



The Church that meets at Bethel



Activities & Prayer Diary 15th - 22nd October 2017

Sunday	15	10.30am 6.00pm	Rosh Hashanah Days of Returning
Monday	16	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 3.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Knit & Natter Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	17	8.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Little Lambs Pre-School Centre One Way Club Choral Society
Wednesday	18	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm 6.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Cornerstone Craft & Chat
Thursday	19	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Little Acorns Toddler Group Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Little Lambs - Two Year Check discussions Bible Study
Friday	20	8.30am	Little Lambs - Staff Only
Saturday	21		
Sunday	22	10.30am 6.00pm	Gathered To Jesus (incl. Cake Bake) JB

Notes and News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Little Acorns Parent & Toddler group are looking for volunteers to come along and help, either each week or possibly on a rota basis if you can't commit to every Thursday morning. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved, please have a word with one of the Lambs or office staff or leave a message in the office.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Again this year we will be collecting shoeboxes of gifts as part of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. There should be a leaflet with your newsheet, but if not, or you need more, please help yourself or ask. The leaflet contains ideas for what to include and guidelines of what not to put in the box. They need to be back here at Bethel by **Friday 10th November** to enable them to be picked up to be distributed in time for Christmas. Remember if you make your donation online to include a copy of the bar code inside your box.

HARVEST GIFTS

A total of £311.82 (including gift aid) was donated at our Harvest services to be sent to Daniel in Kenya. The food that was brought along was distributed to a number of local families. Many thanks for your generosity

AVAILABLE

Two tier smoked black glass & chrome TV stand, 800 x 420mm. Free or for a donation to Bethel. Please let the office know if you or anyone you know may be interested.

BETHEL MAG

The next edition of the Bethel Mag is due out soon. If you have any ideas or articles

for consideration for this winter edition, please get them to the office or Jonathan Wilding as soon as possible.

PICKLE JARS

Gemma is making pickled onions again this year, so if you have any clean large glass jars with lids, she would be grateful of them to fill with pickles. If you can help, just bring them along as soon as you can.

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 afternoon, 16th October** at 3.30pm and then in two weeks time on Monday 30th October at the same time.

BIBLE STUDIES

Continuing on Thursday, we have a series of Bible Studies on the Tabernacle. It's all about the home of God in the wilderness, the presence of God and His promises never to leave us. All welcome. Each week is a stand alone session.

OCTOBER - Thursdays

19 Altar of Sacrifice

26 The Laver

NOVEMBER - Thursdays

2 The Holy Place
9 The Lampstand
16 No session (Christmas Fayre prep)
23 The Shewbread
30 The Altar of Incense

December - Thursday

7 The Holy of Holies

CAKE BAKE

Next Sunday, 22nd October at both morning and evening services, a cake bake for the flower fund, to go towards the more expensive flowers needed at this time of year, especially for our Remembrance Sunday and Christmas arrangements.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

It is now only **five weeks until the Christmas Fayre!** The Volunteer board and the Donations board are ready to come around today, and the Grand Draw tickets are here and ready for you to pick up, please come and get them. There should be a separate update leaflet with your newssheet.

WHAT'S ON NOT AT BETHEL

WILLIAM STREET CHURCH

A couple of events coming up at the church in William Street, Brierley Hill, both free with offerings taken:

This Weekend 14th - 15th October - Israel Teaching Weekend with speakers Rev Andrew Baguley and Rev Roger French.

This Friday 20th October at 7.30am - Teaching conference for all Preachers and Evangelists, bringing the gospel back into the message of the church! Speakers are Dr Tony Stone and Evangelist Bob Telford.

More info on the noticeboard.

THE BALFOUR DECLARATION

Centenary celebration of the signing of the Balfour Declaration (leading to the establishing of the state of Israel), **Wednesday 25th October**, 7.30pm at Netherton Arts Centre, DY2 9ER with speaker David Nekrutman, CEO of Centre for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Co-operation, Jerusalem. All seats free.

ALADDIN

Stourbridge Pantomime Company's next production is Aladdin, between **20th - 27th January 2018** at Stourbridge Town Hall, starring our own Neive Marrison. Please see Hayley if you want to find out details about the tickets, which will be around £11-£14.

SOCIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS COACH TRIP TO CHESTER

Saturday 9th December - leaving Bethel at 8.30am. £14 for adults, £7 children. The board is almost full, if you have not already paid your £5 deposit this is needed ASAP now to confirm your seats. Full payment will be required by November 12th

CHRISTMAS MEAL

Thursday 21st December - for both ladies and men - The Potting Shed at Singleton's Nursery, Lydiate Ash, Bromsgrove. It is not licenced so you are welcome to bring your own drinks, or purchase soft drinks there. You can book onto the sheet now so that we can get a good idea of numbers - 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 15 Oct	Next week 22 Oct
Sunday door welcome	Nigel Cook	Philip Whitehouse
Sunday morning crèche	Shelley Cartwright	Carol Prentice
Pathfinder Helper	Fiona Brown	Jane Hart
Sunday evening minibus	Nic & Manda	Jon C & Chris J
Flowers arranged by	Sue Wilding	Sue Wilding
Sunday coffee/tea	Chris & Gemma	Joyce & Roy
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Susan Whitehouse	Val Woodhouse

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA

Sun	15	Nigel Cook
Mon	16	Brian & Kay
Tue	17	Hayley Marrison
Wed	18	Denise Branson
Thu	19	Sue & Jon
Fri	20	Carol Prentice
Sat	21	Roy Barratt
Sun	22	Mariann Smith

The flowers in church this week have been provided by:



Kelly Skidmore
in memory of Paul



Barb & René
in memory of their dads, Harold & Eddie

Joye Jones
in memory of her husband Ron Jones



This news sheet is available in **full colour** on our website

Our church is wired with a loop system. Please switch your hearing aid to 'T' position



This news sheet is available in larger print on request