



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 1st - 8th September 2024

Sunday	1	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service
Monday	2	9.30am 1.00pm	Little Lambs - staff only Knit & Natter BIBO - Support for those with breathing difficulties
Tuesday	3		Little Lambs - staff only
Wednesday	4	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone Little Lambs Pre-School
Thursday	5	8.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Prayer Meeting
Friday	6	8.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School NO Feel Good Friday Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	7	10.00am	ONE WAY CLUB
Sunday	8	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/

Prayers, Notes and News

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Please continue to pray for Ken and Bessie Priest. Ken spends such a lot of time on his own, as Bessie is later rising from bed. Please pray for extra strength for Ken as he takes care of Bessie and a real injection of light and energy into Bessie's life.
- Please pray for Jane Hart who is really battling several health problems. She is still having trouble breathing and gets exhausted quickly. The consultant has put her on a course of vitamin D tablets, which Jane thinks may be starting to help. More blood tests and a re-visit early September to talk through the CT scan results, awaiting an echocardiogram and a cardiologist appointment in October. Please pray for all good results and a positive plan going forward.
- 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. Although she is experiencing memory problems, and slowness of speech, she is still carrying on with all the work she does here at Bethel. 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. Thank you for your prayers for Rose (Jacq's sister) she is now back at home with Jacq. As always, please keep Jane Hodges in your prayers, gallstones are on another 3 month wait whilst losing weight and all was good from the cancer follow up, now going onto annual visits and 6 monthly oncology check ins.
- 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 - we await results from the MRI scan at Birmingham Royal last week to assess the condition of the benign tumour at the top of his spine. He is on the waiting list now for an appointment with the physios to see if there is anything that can be done to give him some core strength to help him sit up better. As for Joyce, the new prism is helping the diplopia, long distance, but her eye muscles fluctuate so often that she can see/can't see/can't!! She battles on, waiting her own echocardiogram results. Thank you for holding them both in your prayers.
- 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, and Beryl is particularly struggling aching so much. Please pray for the Lord to help and strengthen them both.
- Would you please keep our lovely Betty, who comes along to Feel Good Fridays, in your prayers. Having had a fall at home, Betty went into respite care but she is now moving to High Lodge in Stourbridge. She has a friend in there from Hollybush, so please pray that the transition will go smoothly and she will be happy there.
- Please would you keep Ann - Kim Nicholl's mom - in your prayers. She is well and settled in the care home where she is looked after because of her dementia. Her tablets are changed to control the cancer, so please keep 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 and Julia, who are currently in Nursing Homes. Please pray for our bids as they return to us this Wednesday, September 4th. Thank God that Win Parker is doing really well following a fall, broken hip and operation. She's hoping to be out of RHH and back home soon - in time for Wednesday would be great Lord, thank you.
- Please pray for our Little Lambs staff, children and parents and for all our children and young people at nursery/school/college and university. As everyone gets ready to go back to nurseries/schools/colleges this week, please pray that the transition to new settings and classes will go well and it will be good to see familiar faces and make new friends.
- **Please keep in your prayers Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent. After three years of faithful service to the shop and unit work, Freida has decided to move on and give up her roles in Bethel Treasures. This will leave us in real need for new and extra help to take on the work Freida did. If you**

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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 ASAP. Many, many thanks, and God bless you Freida for all you have done.

Special prayers too please for Di Truepenny, who is really struggling on in awful pain. Her hip replacement operation is 16th September (third date!) Please pray this will happen as she so needs real help with her mobility and pain relief.

Pray for Peace - Israel

Dear God, We cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too. We ask that you would stretch out your mighty hand to bring an end to this war.

Pray for Peace - Ukraine



"God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen."

Prayers for Africa

O Father, we humbly come before You, seeking Your divine intervention for Africa. May Your peace reign in every heart and community, uniting nations in harmony and love. Heal the wounds of division and strife, and guide the leaders to foster understanding and cooperation. Let Your light shine upon this beautiful continent, bringing hope and strength to all its people. Amen.

Lye Carnival

Lye Carnival is happening on **Sunday 15th September**, 11am - 4pm. The Bethel stall 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. Any volunteers to help Jane on the Bethel stall, or ideas of anything else we can put on the stall? If you have any further ideas, or would like to know more about what is planned, please see Jane, there is a planning meeting each Wednesday evening at 6.30pm at Lye Community Centre if anyone else would like to come along.

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 of £5 for each ticket is needed by today, 1st Sept**, 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.

Christmas Market Coach Trip

Unfortunately, Llandudno have decided not to have a Christmas market this year, so we have to change the venue of the coach trip. It has been suggested for Chester Christmas Market instead. If you wanted to go to Llandudno but not to Chester, then please let Lynda know so you can get a refund, but if you are OK for Chester you don't need to do anything. Many thanks for your understanding.

Happier Minds Website

For those about to start at secondary school, a reminder that Dudley's **Happier Minds** mental wellbeing website <https://happierminds.org.uk> is there for guidance and support on how to cope with moving up to secondary school. There is a section for young people aged 11 and over and a section for parents and carers.

Childhood Cancer & Leukaemia

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and Mariann has supplied a fundraising box of pin badges for a suggested donation of £2 each, which is on the table at the front of church if you would like to make a donation - in the little box at the front of the badges.

New Crafting Sessions

A new crafting session is starting in September, for those who like to craft, or those who would like to learn. Crafternoon will be on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, between 4.00 - 6.30pm starting on **Friday 13th September**. Bring your own craft, or try something new on offer, over a cuppa & a chat. (no session 27th Sept as it is the Maggie O'Hara evening!)

This is not to be confused with the Crafting for the Christmas Fayre sessions which are on **Mondays 9th & 30th Sept, 21st Oct & 11th Nov** for those who would like to make items to sell at the Christmas Fayre (23rd Nov!!)

Sons of Rest

The Sons of Rest at Wollescote Park invite anyone over 55 to join their group for card games, dominoes, darts, pool, chess and crown green bowls. They meet 3 times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 12.30 - 4.00pm at the Sons of Rest room in Wollescote Park.

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 1 Sept	Next Week
Sunday door welcome	Bev Southall	Carol Prentice
Flowers arranged by	Jane Hodges	Jane Hodges
Sunday coffee/tea	Mariann Smith	Nigel Cook
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Maureen Leonard	Jo Rowan

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	1	Jane Hart
Mon	2	June Winnall
Tue	3	Mariann Smith
Wed	4	Jill Berry
Thu	5	Ann Holbeach
Fri	6	Jacq Shilton
Sat	7	Mariann Smith
Sun	8	Jane Hart

