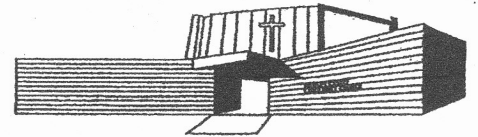


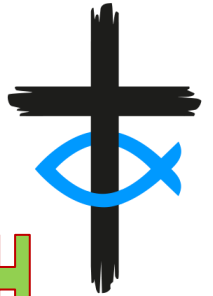
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Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

CHRISTIAN AID'S BIG BREKKIE

On Thursday 2nd May we will be holding a Big Brekkie to raise money for the work that Christian Aid do throughout the world. So, come along and get well fed whilst raising some cash for those who are struggling. It is done on a donation basis so everyone is welcome to come along. It starts at about 10am and will go on all morning.



LOVE WEOLEY CASTLE



At the same time as this we are also having our next Love Weoley Castle meeting, looking at how we can make Weoley an even better place to live and work. Anyone can be part of this, from schools, businesses and services to residents and community groups. As well as organising future events and activities we will be looking ahead to the Love Weoley Castle Awards night, taking place on May 22nd. These are going to be held at Shenley Academy from 6.30pm. This will be a chance to recognise those people in the local community who make a real difference. You can nominate whoever you want, just pick up a form from the church or library and fill in the details. Anyone is welcome to attend the event and tickets are free.

Contact Paul Tucker on paultucker73@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Dear Friends,

Before Kirsty left us to take up her CRCW ministry in Coventry she introduced us (or reminded us) of Appreciative Inquiry, a tool to help us as a church to recognize what our strengths and opportunities are and to build on those strengths while counting our blessings, including the resources we have. At the AGM we could affirm that while we may be few in number (and at the AGM we were very few in number!) Weoley Castle Community Church certainly has its strengths and being a loving and caring community is one of them! Perhaps we should say, being a loving community is central to who we are, and our outreach in the community is inspired by the love we receive and share in the church. And what is our strength too is our outward looking focus. We are church in and for the wider community, and our beautiful new mosaic sign on the church, as well as the noticeboards, hopefully remind the community that we are here, as a church and as a community centre!

However, busy as the few of us are with supporting the community ministry and outreach – and we have some very committed and faithful volunteers in our midst - we sometimes have no time anymore for participating in study groups which could help us to be re-energized in our faith and faithfulness. Yes, we go to church on Sunday and we have had some good discussions when we met at 11am before the once monthly service at 12.30pm. But we lack time to sign up for any (study or other) meetings. We all have good intentions but our lives are so full. The free time we have becomes very precious and we tend to fill it with things that we really care about....catching up with our families, helping a friend or neighbour, going out for a social occasion or cultural event, etc. Yes, these are important in our lives.

What I think works for us at WCCC is that we take as our starting point our community outreach, ie our acts of hospitality and care for young and old. Then let us find occasions to reflect on our experiences, ask thoughtful questions and see where our stories intersect with the gospel. We can do so in our worship or as we meet for reflection and discussion before worship on the 4th Sunday of the month. And we can still try to participate in occasional (study) meetings, such as the one we are planning for the pastorate on Saturday 18 May on “change, loss and bereavement” which I highly recommend to you. (see notice).

With a busy month of May ahead of us, I wish you all the best and hope to see many of you in church or at the events and meetings we have planned.

With all best wishes, 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	5.30pm	Karate
FRIDAY	9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 3.45pm 3.30pm 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term Time) Day Centre Lunch 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

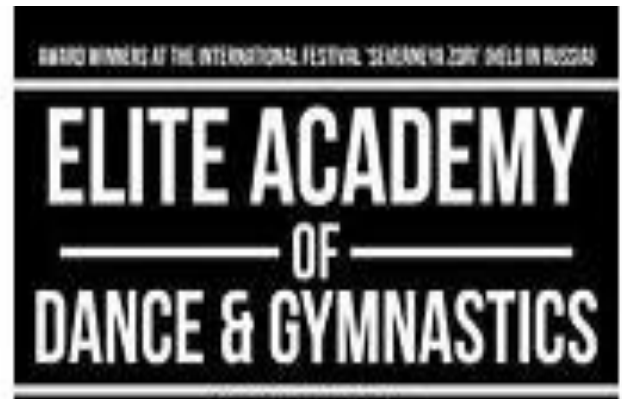
OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



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.

Elite Academy of Dance & Gymnastics

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. (Times on pg 3)



THIS MONTH'S FUNNIES

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A: Pilgrims.

