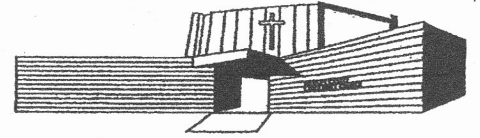


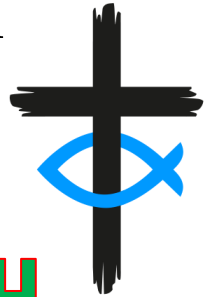
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Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

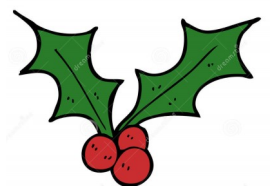
On **Sunday 2nd December**, as well as being the beginning of Advent, it is also our annual Toy and Gift Service. Each year, toys and gifts are donated to Birmingham Childrens Services for those children who would often go without at Christmas. New toys and gifts are given and anyone can contribute but please leave them unwrapped. The service will start at **11am** and all are welcome. For more information call Mark on 07505521302 or drop in at the church.



On **Friday 7th December from 3.30pm** our Christmas Messy Church event will take place. There'll be a come and take part Nativity, lots of craft activities and food too. It will be based on the events of 2000 years ago and the reason we all celebrate Christmas today. Come and discover more and enjoy some fun with good company. It is a free event and all

are welcome though we do ask that children are accompanied. For more info contact Mark.

Then on **Monday 10th December at 1.45pm** we will be joining the local schools and churches for Carols on the Square, and everyone is invited. So, see you there!!



Find out more about Weoley Castle and its people:

weoleycastlechurch.co.uk

www.stonehousegang.co.uk

www.shenleyacademy.org.uk

weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urchurch.org.uk

JOY TO THE WORLD

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME! We are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations and joyful we can be when we hear the Christmas again, "I bring you good news of great joy: to you is born a Saviour!"

But what is the joy that we receive? How can we be joyful when there is so much sadness and pain in the world? How can we be joyful when we see large numbers of desperate people on the move, fleeing war and poverty and not certain where they will find safety and a new home? How can we be joyful when we are faced with the disastrous effects of climate change and a lack of political will to effectively deal with it. How can we be joyful when we are reminded of past Christmases when loved ones were still with us? Do we switch on "joy," just like we switch on the Christmas lights? "Come, let's get together and have joy!" It doesn't work like that, does it?

Joy always comes as a surprise. Joy, real joy, is a spontaneous reaction to something surprising, something good that happens to us. It may be a family reunion, or a test result that is clear, or a positive appraisal of something done inconspicuously, or a surprise gift from someone, or meeting a long-lost friend, or a new born baby.....

Joy is a gift!

In the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus there isn't much joy at first. We read of an oppressed people living under occupation, at the mercy of an Emperor who could issue a decree that set a whole nation in motion. As the story goes.....Joseph and a heavily pregnant Mary had to travel to Bethlehem to be registered. There is no room for them in the inn, so they have to spend the night in a stable. But then, in the dark of night, a baby cries in a manger. Angels are singing, shepherds out in the field see a bright light and when they are afraid there is the angel's message, "Don't be afraid, I bring good news of....JOY"

And that is why we are joyful. Christmas is a gracious intrusion in our lives; a break with the ordinary. For here we are, going about our daily business, facing the ups and downs of life, and then we get this wonderful surprise. We are joyful because something has happened. God has intervened in the normal routine of life.....and no imperial decree can prevent God surprisingly and unexpectedly intervening in history and in our lives!

"God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform" We are joyful because we know that there is a force loose in the world that is greater than all other forces. When we journey again to Bethlehem this Christmas, we are reminded that we are not alone; God is active, God is at work in the world.

And when, after Christmas, we are faced again with the daily realities of a suffering world, and our own ups and downs, remember.....WE ARE NOT ALONE. God "Emmanuel" is with us, "to bring light and life to all." May we share that light and life generously with others so that we may surprise them with JOY!

May you all have a joyful and blessed Christmas and good wishes for the New Year too!

