



The Church that meets at Bethel



Activities & Prayer Diary 18th - 25th February 2018

Sunday	18	10.30am 6.00pm	Prizegiving June O'Brien
Monday	19	9.30am	Knit & Natter
Tuesday	20		
Wednesday	21	6.00pm	Craft & Chat
Thursday	22	4.00pm > 7.30pm	Cleaning Party Bible Study
Friday	23	10.00am	Holiday Club
Saturday	24		
Sunday	25	10.30am 6.00pm	Walking Towards Easter Memorial Service for Irene Bettridge

School Hols!



Notes and News

WITH SADNESS

Another one of our Cornerstone bids, Joan Robbins, sadly died rather unexpectedly last Saturday. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Next Sunday, 25th February at 6.00pm we will be holding a service of thanksgiving for the life of Irene Bettridge. Irene was a lovely lady who came to the evening services for many years and was one of our precious Cornerstone bids. Everyone is very welcome to come along to celebrate her life and support her family. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

WANTED

Alice Nicholls is looking for a small second hand car, if anyone knows of one for sale, please contact Andy Nicholls. Many Thanks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have received a phone call from Operation Christmas Child to update us on what has happened to the boxes we sent to them before Christmas. 11,012,840 boxes were sent out worldwide, with 678,942 going from the UK of which 15,912 came from the Black Country. Most of the boxes sent from the Black Country went to the Ukraine and Macedonia. A school in Albania waited 2 hours for the group to arrive with their boxes! The last drop to this school was 10 years ago, all children

only get one box in their lifetime. The group also visited an Evangelical church - mostly new Christians and lots of disabled people there too. One man has now been a Christian for 3 years and is trying to build/start up a church. Please pray that these little gifts that we have sent out will have a big impact on the lives of those who receive them.

CANCER UK SPONSORED RUN

We have received the following from Alice Nicholls, who is at uni in Derby: "Hey Church, stupid as it sounds I've decided to run the Derby Half Marathon on June 3rd 2018, for Cancer Research in Memory of Amy. I'd love it if you could check out my page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alice-sarah> and support me in raising money for this amazing charity! Leave whatever you can, and join me on this crazy journey to the finish line. Much love always, Alice x"

VACANCY

The Vale of Stour circuit Methodist Church have a vacancy for a part time Children & Families Worker, £22,658 - £24,964 pro rata for 18.5 hours per week to include evenings and weekends. Further information including job description, is on the noticeboard and closing date for applications is 28th February, with interviews taking place week commencing 12th March. For further details and an application pack contact Susan Cartwright, Circuit Administrator, on 01384 377776 or

valeofstour@btconnect.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a Prayer Request Box situated in the prayer corner at the back of church if you wish to ask for prayer at any time. These will be prayed for by the Prayer Group. Please just drop a note inside the box.

WHAT'S ON AT BETHEL

BIBLE STUDIES

The new series of Bible Studies continues **this Thursday** at 7.30pm here at Bethel. Everyone welcome.

Feb 22nd The Way of Meekness

Mar 1st The City of Sadness

Mar 8th The Place of Anger

Mar 15th The House of Hospitality

Mar 22nd The Garden of Prayer and
The Hill of Pain

CLEANING PARTY

The cleaning party is **this Thursday, 22nd February** between 4.00 - 8.00pm. To help us plan for the evening, there is a board coming around where you can let us know if you can come, and if so what times you are likely to be able to come so that jobs can be planned for the evening. Please come if you can to make the workload lighter - tea and coffee will be flowing and we may even be persuaded to break open a packet of biscuits!

HOLIDAY CLUB

Clare is running a movie morning - with lots of craft activities and popcorn too! **This Friday 23rd**

February 10am-12noon cost £3.

Please see Clare to book your place.

CAKE BAKE

The next cake bake, to raise funds to provide some of the expensive flowers and displays for Easter, has been planned for **Sunday 4th March**. We are hoping that some of our many excellent bakers will be kind enough to provide some lovely cakes for the rest of us, who aren't quite so talented, to buy!

WHAT'S ON NOT AT BETHEL

THE WISDOM HOUSE - LIVE

A reminder that you can still get tickets for this event with Rob Parsons at Lifecentral Church on **Wednesday 14th March** yourself if you wish to go. Tickets range between £5 -7, please see www.cff.org.uk/wisdom

UNVEILING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Starting on **Tuesday 3rd April** at 7.30pm at Providence Methodist Church, 13 Colley Orchard, Halesowen B63 2LA, is a 12 week DVD Bible Study course by Dwight Pryor entitled Unveiling the Kingdom of Heaven. There is a study book that goes with the course which costs £5 - as these need to be ordered if you are interested could you **let Dave Walker know as soon as possible** - 01384 567042 or frankwalker448@btinternet.com The course is free but there will be a freewill offering to help with the cost of hiring the church.

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 18 Feb	Next Week 25 Feb
Sunday door welcome	Mariann Smith	Nathaniel Cooper
Sunday morning crèche	Gemma Jennings	Jo Rowan
Pathfinder Helper	Nic Parsons	Sarah Westwood
Sunday evening minibus	Andy & Kim Nicholls	Nic & Manda
Flowers arranged by	Sally Rickward	Sally Rickward
Sunday coffee/tea	Joyce & Roy	Matt & Katy
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Susan Whitehouse	Val Woodhouse

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	18	Sandra Everett
Mon	19	Beryl Hill
Tue	20	Susan & Philip
Wed	21	Steve Bloomer
Thu	22	Denise Branson
Fri	23	Roy Barratt
Sat	24	Jill Berry
Sun	25	Sally Rickward

The flowers this week have been provided by:



Steve, San & Sarah
in memory of Steve's mom Joan

Sally Rickward
in celebration of her birthday



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