



The Church that meets at Bethel

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



Activities & Prayer Diary 19th - 26th January 2025

Sunday	19	10.30am 6.00pm	Believers' Baptism Service Evening Service
Monday	20	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	21	8.30am 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School
Wednesday	22	8.30am 12.30pm 12.30pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Lambs Pre-School Cornerstone
Thursday	23	8.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 4.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Little Acorns Toddler Group Little Lambs Pre-School Prayer Meeting
Friday	24	8.30am 2.00pm 3.00pm 7.00pm	Little Lambs Pre-School Feel Good Friday Crafternoon Friday Night Icebreakers
Saturday	25		
Sunday	26	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/

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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. She awaits results from a barium meal x-ray. 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. They are both going through a really difficult, tough patch. Roy has fluid on both lungs, so increased water tablets. If that doesn't work, hospital to have them drained. He coughs continuously at night, so Joyce is getting no sleep at all With all that that means for her with exhaustion, which also increases the debilitating palpitations. She's currently got a heart monitor, but the root cause seems to be exhaustion and genuine stress and pressure. 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 and for 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 a little brighter some days, then others is quite sleepy. 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 not quite up to it yet.
- Would you please continue to pray for Philip, one of our Cancer Peer Support group. It was lovely to see him last week, please continue to pray that he will improve and feel much better, and that tests, scans and consultations coming up soon will all go well for him.
- Please pray for Sylv and Arthur Watson,

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Arthur has bladder cancer and after a delay due to other infections he has now started weekly chemo until April, when he will have a break and review. Sylv had her cataract operation done and is doing well. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers.

- 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 in hospital very up and down but hoping to be discharged soon, 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.
- 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 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 continue to 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

As a ceasefire has been agreed (Friday), please pray that it holds and that the hostages are released, along with the Palestinian prisoners. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the whole of the Middle East region - so Biblically important in these "last days."



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.

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!)



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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 **next Sunday, 26th Jan.**



Please take one minute
to nominate us
for £1,000!



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.

Grumpy Gamer

The parents of an ex-Little Lamb have set up a new website which makes quality gifts and merchandise for gamers available. They are just trying to get this business up and running, so if you know of any gamers who may be interested in some quality merchandise, please feel free to share their new website with them - <https://grumpy-gamer.co.uk>

Word for Today

The latest edition of the UCB Word for Today daily notes, Spring 2025 from Feb - Apr, is now available for you to pick up.

Give as you Live

Please consider either registering with our Give as you Live page, or if you are already registered, going to the retailers you are using through our Give as you Live page, to see if we can raise extra funds for Bethel whilst costing you absolutely

nothing!

Generate FREE donations for us when you shop your favourite retailers online

Sainsbury's JOHN LEWIS ebay JUST EAT Boots WAITROSE
TESCO SEASALT Booking.com trainline compare the market plus & more

Whether you are planning a holiday, changing insurance provider, supermarket shopping or doing some home improvements, have a look to see if the company you were going to use is one of the 6000 listed on Give as you Live and it will cost you nothing to raise a little for Bethel! To sign up just go here www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details

Rotas for 2025

Last chance this week to add your name to the rotas which commence in February 2025 for 6 months as they will be published next week - **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

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frequently everyone is rota'd on - many hand make light work! Just pop your name on the board if you would like to volunteer.



We still particularly need volunteers for the flowers in church as Jane is coming off the rota this time, leaving only 4 on the list - you don't need to be able to do wonderful arrangements (although bonus if you can!) as long as you can put flowers and water in a vase, that is the only requirement - please consider doing this if you have any time free towards the end of the week to be able to pop in and change the flowers.

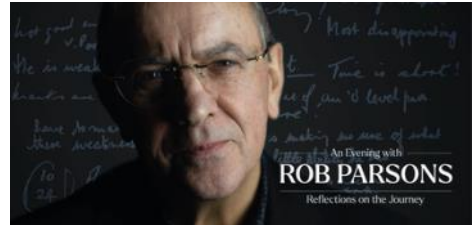
Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent

If you have a little time to spare occasionally, would you consider volunteering at Bethel Treasures Heaven Scent? The shop is a lovely place to work, but it needs a few more people to do a couple of hours here and there to add to the team we already have. They are a friendly bunch and there is always a kettle on and someone popping in to chat with. If this is something you could do, please either have a word with Mariann, or have a word/leave a note with someone in the office and we can pass the details on. Please consider if you are being called to serve God in this way for Bethel.

An Evening with Rob Parsons

'Reflections on the Journey' - Rob Parsons of Care for the Family will be at Lifecentral Church in Halesowen on **Thursday 8th May, 7.30pm.** "From the boy described as 'making no use of what little ability he has', to an international best-selling author and speaker, Rob Parsons has a lifetime's experience of overcoming obstacles. He

recalls the time when his father told him, 'People like us don't become lawyers', and the teacher who said even his best wasn't good enough. Yet with the help of the people who believed he could be more, he learnt how to grow through the challenges of life. Join Rob on a journey through the decades as he reflects on a life mixed with laughter and tears, and draws on vivid stories from childhood, right through to the present day."



