



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 28th July - 4th August 2024

Sunday	28	10.30am	Morning Service www.youtube.com/live/UV2XHdvHPvI	School Holidays
		1.00pm	Private Christening	
		1.45pm	Christening: <i>Lylah Wendy Amaya Underhill</i>	
		2.30pm	Christening: <i>Fredrik Andrew Kennerley</i>	
		6.00pm	Evening Service www.youtube.com/live/Mk-qKaGK54o	
Monday	29	1.00pm	BIBO - Support for those with breathing difficulties	
Tuesday	30	5.30pm	Cancer Peer Support Group Meeting	
Wednesday	31			
Thursday	1	9.30am	Little Acorns Toddler Group at Bethel	
		4.00pm	Prayer Meeting	
Friday	2			
Saturday	3			
Sunday	4	10.30am	Morning Service https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams	
		6.00pm	Evening Service https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams	

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS



- Please continue to pray for Ken and Bessie Priest. They are both in their 90s, and although they are at home, they are struggling. Please pray for extra strength for them both. We would love them to manage to get back to Bethel.
- Please pray for Jane Hart who is really battling several health problems. She is still having trouble breathing and gets exhausted quickly. She has a visit to the specialist in August to see how she can be helped. Please pray that this goes well, as she is having some really rotten days! Please pray for the Lord's healing touch on her life.
- Please keep praying for beautiful baby Mila, who has sadly been diagnosed as having cerebral palsy in all four limbs. Please continue to pray for our Lord to reach out and heal this little girl.
- Please continue to pray for Jenny Hill. Please pray that the treatment she has had, along with the ongoing treatment, will work together for the very best outcome for Jenny.
- Please keep Lynda in your

- prayers - despite the diagnosis of Alzheimer's, she continues to function well. Although she is experiencing memory problems, and slowness of speech, she carried on through to the end of term with Cornerstone. Please continue to hold her in your prayers as we continue to journey with her.
- 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-cancer, post-radiotherapy treatment damage. Please pray that the Lord will reach out and heal her, restoring her health. Please hold Rose (Jacq's sister) in your prayers too, as she is currently in hospital with pneumonia and an infection, and as always, please keep Jane Hodges in your prayers.
 - Please continue to hold John in your prayers as he carries on with his chemotherapy tablets. As always, please continue to pray for a cancer-free John.
 - Please keep Joyce and Roy in your prayers - Roy has had an awful week, particularly on Friday when he was so very

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unwell. He was/is dehydrated to a worrying level, is still coughing such a lot, and especially at night, and all the antibiotics are completed.

The extra tablets to clear the chest aren't working yet.

Please keep Joyce in your prayers too as she takes full time care of Roy and battles her own health difficulties for which she is also seeing specialists. Thank you.

- Please continue to hold Freida and her two sons, James and Neal, in your prayers. Please hold all three of them before the Lord for His help and healing.

- Please hold Beryl and Julie in your prayers, as they are both having real difficulties. Julie is at home in the flat near Beryl. Following the most recent stroke, Beryl says she is doing a bit better. Please pray for the Lord to help and strengthen her, as each stroke weakens her further. Please pray too for Beryl at this difficult time.

- Would you please keep our lovely Betty, who comes along to Feel Good Fridays, in your prayers. We really do hope she will be home soon.

- Please would you keep Ann - Kim Nicholl's mom - in your prayers. She has been doing

so well in the care home who look after her because of her dementia. She doesn't need treatment following the enlargement of a breast cancer lump but they are just monitoring her. Please ask the Lord to help her, and Kim, Andy and Ann's other family too.

- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des, Daphne and Julia, who are currently in Nursing Homes. Pray too for Carol and Sam, in the hope that they can return to us at Cornerstone sometime soon.

- Please pray for our Little Lambs staff, children and parents and for all our children and young people at nursery/school/college and university. Pray that all the staff have a good six weeks to rest and recuperate, renewing their energy ready for September. Pray for the children too, that their six weeks are filled with fun and safety.

