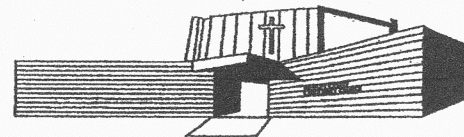


Weoley Castle Community Church Newsletter



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

ACTIVITY WEEK 2014

August can often be a quiet month, schools are out, people go away, groups stop for holidays. However, here at the church we are going to be busy with this year's Kids Activity Week. For children aged between 8 and 11 years the week offers some brilliant fun. from craft and creativity to sports and games, storytelling to trips out, fantastic food to fun with gunge. It's all there in an action packed five days.

This year, our theme, to run alongside the library reading scheme, is The Land of Legend. We are taking our annual trip to Ackers plus a day out at Conkers.

We are also looking for willing volunteers to come and join us and make the week really special for all those who come. We will do all the DBS police checks and ensure you are equipped to be part of the team and use your gifts and passion in this great event.



Many of you who came last year know what a fantastic time you had, so tell your friends and bring them along too this year. The cost is just £25 each, or for sisters and brothers only £20 each. The spaces for this are limited and are filling up fast so to book your place contact **Christine Hopkins** on 0121 426 1227 or **Mark Tubby** on 07505521302.

It seems to me that there is so much creative talent around us, often without us even knowing. I'm sure it's the case within the church. In a recent conversation with Eileen, one of the lunch club diner's, I discovered she wrote poetry. I asked if she could write one for us. Here is the result:

Writing poems and rhyme,
Is my favourite situation,
Funny ones, serious ones,
A lovely occupation,
I'm happy writing this one
For Community Worker Mark
At the church upon the Square
Helping with wife Debbie
And lots of people there
There are different activities
For adults and children as well
Going to different venues
With lots of stories to tell
A trip to the farm,
With animals children love
With painting and all kinds of games
Doing puzzles and painting pictures
With all funny names
I could go on forever
Like Mark, with what I write
But I know in my heart
This is God's gift to me
And I thank him so much
Cos he knows what I like
Hope that I have pleased you
And thanks for work on the Square
May God bless you all
And I'll see you up there

King regards, Eileen, to you all who help the community

I'd just like to thank Eileen for this and encourage others to contribute with their talents . Feel free to contact Mark with what you have to offer.

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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 6.00pm	Day Centre Lunch Club Over 60's Keep Fit Karate
TUESDAY	6.00pm	Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term time)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am 6.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time) Karate
THURSDAY	Mornings 1.30pm 6.00pm	Foot Health Practitioner (Monthly) Age Concern Bingo Club Karate
FRIDAY	9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 3.30pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time) Day Centre Lunch Club Cardiac Club Messy Church (once each half term)
SATURDAY	OCCASIONAL COFFEE MORNINGS	

Marriages and Baptisms by Arrangement

OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Advance Notice

This year's Weoley Festival will be held on **Sunday 14th September**. This is a fun day for all the family, with rides, stalls, arena acts and more! We are looking for local people with ideas and time who are willing to be part of the organising committee. Anyone wishing to be involved contact Mark Tubby on **07505521302**.



New Coat

The more observant of you will have noticed one or two things changing around the building. The large white (sort of) wall in the hall is now a warm shade of cream thanks to Matthew and Mena, two of the young people connected to the church. Also, with Matthew and Debbie's help, plus a local neighbour, the church notice board has now been revamped. Look out for the next project, and don't stand still too long, it could be you!

Cards for all occasions

Frances, one of the members of Weoley Castle Community Church, enjoys designing and making greetings cards. Many folk in the church will have benefitted from this passion. So, if you know of an upcoming occasion that you would like to buy a card for, one that is unique, then let Frances know, through another church member or finding her on Sunday, and she will produce a selection of homemade designs for you.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 3rd August	11.00am	Michael Derrick
Sunday 10th August (With Communion)	11.00am	Rev John Marsh
Sunday 17th August	11.00am	Worship Group (Favourite Hymns & Readings)
Sunday 24th August	11.00am	Christine Miles
Sunday 31st August	11.00am	Ted Forgan

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 our friends at
St Gabriel's for Communion and Prayers

Elders Meeting	7.45pm	Wednesday 10th Sept
CRCW meeting	2.00pm	Monday 29th Sept

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Margaret Basterfield has now finished her chemotherapy treatment and now awaits an operation, so please pray for her and Chris.

At least a couple of the younger people from the church are awaiting GCSE exam results this month. It will be an anxious wait for them but we wish them well.

ALSO IN THE NEWS

FORGAN'S FUNNIES

- Time is what keeps things from happening all at once
- Never answer an anonymous letter
- I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it
- Few women admit their age; few men act it
- He who laughs last thinks slowest
- Campers: Nature's way of feeding mosquitoes
- Always remember that you are unique; just like everyone else
- There are three kinds of people:
 Those who can count and those who can't
- Weddings are emotional - even the cake will be in tiers

REMINDER

On August 17th it is a favourite hymns and readings service, so remember to add your favourite to the list on the sanctuary door for inclusion in the service, thanks.

More about Weoley Castle:

www.weoleycastle.net

weoleycastlechurch.co.uk

www.stonehousegang.co.uk

www.shenleyacademy.org.uk

weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk

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

Messy Church takes place once each half term—It is a family friendly opportunity to explore your creative side using bible themes and stories, and to make lots of mess in a safe environment, and to then enjoy a shared meal.

All families are welcome with or without children— just come prepared to join in and have fun.



They generally take place on a Friday at 3.30pm and the next event is **Friday 19th September.**

For more details on what happens or to get involved contact **Mark on 07505521302**

or 475 3841

FROM WEOLEY HILL CHURCH

Our sister church Weoley Hill also has events and activities to join in:

There is a monthly Lunch Club, if you wish to join then please give your name to Iris Bird. Next event takes place on Wednesday 3rd Sept. at 1pm.

Friendship Group—2.15pm on Wednesday 10th Sept

A Community Choir takes place each fortnight—next meeting at 6.30pm on Friday 12th September.

There is a book group too, who are next meeting on August 26th at 7.30pm

Contact Cheryl Thornett on email **cherylthornett@hotmail.com**

THE WORLD OF CRCW

With the heat of summer in full flow it was time to get out and enjoy the sun. during July we had a Tuesday Friends Club barbeque, where we invited the families of the children who come to club for a time of food and friendship and fun. We had lots of people take up the invitation, despite the British weather, which meant barbequing in the rain, thanks James, with nearly 70 people at the event. Thank you to everyone who helped



during the year to make it another successful one for TFC. We are still full on our books and often getting requests for children wanting to join. It's your hard work and enthusiasm that enables this club to happen so thanks.

That same week also saw Messy Church, where, with the creation as a theme, we did craft and games, storytelling and songs, and made plenty of mess. Thanks to all who contributed to make this a success too. It's been a great privilege to see how the church can show God's love



through this fun and friendly activity, and how several different churches can come together to create this space to explore the Christian faith. Our next event will be in September, so look out for that!

We have also recently held a barbeque for the church, inviting the volunteers that make things happen in the church

building throughout the week. Local neighbours were also invited along to join us, so we had a real mix of folk for this family social occasion. Thanks to James and Min, who did a lot of the work, plus anybody else that contributed to ensure the day went well.

As we move into the summer holidays, the focus turns to Activity Week and Weoley Festival, and I may even slip in a bit of time off.

Thanks for all the support and ideas and input, *Mark Tubby*



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