Leonora

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	11.00am	Family Worship—everyone welcome Holy Communion - 2nd Sunday each month
MONDAY	10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 5.30pm	Day Centre Lunch Club Over 60's Keep Fit (Gentle Exercise) Karate
TUESDAY	6.00pm	Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term Time)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term Time) Elite Dance Academy
THURSDAY	10.00am 5.30pm	Advice & Support Café (Various) Karate
FRIDAY	9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 3.45pm 3.30pm 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term Time) Day Centre Lunch Club Cardiac Club Sign Language Club (Term Time) Messy Church (once each half term) Elite Dance Academy
SATURDAY	9.00am	Elite Dance Academy

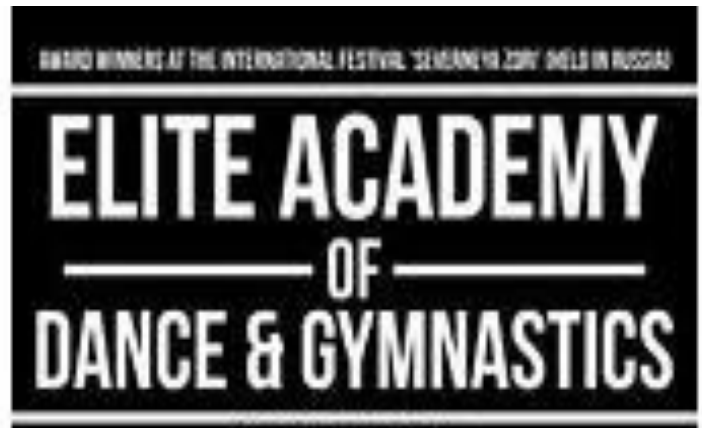
Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement

OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



Free Hearing Aid Battery Replacement—This service is still be available here on **Mon, Wed & Friday** between **9.30am and 2pm**. Ask for Christine Hopkins.

For children **3—18 yrs** old, a chance to learn many different dance styles such as ballet, tap, modern, and much more. If you are interested contact Yvonne on **07787062248** for more details, or drop in and see her.



THIS MONTH'S FUNNIES

What fish would you find in a bird cage? ***A perch***

What is round and violent? ***A vicious circle***

What is taken before you get it? ***Your picture***

What goes further the slower it moves? ***Money***

What has a bottom at the top? ***Your legs***

Why did the queen go to the dentist? ***To have her teeth crowned***

What runs but never walks? ***Water***

What goes up but never comes down again? ***Your age***

What gets wet as it dries? ***A towel***

What breaks when you say it? ***Silence***



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 2nd December (Toy & Gift Service)	11.00am	Mike Buck
Sunday 9th December (Communion)	11.00am	Ted Forgan
Sunday 16th December	11.00am	Ann Evans
Sunday 23rd December	11.00am	Rev Leonora Jagessar VH
Tuesday 25th December	10.00am	Rev Leonora Jagessar VH
Sunday 30th December	11.00am	Christine Miles

Morning Prayers take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from
9.15—9.45am All welcome

On Wednesday morning at 10am we are welcome to join St Gabriel's

Next WCCC Elders Meeting Mon 17th Dec 7.30pm

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Audrey Stables is 95 on the 11th December, so Happy Birthday to her and good that she was able to go back home.

Hannah Tubby turns 16 on December 19th, so many happy returns.

*Please let me know of any news you would like to share
and I can add it in here, thanks*

**The church halls are available to hire for parties and events -
contact Mark on 0121 475 3841 for more details**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Advice and Support Cafe

At Weoley Castle Community Church

Every second Thursday of the month
10am til 1pm

Bringing organisations together to offer free and professional advice to the local community.

Offering Advice on areas including:

- Finance
- Benefits
- Housing
- Legal Matters
- Unemployment
- Mental Well-being
- Pregnancy Loss Support
- Carers Support

Weoley Castle Community Church 115 Quarry Road, Weoley Castle B29 5LE
For more information: 07505 521302
advicecafeweoleycastle@gmail.com



Advice and Support

Each month, on the **second Thursday**, we devote the morning to enabling the local community to find the help and support they need. Various organisations come to help us in this including; Council, Solicitors, Jobcentre, Debt Advisors, Benefits Advice, Pregnancy Loss Support and Young People's Employment. Come along between **10am and 1pm** to find out more, get the help you need, or simply drop in for coffee. If you would like to book an appointment with a particular organisation you can either contact them or call Mark on **07505521302**. If you know of other organisations that could get involved in this please let me know, thanks.