- Please keep in your prayers Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent and all the staff including the unit staff, as they serve the community with the Little Shop of Hope. Special prayers please for Di

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Truepenny, who is really struggling with pain. Please pray for a new date soon for her to have her first hip replacement - second one to follow later!

Pray for Peace - Israel

"Heavenly Father, we pray for Israel and the surrounding nations, for peace and understanding among them. We ask that these nations and the various groups within them might experience Your profound mercy and love. May this divine encounter inspire them to abandon paths of conflict and turn towards You, fostering reconciliation and unity to prevent devastation. We pray for a transformation that leads to lasting peace in the region, guided by Your wisdom and compassion. May these efforts mend divisions and build a future where harmony prevails over discord."

Pray for Peace - Ukraine

"I shall break the bow and the sword and warfare, and banish them from the country, and I will let them sleep secure"

Hosea 2:20

God of peace, show us how to put away the weapons of war and help us



destroy the tools of destruction. Teach us to follow the ways of justice, and walk with us the paths of truth. Challenge the weapons of war, and banish hatred and division, so that all your children may sleep secure. God of peace, may your kingdom come. Amen

Cake Sale

Many thanks to all who contributed to last week's hastily organised cake sale, whether as makers, sellers or buyers. A lovely amount of £224.37 was raised, which is going towards paying for some of the PathBreakers/PathFinders social activities.

Rotas for Aug 24 - Feb 25

The rotas for all areas are now available, please make sure you pick yours up from the post table today. Many thanks to the 5 new volunteers.

Lye Carnival

Lye Carnival is happening on **Sunday 15th September**, 11am - 4pm (see article opposite for details). The Bethel stall will hopefully be one that will produce 'kindness stones' - pre-painted stones which people, old and young, can write lovely affirmative quotes on, then 'hide' them around the local area for others to find. To that end, does

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GET INVOLVED! LYE CARNIVAL



15th
Sep

So many people have fantastic memories of Lye Carnival and how it brought everyone together for a day of fun and celebrations! Thanks to funding from the Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund we are working with residents, community groups and local businesses to bring the carnival back to Lye!

Over the last few weeks lots of people have shared their ideas and contacts, from ice cream to tombola's, sweets and jewellery to stilt walkers, mascots, crafts, dance groups, choirs and more. There will be a wide range of entertainment, live acts and activities for all ages. The community carnival committee are sharing their local knowledge to ensure that we showcase the wide range of groups, businesses and talented people from in and around Lye, and celebrate the heritage and cultural diversity of this neighbourhood.

This years event could kickstart Lye carnival as it once was - with your support anything is possible in the future! Get in touch and let us know how you can contribute!



Lye
Carnival
1986 -
photo
courtesy
of Hart

anyone have any stones we could use - smooth stones with a flat surface, around 3 - 5 inches long, that can be painted ready for the words to go on them? Not from a beach, as it is illegal to take them from beaches, but if you already have any that we can use we would be grateful for them. Please see Jane if you have any further ideas.

Egg Boxes Needed

The Holiday Club have an activity planned that requires the cardboard type of egg cartons that take 6 eggs. If you have any clean empty ones you could donate, they need them before the holiday club starts, so by **next Sunday, 4th August** please. Many thanks to those who have already donated some.



Baby Clothes

Freida & Bethel Treasures have had a request from the neonatal unit at City Hospital, they desperately need prem/0-3 months baby clothes. Also if anybody has any baby double knitting wool in pink, blue, yellow or white to make blankets, cardigans, beanie hats, etc. Some of these items will be given to the babies that are found, so that when they go into foster care, they have on something new to call their own. Any knitters, including the Knit & Natter group, your help would be very much appreciated. We

have a few patterns for hats/jackets if you would like one, they are in the office so just take



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a photocopy of the ones you would like.

Bethel Mag

We are hoping to get the next edition of the Bethel Mag out in the first week or so of September. If you have any articles for your magazine, please let us have them in the office as soon as possible so that they can get included - could be about an experience you have had, a testimony, a poem, song or reading that means something to you, about a person you admire, an event you have been to, it can be about Bethel or about somewhere else - if you have something to share, please let us have it as soon as you can so we can start putting the magazine together. Many thanks.

