
- Please continue to hold Ken Priest in your prayers. He has moved into Hillcroft Nursing Home in Wordsley, and is definitely settling there. He's moved into a bigger room, and seems to be accepting that this is his permanent new home.
- 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. She is still battling a nasty chest infection, and is on another 10 days of antibiotics, and five days steroids. Please pray for the Lord to help and heal.



- Please keep on keeping on bringing before God beautiful little Mila, who is now three years old. 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. She has been resting and says she is doing ok now. Please also continue to pray for Katie's mom, Rose, she is a lot improved, she has finished the antibiotics and has been very tired but feeling much better. Thank you again for your prayers for them both.
- 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 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 now we have the added problem of a bit of confusion/forgetfulness creeping in. It's absolutely exhausting for Joyce who is battling her own health problems as well as care company difficulties! There are so many not-so-little issues for them both

For Your Prayers

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 - "My arthritis is very painful - the weather is really making every part hurt, so I'm staying in and keeping warm, so hopefully I shall feel ok for Sunday. Julie's fibromyalgia has kicked in, so she is also in more pain than me, but we keep smiling and trusting God."
- Please continue to pray for our lovely Betty's family and friends 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 consultation with the oncology people but 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. Due to the challenges of bedrooms with 4 children all with special needs, Carl and Rachel's living room is currently their daughter's bedroom. She is also not receiving any support or education. Please pray for wisdom and the right opportunities in terms of accommodation and schooling
- Please continue to pray for Arthur & Sylv. Arthur was due to have a scan on his bladder yesterday but unfortunately this has been postponed until next month. He has a water infection and is now on antibiotics. Sylvia is still in some discomfort with her back, the recliner is helping. She was due to have her Covid jab but it was cancelled over worrying about Arthur, rescheduled in the coming weeks. Grateful for the 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. Sadly, if she gets well enough to leave hospital, 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.

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.





Christmas Fayre Update

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - 12 NOON

27 DAYS TO GO!!!

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching – **4 weeks yesterday!**

Each Monday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoon between now and the fayre, Hayley and/or Jo will be at church sorting out items that have been donated and generally doing 'Fayre stuff'. If you are available any time on those days, they would love it if you could come and join them to help out to make this task easier and quicker.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up on any of the boards which have been going around for the past few weeks. They are all still available today if you haven't seen any of them yet.

The Volunteer board - to let us know of your availability to help – WE ARE DESPERATE FOR ADDITIONAL HELP!! The stalls that we want to run are barely covered. There is still time to volunteer if you haven't got your name down yet – just pop your name on the board or let Jo or Hayley know ASAP. Please consider having a go - we won't drop you in at the deep end, you will be teamed up with someone who knows the ropes, promise!

The Donations board - for any support you can offer towards the cost of the set-up of the more expensive stalls is still available (*don't forget to 'Gift Aid' it if you pay tax*)

The **Grand Draw Prize board**, **Special Chocolate board** and the **Special Bottles board** are also still available, please sign up if you can help with donating any of these prizes.

If you buy any cakes in the next few weeks that have the clear plastic containers with them (see the ones already accumulating by 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.

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:

www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1GDAUB4M7ZSNT?ref_=wl_share (mainly cans of drinks) and there is also a link from the front page of the Bethel website.

The Grand Draw tickets are here, if you haven't already picked yours up then please do so today. We have plenty spare if you need more – just ask or take some of the spare ones from the bottom of the box.

Remember when you bring in your Grand Draw prize to **clearly mark it as 'GRAND DRAW'**, with your name on too, and leave it in the office so it can be ticked off the list - and not put on another stall by mistake! The same applies for Special Bottles and Special Chocolates.

Also, for all three of these, if you can't remember what you signed up for, please check the boards or call the office to check before you go out and get items, as any gaps have to be bought with the donations money if the wrong items are brought in, thanks.

Please could you start bringing in items for the following:

Toy Stall – please bring in good quality second-hand toys, children's books and cuddly toys as soon as possible so that we can get them sorted, washed and wrapped. If you can help with the washing and wrapping of toys and cuddlies, can you let the office know as soon as possible? When they are ready if you could then hold on to them until the week of the Fayre, that would be appreciated.

Bottle Tombola – please bring in bottles of various types and values - we have around 250 so **still need around 450 bottles** - please can we try to bring our bottle contributions in over the next couple of weeks as the count for this stall gets done early and if we don't get enough bottles in, the balance has to be bought with the set-up funds as we can't wait until the last week for bottles to come in.

Gift Stall /Christmas stall – **urgently need** new items or homemade items suitable for either stall, nice quality items for people to buy as Christmas presents.

