



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 1st - 8th December 2024

Sunday	1	10.30am 6.00pm	Advent Christmas Communion Carol Service to remember loved ones
Monday	2	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 1.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Knit & Natter Little Lambs Pre-School BIBO <i>Support for those with breathing difficulties</i>
Tuesday	3	8.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	4	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone
Thursday	5	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Acorns Toddler Group Little Lambs Pre-School Choral Society Rehearsal
Friday	6	8.30am 2.00pm 6.45pm 7.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Feel Good Friday Christmas with Maggie O'Hara Friday Night Icebreakers (<i>offsite</i>)
Saturday	7		Coach Trip to Chester Christmas Market
Sunday	8	10.30am 6.00pm	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Advent Christmas Communion

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. They are both in their 90s and still managing at home, but Bessie now stays in bed for extended periods. Please pray for them both, and especially for Stan, their son-in-law, who has had a heart attack and a stent fitted to unblock an artery.
- Please hold Jane Hart in your prayers - the bronchiectasis causes her real breathing problems, and makes her feel so very tired all the time. As always, please ask the Lord to heal her.
- Please keep on keeping on bringing before God 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 as she carries on all her service to the Lord here at Bethel in so many ways. Despite the memory problems, and slowness of speech, she is doing really well. Please pray for strength, determination and God's peace within as we continue to walk with her throughout her dementia journey.
- 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. She now has an appointment for the Lymphedema Clinic in December. As always, please keep Jane Hodges in your prayers and for great results with recent tests.
- Please continue to hold Johnny Bass in your prayers as he carries on with his chemotherapy tablets. As always, please continue to pray for John to be healed.
- Please keep Joyce and Roy in your prayers - . They are keeping on keeping on! Please pray that the unsteadiness can be sorted for Joyce, as it's her main aim to be well enough to continue to look after Roy 24/7. No change in Roy - results and appointments awaited. Thank you for holding them both in your prayers.
- Please hold Beryl and Julie in your prayers. Julie has been in hospital again - 13 seizures in one day. She is home again now with tweaked medication. Please pray that these seizures cease, as they are obviously very worrying for her, but also for Beryl too. Beryl continues to struggle with arthritis - the cold weather is making her ache so much, and of course, concern for Julie is always on her mind. 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. She is looking better, but she is a bit fed up being in the home, think she misses interacting with people. We would love to see her back on Fridays sometime as she is very much missed, but she's too frail at the moment.
- Would you please continue to pray for Philip, one of our Cancer Peer Support group. He saw his consultant this week and good news is the Tace Chemo was successful - however they have noticed a new nodule that they are not certain about, so he has to have a full MRI scan in January. Please pray that this is something that can easily be dealt with.
- Please pray for Sylv and Arthur Watson, Arthur has bladder cancer and was due to have a biopsy recently. Sylv is in constant pain with her back and mobility issues, and they are still getting over the loss of their son 18 months ago.
- Would you please keep in your prayers all of our Sunday and Cornerstone bids, especially Des, Sam and Julia, who are currently in Nursing Homes. Please keep in your prayers Win Parker, who is at home following the operation for her broken hip, but she still awaits help with her hearing and the removal of the cataracts that so restrict her eyesight. Prayers please too for Janet B who is very poorly at the moment and Pat Hall, who hasn't been well enough to be with us for quite a while. Please continue to pray that they will be well enough to be back with us at Cornerstone very 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.
- Please keep in your prayers Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent. If you 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. Special prayers please for Di Truepenny, who has had her hip replacement operation and is now at home recovering.

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Please pray that it heals well and helps remove the pain and mobility problems.

- Please pray for Caleb, Eva and Carl for the Lord to intervene and make Himself known to them.
- Very sadly, Gary died this week. Please would you pray for his mom, Cath, who lost her husband earlier this year too.

Pray for Peace - Israel

"For the ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, we are thankful Lord. Please let this hold and that people can begin the job of rebuilding their homes, towns and lives without the threat of war, bombings, missiles and death. Now Lord, may there be a miraculous solution to the situation between Israel and Hamas, that peace may come for all. Reveal yourself as Almighty God in the midst of the struggle, so that many will come to know you as Saviour and Lord."

Pray for Peace - Ukraine



"Lord, as the situation in the war between Russia and Ukraine worsens, broker peace we pray. Turn powerful men's hearts to you, so that they might lose their desire to conquer and control, and that love for you and other people might take priority so that

peace can reign. Bring about this miracle we pray, in Jesus' name."

Christmas Fayre

The total raised at the Christmas Fayre last week now stands at a magnificent **£10,469.10**

Well done again to everyone involved.

Please remember to give Jane your donation spend, if you pay tax, so we can claim the tax back on it.

Christmas with Maggie O'Hara

For those who have booked a seat, **this Friday, 6th December**, 6.45pm, we have Maggie O'Hara coming to sing to us, this time with a Christmas theme. Light refreshments are included, bring your own drinks if you wish, and there will be a raffle on the evening. Maybe we could get those Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/sparklies out for this special occasion to add to the festive atmosphere.

Lost Keys

We still have keys in the office if anyone has lost them, please come and claim them.

Christmas Meals

For the Ladies Christmas Meal on **Monday 16th December** at the Lutley Oak, Stourbridge Road,

Halesowen and the men's Christmas meal on **Thursday 19th December** at 7.30pm at The Hadcroft, the deposits have now been paid. Please could you pay Clare for the ladies and Nigel for the men, (or use the envelopes on the boards) for the balance for your meal by **Sunday 15th December**, so that you don't have to worry about it on the night. Also, if you have not chosen your menu yet, please could you do this **TODAY** please. Many thanks.

Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent

We are so grateful for everyone's kind donations for the shop, but at the moment our storeroom is full to overflowing! Therefore we unfortunately have to put a hold on any donations we receive for at least a few weeks. As soon as there is room to receive items we will again be open for donation here at Bethel. Apologies for the inconvenience, we will try to make this time as short as possible.

Also at the moment the opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 2pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm.

Christmas Card

Quite a few people now prefer to not send Christmas Cards to people they see fairly regularly, but instead donate to a cause close to their heart. With this in mind, we have provided a Christmas Card which you can put a message in to all your church family if this is something you would like to do. It is on the computer table at the front of church. If you would like to leave a donation here instead of sending elsewhere, we will send any donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal for their excellent work in so many difficult situations.

If you prefer to send individual cards, that is fine too, they are all ways to share our love at this time of year.

Believer's Baptism Service

The next Believer's Baptism Service will be on Sunday 19th January 2025. If this is something you are considering, please have a word with Jill.

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

There are 9 pages of information outside the kitchen on various Christmas Fayres & Markets, Craft sessions, Christmas Light Switch Ons, Festivals, Workshops, Sing-a-longs, Christmas Party for Pensioners, Santa Fun Runs/Jogs, Santa for your dogs, Lions Club Sleigh Tour Dates and an Eco Friendly Snowflake Trail, all in the local area in the run up to Christmas - please take a look.

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 Dec	Next Week 8 Dec
Sunday door welcome	Jane Hart	Emeka Okoro
Flowers arranged by	Advent Arrangers	Advent Arrangers
Sunday coffee/tea	Nigel Cook	Jane & Clare
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Maureen Leonard	Shelley Cartwright

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	1	Jane Hart
Mon	2	June Winnall
Tue	3	Shelley Cartwright
Wed	4	Wendy Weston
Thu	5	Mariann Smith
Fri	6	Jacq Shilton
Sat	7	Maureen Leonard
Sun	8	Jane Hart

