



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 15th - 22nd December 2024

Sunday	15	10.30am 6.00pm	A Service for the 3rd Sunday of Advent A Service for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday	16	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 1.00pm 7.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Knit & Natter Little Lambs Pre-School BIBO <i>Support for those with breathing difficulties</i> Ladies Christmas Meal at Lutley Oak
Tuesday	17	8.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	18	8.30am 12.30pm	Little Lambs am Christmas Party Little Lambs pm Celebration of Christmas
Thursday	19	7.30pm	Men's Christmas Meal at The Hadcroft
Friday	20	5.00pm	PathFinders/Breakers Dress Rehearsal
Saturday	21	4.00pm 5.00pm	PathFinders/Breakers Final Rehearsal PathFinders/Breakers Christmas Party
Sunday	22	10.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Church Nativity Service Christening: <i>Wren Gillian Katie Timmis</i> A Service for the 4th Sunday of Advent

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 had an appointment at the lymphedema clinic this week, please pray that the solutions discussed will work for her. As always, please keep Jane Hodges in your prayers, oncology appointment this Tuesday.
- 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. Joyce has had her medication tweaked, and there does seem to be an improvement, although she is now having great trouble sleeping. Please keep her in your prayers for strength so that she can be well enough to continue to look after Roy 24/7. No change in Roy - results still awaited. Thank you for holding them both in your prayers.
- Please hold Beryl and Julie in your prayers. Julie's liver enzyme results are showing some improvement, so please pray that these seizures cease, and the levels reduce, as this is 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 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 still too frail at the moment.
- Would you please continue to pray for Philip, one of our Cancer Peer Support group. He has recently experienced swelling in his legs and ankles, so please pray for relief from this. He has to have a full MRI scan in January to investigate the new nodule that has been found. Please pray that this is something that can easily be dealt with.
- Please pray for Sylv and Arthur Watson, Arthur has bladder cancer and is now having 6 weekly injections to try to stop it spreading. Sylv has had an early appointment come through to have a cataract operation next week, so please pray that all goes well for both of them.
- 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, June who is now in step down care 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 Truepenney, who has had her hip replacement

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operation and is now at home recovering. 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.

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."



Nativity Service

Next Sunday morning is the Nativity Service. As this features our children and young people, it will not be public on YouTube, but if you wish to watch in, please ask for the streaming link to be sent to you **before Friday afternoon**. Later requests may not be replied to until after the service. If you do get a link, please remember to only share if you need to with close friends and family, for the protection of all our children.

There is a full dress rehearsal on Friday at 5pm, final rehearsal on Saturday at 4pm then the Pathfinders Christmas Party 5 - 7pm on Saturday.

Christmas Meals

A reminder that the Christmas Meals, for those who have booked, are this week - ladies on Monday, men on Thursday. If you have not yet paid **please pay the balance TODAY** so that it can be banked tomorrow and there will be enough in the account to pay the bill! Many thanks.

Christmas Fayre

The final total last week turned out not to be the final final total after all! The amount now raised at the Christmas Fayre, and hopefully the definite final total, after tax claimed back, fund matching

received and all expenses have been paid, will be **£10,454.62**

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. If you do send individual cards and leave them on the post table to be picked up, please put first and surnames on the envelope, as there are some cards on there at the moment just named for 'Carol' and I can think of at least 3 Carols in church!

Believer's Baptism Service

The next Believer's Baptism Service will be on Sunday **19th January 2025**. If this is something you are considering, or if you would like to know more about what it involves, please have a word with Jill.

Rotas for 2025

The Prayer & Fasting and Flowers in church calendars are now available for you to sign up to, going around on clipboards. If you would like to join in with our daily prayers for others, or to provide flowers in church for a special occasion this year, please find the boards and pop your name on the dates you would like. Please try to get January filled in ASAP so we are ready for next year!

Caretaker / General Maintenance Vacancy

A final reminder for the above vacancy, we have a job description and application form available if you or anyone you know would like to apply for the post of Caretaker / General Maintenance person for Bethel. The closing date for applications is the **morning of Friday 20th December**, looking to interview 2nd or 3rd January 2025. Just let the office know (give us a ring or email if you see this later in the week) if you would like an application form.

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

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 Dec	Next Week 22 Dec
Sunday door welcome	Jacqui Davies	Denise Branson
Flowers arranged by	Christmas Arrangers	Christmas Arrangers
Sunday coffee/tea	Jon Wilding	-
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Andy Parkes	Barbara Green

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	15	Jane Hart
Mon	16	Hayley Marrison
Tue	17	Caron & Martyn
Wed	18	Mariann Smith
Thu	19	Mariann Smith
Fri	20	Jane Hart
Sat	21	Sandra Everett
Sun	22	Jane Hart

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Chris Upperdine
in memory of her husband, Pete

Sarah Parkes
in celebration of Jill's birthday

