



# The Church that meets at Bethel

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



## Activities & Prayer Diary 12th - 19th January 2025

Sunday	12	10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Service Evening Service
Monday	13	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	14	8.30am 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School
Wednesday	15	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone
Thursday	16	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Acorns Toddler Group Little Lambs Pre-School Prayer Meeting
Friday	17	8.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Feel Good Friday Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19	10.30am 6.00pm	Believer's Baptism Service Evening Service

All streamed services can be found on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@BethelChapelLye/streams)  
and are also linked from our website [www.bethelchapel.org.uk/news/](https://www.bethelchapel.org.uk/news/)

# Prayers, Notes and News

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS



- Please continue to pray for Ken and Bessie Priest. The decision has been made for both Ken and Bessie to remain at home with extra carers and help. Please pray for this all to be sorted out, and for Vivienne as she tries to put everything into place for both of their best interests.
- 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 pray for Jacqui Davies' niece Katie. Sadly, the lumpectomy resulted in a positive diagnosis for an aggressive cancer, so she will require both radio and chemotherapy. Please ask the Lord to intervene and heal her.
- Please keep Lynda in your prayers. 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. Please pray that the solutions discussed for the lymphedema will bring her some relief.
- 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 is trying some new medication to see if it improves her tinnitus, palpitations and sleeplessness. Please ask the Lord to help her with increased strength and energy so that she can be well enough to continue to look after Roy 24/7. Roy is currently struggling with a chest infection - he's on the second round of antibiotics which as yet, have not made any difference - please pray for help, healing and restoration for them both.
- Please hold Beryl and Julie in your prayers. Ask the Lord to keep the seizures away, and help for her with the fibromyalgia pain. 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 sleeping a lot and seems quite weak, maybe not eating too well either. Please pray for her to gain a little strength back. We would love to see her back on a Friday 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. Please pray that he will now feel much better now he is out of hospital, and that the results from the MRI this month will show the nodule can be easily 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 had a cataract operation, so please pray that all will go 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 still very poorly at home at the moment but with a bad reaction against the chemo, June who is still very poorly in hospital, Pat Hall who hasn't been well enough to be with us for quite a while and Janet C who is now in step-down, and doing well with her physiotherapy. Please continue to pray that they will all be well enough to be back with us at Cornerstone very soon. Very sadly Harry passed away on Christmas Eve, a reminder that his funeral will be at Stourbridge Crematorium on Friday 31st January at 10.20am.
- 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 they start Spring Term.
- Please keep in your prayers Bethel Treasures

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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 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.
- Please pray for all those caught up in the horrific wildfires in LA, so much devastation for the people and environment there.

## Pray for Peace - Israel

"Lord Jesus, full of grace and truth, empower our brothers and sisters in the land where you proclaimed the Good News. Fill them with your grace. Bless and guide the leaders of the Churches. Inspire teachers, medical workers and all who strengthen the lives of their communities. Look with compassion and mercy on all the people involved in the Middle East conflict. Bring peace we pray and safety for all.



## Pray for Peace - Ukraine



Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that

in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, and for all the world.

## Believer's Baptism Service

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

## Prayer Meetings

The weekly prayer meetings are returning to Thursday afternoons at 4.00pm from this week, you are very welcome to come along any week you can make.

## New Payment Method

We now have a SumUp payment machine at church for card payments, if you ever need to pay or make a donation for anything at church, as

many of us don't seem to carry much cash with us these days! If you need to use it, just ask someone in the office to facilitate it for you. (by the way, at the moment it says Bethel Treasures on the receipts & bank statements as it's on the same login as the shop machine!)

## Movement for Good

A new year and new nominations are needed for the Movement for Good £1000 grants - they don't roll over from last year. If you can please take a moment to nominate us. The deadline for the first round of nominations is **Sunday, 26th Jan**. Please go to <https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1001260&ct=community> to nominate Bethel for one of their £1000 donations - our charity number is 1001260 if you need it but it should be there on this link. Many thanks.

## Rotas for 2025

The Flower Rota is now on the noticeboard at the back of church if you would like to add your name onto any of the dates, and the Prayer & Fasting calendar is on the post table, still plenty of dates available, including Saturday 25th Jan.

The other rotas which commence in February 2025 for 6 months are still available for you to sign up to - **Sunday morning door welcome; coffee/tea making; vacuuming; flowers in church**. If you would like to know what joining any of these rotas involves, please either ask someone already on the rota you are interested in, or give the office a ring in the week. The more people signing up to volunteer in church in these areas, the less frequently everyone is rota'd on - many hand make light work! Just pop your name on the board if you would like to volunteer.

## Jack & The Beanstalk

Brierley Hill Musical Theatre are putting on Jack & The Beanstalk at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from **18th - 25th January**. There are a variety of performance times and tickets range from £10 - £16. Tickets available from [discover.smeetz.com/en/product/65152/booking/bhmtc-presents-jack-the-beanstalk](https://discover.smeetz.com/en/product/65152/booking/bhmtc-presents-jack-the-beanstalk)

## Congratulations

To Margaret Okoro who recently graduated from Birmingham City University with a MSc in Public Health - well done Margaret, what a fantastic achievement!



# BETHEL'S VISION:

To turn the lost into the found & the faithless into the faithful

<b>Rota</b> <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>	<b>This week</b> <b>12 Jan</b>	<b>Next Week</b> <b>19 Jan</b>
Sunday door welcome	Mal Hawker	Mariann Smith
Flowers arranged by	Lynda Kirton	Mariann Smith
Sunday coffee/tea	Jon Wilding	Nigel Cook
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Maureen Leonard	Shelley Cartwright

<b>PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA</b>		
Sun	12	Jane Hart
Mon	13	Jill Berry
Tue	14	Mal Hawker
Wed	15	Jane Hart
Thu	16	Pat Hazlehurst
Fri	17	Shelley Cartwright
Sat	18	Margaret Cartwright
Sun	19	Reece F & Denise B

The flowers in church this week have been provided by  
 Liz & Darren Knight in memory of Dad G on 14th January  
 Nigel Cook in memory of his mum who would have been 95 today  
 Jill, Joyce & Roy thinking of Mam & Dad and remembering Uncle Jack's birthday