Q: What goes up when May rain comes down?

A: An umbrella.

Q: Who's the most important person in a Spring wedding?

A: The MAYtron of honour.

Q: What did the spring say when it was in trouble?

A: May Day!!

Q: Why are oak trees so forgiving?

A: Every May they "turn over a new leaf".

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline in May?

A: Spring-time.



CHURCH CALENDAR

May 5th Israel Okunwaye

May 12th Communion Leonora 11.00

(B'ham Velo Ride some road closures)

May 19th Rev Alison Geary

*May 26th Leonora 12.30 BIG BRUNCH 11.00 in aid of
Christian Aid*

**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

Find out more about Weoley Castle and its people:

www.stonehousegang.co.uk www.shenleyacademy.org.uk
www.encounterchurch.uk weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Barbara Calvert is fundraising for Christian Aid . Please sponsor her Bike Ride. Here is a link to her page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Barbara-Calvert1>

It is with Sadness that we announce the Passing of our Pianist Miles
He was a respected International Authority on Disability through the ages and in different cultures and also was a wonderful pianist.

Let me know your news and I will add it here, including birthdays, it's good to celebrate together.

Pastorate Notices

Pastorate Day on 18 May

On Saturday 18 May Stuart Scott (Synod Training Officer) and Leonora will lead a day reflecting on experiences of “Change, Loss and Bereavement” for the three churches in the pastorate. It will be a day in which we can share our experiences and learn from each other how we live through these experiences ourselves or help others to cope. As we all live through experiences of change and loss, it will certainly be a meaningful day. The day will start at 10am and we will finish about 2.15pm. It will be at Bournville URC and finding a parking space on Beaumont Rd on a Saturday should not be too difficult. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Do come if you can and if you need a lift, let Leonora or one of the Elders know.

Discussion Morning at the Manse

Members of the three congregations in our pastorate continue to meet every 4th Wednesday in the month at the Manse from 10.30am when we read some interesting news articles and share our views and stories. To give you an idea what we talk about, at our last meeting we read an article how the Home Office uses bad bible study to reject asylum claims, we shared our views on an article on assisted dying and we learned that dogs can be used as “stress buster” in schools. It is good to have conversations around issues that we are faced with and read about and to reflect what our response is as people of faith. The dates of our next meetings are 24 April, 22 May and 26 June. Do come and join in if you can.

4th Sunday of the Month

On the 4th Sunday in May there will be a Christian Aid brunch at 11am before worship at 12.30pm. The 4th Sunday in June we will have a very special service, with details to follow.

FROM WEOLEY HILL CHURCH

Weoley Hill has events and activities to join in:



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

The Friendship Group are next meeting on **Wednesday 8th May at 2.15pm.**

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

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 has activities to join:



Thursdays 2nd and 4th 3pm - 4pm Meditations

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

Except the 1st Sunday which is at 3pm

Contact Jim Garrow for more information **jgarrow24@outlook.com**

Morning at the Manse

As mentioned last month, there will be a morning meeting at the Weoley Hill Manse to talk and ask questions and reflect together on issues that are of particular relevance to us and in our society today. The conversation may be on the basis of one or more news item(s) or articles in a magazine/newspaper, an ethical issue that we grapple with, a question that we have or are being asked, etc. If we need an overall theme to focus on it could be "How do we live well and how do we shape our lives as people of faith in the complex world of today?" It will also be a time of fellowship and tea/coffee will be served. The first meeting was **February 27th at 10am.** Then on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

THE WORLD OF CRCW

So Easter is passed and we are already moving into the warmer months, with summer just round the corner. This means of course that we are looking forward to our Kids Activity Week. This year the theme will be around recycling, creating our very own eco-warriors. To get involved in this speak to Christine (0121 4261227)



who is at the church on Mon, Wed and Fri. We do all DBS checks and offer training.

With my impending move in July, Tuesday Club will see some changes this term. The volunteers that have been working with me at the club are taking on the running of things. I'm sure they will do a great job and so feel free to talk to them if you can help in any way or if you have any ideas. The contact number will remain the same.

Our Good Friday Happening was great fun again this year. Lots of families came to create various crafts and then produced a drama on the events of Easter all those years ago. Thank you to everyone who came to take part and make it a special occasion.



So, we now move into the summer term, my last here, and look forward to more exciting adventures with the wonderful community that is Weoley Castle. As an advance notice, we will be celebrating this area and its people at an event on Sunday June 23rd. Make that a date in your diary and hopefully we'll see you there.

Mark Tubby