Early bird tickets are £5 until 21st Jan, then £6 to 8th April, thereafter £11. More info and tickets from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-rob-parsons-halesowen-tickets-1077278662479?aff=webpage

Jack & The Beanstalk



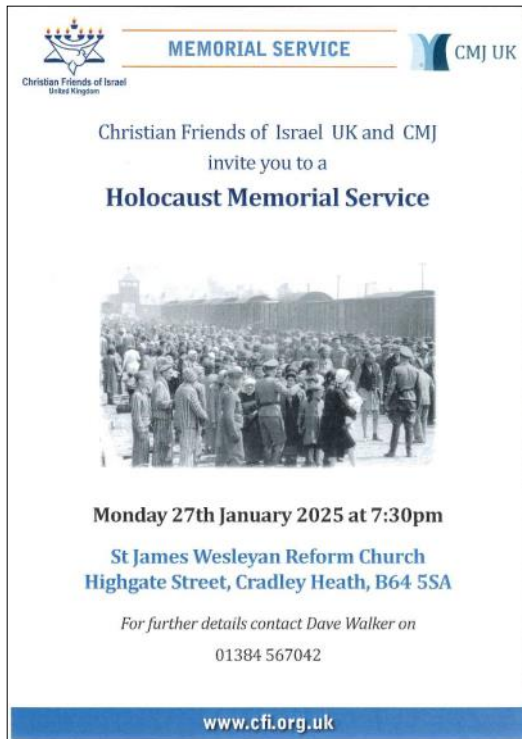
Brierley Hill Musical Theatre are putting on Jack & The Beanstalk at Brierley Hill Civic Hall this week until **25th January.** There are a variety of performance times and tickets range from £10 - £16.

Tickets available from discover.smeetz.com/en/product/65152/booking/bhmtc-presents-jack-the-beanstalk

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Holocaust Memorial Service

Christian Friends of Israel UK and CMJ invite you to a Holocaust Memorial Service on **Monday 27th January** at 7.30pm at St James Wesleyan Reform Church, Highgate St, Cradley Heath, B64 5SA. More info available from Dave Walker on 01384 567042.



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Plastic Tubs

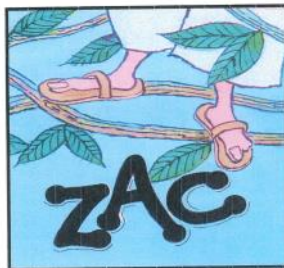
A reminder that Greene King pubs are again running their plastic chocolate/sweet/cracker/biscuit tub recycling scheme in association with Tub2Pub. If you have any empty *clean* plastic tubs that you can't use for anything else, please take to a Greene

King pub between now and **16th Feb 2025** and they will send them for recycling into items such as garden furniture, and in the process raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Local Greene Kings include the Corn Exchange in Brierley Hill, The Lutley Oak in Halesowen and The Crabmill in Oldswinford. Find out more here - www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/

Car for Sale

Steve Rea has asked us to advertise the following vehicle - Nissan Micra S, 3 door, 55 reg, dark grey, 1.2l, 3 owners, last owner for 14 years, MOT until September 2025, all previous MOTs, mileage 124,000, has own service history and receipts. £595 ono. If you are interested, please call 01384 422479 or 07757 512622.

New Life Together presents the new Roger Jones musical



based on the story of Zacchaeus
at
Trinity Methodist Church
Kidderminster DY10 2JL
Sunday 26th January
6.30pm

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
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 2pm - Saturdays 10am - 1pm

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Available for a Donation

We have been gifted the following items, all available for a donation:



Harry Potter Luminous Board

Light up drawing board for ages 6+ allows them to trace images of Harry Potter, Hogwarts and other scenes. As a guide, they are [available on Amazon](#) for around £25

LED colour light therapy unit with nano spray beauty treatment - as a guide, these are [available on Amazon](#) for around £50



Handcrafted wall hanging wooden plaque with room to hang cups for am and wine glasses for pm!

Handcrafted slate cheese/steak/serving plates/trays.



All of them are in the office if you want to have a look at them, available for a donation.

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 19 Jan	Next Week 26 Jan
Sunday door welcome	Mariann Smith	Nigel Cook
Flowers arranged by	Mariann Smith	Mariann Smith
Sunday coffee/tea	Nigel Cook	Mariann Smith
Sunday morning Vacuuming	Shelley Cartwright	Andy Parkes

PRAYER AND FASTING ROTA		
Sun	19	Reece F & Denise B
Mon	20	Emeka Okoro
Tue	21	Mariann Smith
Wed	22	June Winnall
Thu	23	Ann Holbeach
Fri	24	Jill Berry
Sat	25	Jane Hodges
Sun	26	Mariann Smith

The flowers in church this week have been provided by

Denise Branson in memory of her dad Denis' birthday

Mariann Smith in thanks to our Lord, the Light of the World and Light to our feet



MATTHEW
28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