Crafting for Christmas!

Yes, we know we've only just broken into Summer, but thinking ahead for the Christmas Fayre (23rd November), we would like to put on a few craft evenings to make things to sell at the Christmas Fayre. Monday early evenings seem to be the best at the moment - how about from 6pm onwards on Mondays 9th Sept, 30th Sept, 21st Oct and 11th Nov, which is every 3 weeks between September and

the fayre? We have some items that we can start to decorate, but please feel free to add your own ideas and crafts.

Well Done Kelci

Kelci has been volunteering at



Bethel Treasures for a while, and has recently been given the "Careers and Work-Related

Learning Award" from her school for the brilliant work she has been doing and how fantastically well she has developed since she has been working at the shop.

Well done Kelci for all your hard work and for doing such a smashing job, and well done to the staff at BTHS for supporting and encouraging her, and helping her to become the lovely confident young lady she is.

Ukraine Support

The gentleman from Hagley Rotary Club came to collect the items we had kept aside for taking to Ukraine last Friday, and we were able to send a variety of blankets, pillows, bandages and first aid items,

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crutches and walking sticks, sanitary and incontinence items, etc. They are very grateful for them and they will be making their way out there very soon. We will continue to collect items for them, so if you have anything suitable, please bring them in ready for the next collection. A reminder below of the sort of items they need:

- Blankets for the public and bedding for hospitals
- Medical equipment and surgical dressings
- Walking aids such as crutches, sticks, walking frames, etc.
- Elastic compression stockings and rubber gloves
- Sanitary products, incontinence pads and babies' nappies
- Weighing scales and horizontal height measures for children
- High visibility jackets, vests and armbands
- Small generators, rechargeable batteries and torches

Christmas Market Trip

Lynda has organised a coach trip to the Christmas Market in Llandudno on **Saturday 7th December**, leaving Bethel at 9.00am. The cost per seat is £19. If you would like to go, get your name down on the board

as there are only a couple of seats remaining! **The deposits of £10 per ticket need to be paid by next Sunday, 4th August**, as Lynda has to go to pay for the coach the following week.

Maggie O'Hara Evening

All the tickets for the evening of songs with Maggie O'Hara on 27th September have now gone, but a reminder that **payment for the tickets is needed by the end of August**, and if anyone coming has any special dietary requirements, please let Lynda or Jane Hart know, or pop it by your name on the ticket list.

Car Boot Sale

Lynda is doing a car boot sale at Himley on Wednesday this week, along with her trusty sidekick Steve Hawker! Please pray they have a good day, and if you are at a loose end, I'm sure they'd love to see you if you can pop along!

PLEASE LOOK AT NOTICEBOARDS OUTSIDE THE KITCHEN EACH WEEK FOR ITEMS NOT INCLUDED INSIDE THE NEWS SHEET.

THERE ARE LOTS OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES WE HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT RECENTLY THAT WON'T FIT ONTO THE NOTICEBOARDS, SO PLEASE LOOK AT THE LEAFLETS ON THE TABLES TOO!

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

Donations of small items of furniture also needed, at Bethel, for the 2nd shop.

Tuesdays 10am - 2pm - Wednesdays & Fridays 11am - 3pm - Saturdays 10am - 1pm

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 28 Jul	Next Week 4 Aug
Sunday door welcome	Mariann Smith	Jon Wilding
Flowers arranged by	Mariann Smith	Sue Wilding
Sunday coffee/tea	Jon Wilding	Mariann Smith
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Maureen Leonard	Shelley Cartwright

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	28	Jane Hart
Mon	29	Mal Hawker
Tue	30	Shelley Cartwright
Wed	31	Mariann Smith
Thu	1	Nigel Cook
Fri	2	Jacq Shilton
Sat	3	Jill Berry
Sun	4	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Jane Hart
in memory of her son Dean on his 39th birthday today

