



The Church that meets at Bethel



Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Activities & Prayer Diary 10th - 17th December 2017

Sunday	10	10.30am 6.00pm	Advent JB
Monday	11	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 3.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Knit & Natter Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	12	8.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Little Lambs Pre-School Centre One Way Christmas Party Joy to the World - Choral Society
Wednesday	13	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm 6.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Cornerstone Christmas Lunch Craft & Chat
Thursday	14	8.30am 9.30am 1.00pm	Little Lambs Christmas Party Little Acorns Christmas Party Little Lambs Celebration of Christmas
Friday	15	8.30am 6.00pm	Little Lambs Nativity Service Pathfinders - Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Saturday	16	4.00pm 5.00pm	Pathfinders rehearsal & Christmas Party Icebreakers - Christmas outing
Sunday	17	4.00pm	Nativity Service

Notes and News

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The total raised to date at the Christmas Fayre now stands at a magnificent £9,368.46 - thanks again for everyone's hard work and contributions.

ICEBREAKERS CHRISTMAS

To all Icebreakers - can you all make Saturday **16th December** at 5.00pm at Bethel for Laserquest at 6.00pm followed by McDonalds and cinema?

PATHFINDERS REHEARSALS, PARTY & NATIVITY

A reminder that the Nativity dress rehearsal for the Pathfinders is this **Friday, 15th December** at 6.00pm. Little Pathfinders (Clare's class) do not need to attend this one if it is too late for them, the priority for them is to be at the final rehearsal on **Saturday 16th** at 4.00pm, which is followed straight away by the Pathfinders Christmas party which finishes at 7.00pm. The Nativity on **Sunday 17th** is at 4.00pm, could all children arrive dressed in their costumes by 3.45pm - and please remember to bring a change of clothes for them to go home in!!

AVAILABLE

We have two electric recliner chairs, one leather and one fabric, which are available free to a good home.

Also a variety of nice furniture is available, along with an organ

Please let the office know if you know anyone who can use either of them.

2018 ROTA CALENDARS

The Flower Rota - for helping to provide lovely flowers in the church each week, either for a special occasion, memorial or simply just because, and the Prayer and

Fasting Rota calendar are now both available for 2018 if you want to start getting your dates booked in.

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL 2018 CALENDARS

'Heart Warriors' calendars are now available from Chris or Gemma Jennings at a cost of £10 each, or online from <https://beanprint.co.uk/displayitem/14/heart-warriors-of-birmingham-childrens-hospital> £5 from every calendar sold will be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

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

PRAYER MEETINGS

The next prayer meeting will be this **Monday, 11th December** at 3.00pm.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL

This Tuesday, 12th December
7.30pm - **Joy to the World, Choral Society**

A choir piece for 4 part harmony telling the Christmas story, with well known carol tunes. Everyone is very welcome, if you haven't heard it before its well worth coming along to have a listen and enjoy the Christmas story in yet another way.

Next Sunday, 17th December
4.00pm - **Nativity Service**

Everyone is practising hard, learning lines and songs and looking forward to sharing this year's version of the Christmas story with you.

Christmas Eve, Sun 24th Dec

5.00pm - Carols around the Crib

After the frantic preparations of the last few weeks, take time to slow down, chill out and get ready with something special for everyone on the eve of Christmas

11.30pm - Worship the New-born King

To take us into Christmas day, a time of quiet contemplation and worship.

Christmas Day, Mon 25th Dec

10.00am - Christmas Morning Celebration

Open your pressies, prep the dinner then come down and celebrate the whole reason for the day!

Sunday 31st December

10.30am & 6.00pm - New Years Eve Services

WHAT'S ON NOT AT BETHEL

CAROLS UNDER OFFICE LIGHTS

Youth for Christ are holding an evening called 'Carols Under Office Lights', to say thank you to our existing supporters and involve those who may be interested in finding out more. It's this **Tuesday 12th December**, 6.45pm at Youth for Christ Head Office in Halesowen. There will be carols played, mince pies, mulled wine and seasonal fun, plus a short talk about our work from National Director, Neil O'Boyle. Anyone interested from Bethel is very welcome to join them, please RSVP to Catherine Green by **Friday 8th December**. More details on the noticeboard.

ALADDIN

Stourbridge Pantomime Company's next production is Aladdin, between **20th - 27th January 2018** at Stourbridge Town Hall, starring our own Neve

Marrison. Please see Hayley if you want to find out details about the tickets, which will be around £11-£14.

HAIRSPRAY

February 14th - 17th 2018, at Netherton Arts Centre, DY2 9ER, The Young Ones present Hairspray, starring our own young one, Jorja Robson. Please see Clare if you want to find out details about the tickets, which are from £12

SOCIAL EVENTS

COACH TRIP

Unfortunately yesterday's coach trip to Chester had to be cancelled. Greenline have very kindly offered to reimburse their charges, so you will get a refund when the money comes back to us.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

Still lots of places available if you haven't signed up yet. For all adults on **Thursday 21st December**. The Potting Shed at Singleton's Nursery, Lydiate Ash, Bromsgrove, which is easy to find, just the other side of the M5 Junction 4 island, around 9 miles from Bethel. Bethel's minibuses are available if you don't, or would rather not, drive - just indicate on the sheet if you would like a seat. It is not licenced so you are welcome to bring your own drinks, or purchase soft drinks there. **We need to be finalising numbers soon, so please let us have your place requirements in the next week or two** - we will be the only group booked in that evening. It will be £15 for 2 courses or £18 for 3 courses. The menu is attached to the booking sheet on the board.

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 10 Dec	Next week 17 Dec
Sunday door welcome	Carol Prentice	
Sunday morning crèche	Jo Rowan	N/A
Pathfinder Helper	Sarah Westwood	N/A
Sunday evening minibus	Nigel C & Wendy A	Phil J & Chris J
Flowers arranged by	Christmas Arrangers	Christmas Arrangers
Sunday coffee/tea	Chris & Gemma	N/A
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Jon Cooper	N/A

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	10	Nigel Cook
Mon	11	Rene & Barb
Tue	12	Hayley Marrison
Wed	13	Denise Branson
Thu	14	Sue & Jon
Fri	15	Carol Prentice
Sat	16	Mariann Smith
Sun	17	June & Ruth

The flowers in church this week have been provided by:

Nigel Cook
in memory of his brother Andy



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