Hoping to have a **Pickles/Jams/Chutney stall**, if anyone can help by making some for us, please let us know.

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 get new tops ready for Christmas Jumper Day this year!! (*11th December*)

Winter warmer stall – If you are a crafter, we are again doing some 'winter warmers', e.g. 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 so if this is something you can do, you have time to make items.

Chocolate and Sweets for tombola stall – please bring in any sweets, boxes of chocolate and large and small chocolate bars, also packets of wrapped sweets to be used to fill cones. Look out for any discounts and bargains to be had as the price of chocolate is still escalating! Tesco's have some good chocolates on Clubcard prices at the moment, please let us know if you spot any bargains anywhere else.

Distributing Posters - these are now available, please sign up to take one or lots around to local businesses! If you live on a busy road, could you put one in your window?

Does anyone have any contacts for businesses or organisations that would be willing to sponsor the real reindeer coming to visit again? If so, please see Hayley as soon as possible for a letter. Also, if you work for a bank or any organisation that does fund-matching, please will you consider nominating Bethel for your allocation this year?

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.

The money raised at this year's Fayre will go towards the costs of keeping all the outreach groups going at reasonable fees, as well as the day to day running of the Chapel. The outreaches are a huge part of the community work we do here and keeping fees to a bare minimum allows so many to come where we can sow seeds of faith into their lives. The Fayres allow these opportunities to remain open.

**When we all work together as a team, we can
achieve more**

**God bless your willingness to serve
as we reach out into our community**



Notes and News

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.

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 **this Friday, 31st October** 4.30-8.30pm. It will be £5 per child, and the dress code - Pyjamas. Spaces are 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** (please note price increase) 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

Pastor 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.

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)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all the team at Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent. Next week marks the 5th anniversary of the shop opening on Quarry Bank High Street! It opened on 27th October 2020 for a whole week and 2 days before the second lockdown hit and we had to close again! During lockdown we used the WhatsApp group to generate some income, and the shop itself re-opened again in May 2021. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who have worked both in the shop and behind the scenes at any time over those 5 years, your contributions and dedication,

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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past and present, have been invaluable. We love our customers, so thank you to everyone who has popped in once, or who comes along regularly for a browse or a natter and a cuppa - we value you all and we are always happy to see you. Thank you also to the many people who donate lovely items for the shop and bring them along to Bethel so we can sort them out and then take to the shop when needed, we couldn't do it without you! Mariann, Jackie and the team have done a special celebratory window display to mark the occasion, please pop along next week and join in with the 5th anniversary celebrations - we hope to be serving our community for many more years to come.

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 these gifts of love for children across our world. Our collection centre dates are **13th - 16th November**, but the children's groups will be making their boxes up very soon at the **beginning of November**.



Free to a good home!

We are getting rid of the old speakers, turntables, hi-fi units, etc that are currently in the store room just by the door into the extension. Although we have tried to sell them, all the companies that Paul Hart has tried, are not interested. There are also a couple of boxes of cassettes, for those that remember what they are! They served us faithfully for many events a few years

back, but they've been sitting unused for a very long time now. If anyone would like any of it, please take a look and you are welcome to try it out to see if it still works! Anything left will be taken to the tip as soon as we can book in.

Street Pastors Administrator

Stourbridge Street Pastors have a vacancy for an Administrator to work an average of 4 hours per week.

Duties include outreach & communications, recruitment, day to day administration and fund raising. There is more information on the noticeboard. If you are interested please contact Stourbridge@StreetPastors.org.uk for more details and an application form, or if you have any questions contact Malcom Moss on 07910 641833. They are also always looking for volunteers to join the prayer & patrol teams - see Jon Cooper or Philip Jones if you'd like more information on what this entails.



Annie

Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society are putting on Annie at Stourbridge Town Hall from Tuesday 11th - Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm each evening (tickets are selling fast, the matinee has sold out!) Tickets are £19.30 - £22.51 and available from www.seaty.co.uk/chaos-annie or 07763 489281

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 26 Oct	Next Week 2 Nov
Sunday door welcome	Mariann Smith	Mal Hawker
Flowers arranged by	Jane & Philip	Mariann Smith
Sunday coffee/tea	Reece Faulkner	Jon Wilding
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Nigel Cook	Reece Faulkner

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	26	Jane Hart
Mon	27	Mariann Smith
Tue	28	Jill Berry
Wed	29	Jane Hart
Thu	30	Caron & Martyn
Fri	31	Nigel Cook
Sat	1	Mariann Smith
Sun	2	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Lynda Kirton
to remember her much loved son,
still missed after 19 years

and June Winnall