DAY CENTRE FOR THE OLDER GENERATIONS

Our Day Centre currently has spaces for more people. Anyone 60+ who is looking for a place to find friends, enjoy a hot meal and be in a safe caring environment is welcome to join us. We run on a Monday and Friday from approximately 10am till 1.30pm and do various games, craft and outings. To find out more contact Christine Hopkins on 0121 475 3841 or call in at the church.

ARTS CAFÉ AT WEOLEY CASTLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our Arts Café this month is combining with the Advice Café so there will be lots to see and do and find out about on **Thursday 13th Dec from 10am**. There will also be food provided on a pay as you can basis, as well as free tea and coffee, so every reason to turn up. See you there !!

NORTHFIELD ARTS FORUM PRESENTS
NAF CAF.
pay-as-you-feel surplus food cafe
hot meals | live music | comedy | poetry
free arts & crafts workshops
WWW.NORTHFIELDARTSFORUM.COM

Northfield Baptist Church 789 Bristol Rd South B15 2NQ 6PM - 9PM	Weoley Castle Community Church 115 Quarry Rd B29 5LE 10AM - 1PM
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NAF
23Feb - 30Mar - 27Apr - 25May - 29Jun - 27Jul
@NORTHFIELDARTS1 @ARTSFORUMNORTHFIELD@GMAIL.COM

FROM WEOLEY HILL CHURCH



The Church at Weoley Hill also has events and activities to join in:

There is a monthly Lunch Club, ask for Nancy Nicholls. The next one takes place on **Wednesday 5th December at 1pm.**

The Friendship Group are next meeting on **Wednesday 12th December at 2.30pm.**

The Community Choir is on Friday evenings at **6.30pm.**

There will be a Candlelight Carol Service at **5pm on Saturday 15th Dec**

Then on **Mon 24th Dec** a Crib Service at **5** and Communion at **11.15pm**

Services are each **Sunday at 10.30am** and anyone is welcome to join us.

For details of these and more events contact Cheryl Thornett on email cherylthornett@hotmail.com

AND FROM BEAUMONT ROAD



Beaumont Road, in Bournville, also part of the pastorate too:

Sunday Services begin at **10.30am** and all are welcome.

TLS Course led by Rev Stuart Scott, "*Getting to grips with the bible*", starts **Tuesday 6th Nov at 2pm.**

Contact Jim Garrow if you would like more information on jgarrow7@btinternet.com

THE WORLD OF CRCW



So, we are fast approaching the end of another exciting year here at WCCC. We have called a new minister, Leonora. We've also had Kirsty here on secondment which has been great. We've started new projects, so the Sign language Club and the revamp of the Advice Café. We've seen dozens of children through the Tues-

day Club and Activity Week. Messy Church continues as does the Day Centre and Toddler Group. And none of this would be possible without the support and input of this wonderful community. The people who give their time and talents to ensure that we offer quality services here are so vital in all we do. So, a great big thank you to every one of you.

Of course, before the year ends we still have Christmas to look forward to. There will be meals out, parties and Christmas services to look out for in the next few weeks. **Tuesday Club** have their party on **18th Dec** and the following morning, **Wed 19th Dec**, it is the **Toddler Group party**, with a special guest appearance from someone in red. **On 21st**



Dec there is going to be the **Day Centre/Lunch Club** Christmas meal, so if you know of someone who would like to join us for that, please get

in touch. Lunch will be served around 12.30pm. So, still plenty to keep us all amused. So, I wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

One more piece of news, come the summer I will be moving on, called to Dovercourt in Essex, when my time here has finished.



Lunch Club n Day Centre at WCCC

Mark Tubby CRCWM

Creating Change
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