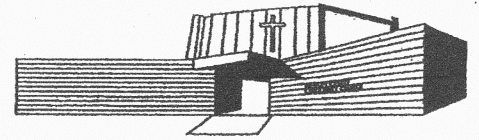


Weoley Castle Community Church Newsletter

JUNE 2015



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Throughout the next few months a piece of art will emerge that the various groups that the church runs will produce. A 7 foot long mural is to adorn a wall in the hall once completed. The mural was started at Messy Church last month and will build as each group contributes something toward making the finished artwork. It takes the shape of the church and uses a Noah's Ark scene so animals a rainbow as well as the ark and background will make up the finished article, so look out for it coming to your group. Everyone has the chance to get creative and contribute to this project, so come along and get involved.



Plans for Activity Week have started and we are looking for people to come along and get involved. The dates this year are Monday 10th—Friday 14th August. So, if you are free that week contact Mark or Christine Hopkins who will give you more details.

There are still plenty of things happening throughout the week for you to be part of. From babies to Elderly there will be something for everyone. If you feel you are missed out however, talk to Mark and together we could rectify this, there is always scope for more.

Find out more about Weoley Castle and its people:

www.weoleycastle.net

weoleycastlechurch.co.uk

www.stonehousegang.co.uk

www.shenleyacademy.org.uk

weoleycastlecommunitychurch.unc.org.uk

Christian Aid Thanks!

To all those who put money in envelopes, or went out and collected. The



total so far (this will increase a bit) is £343. There was a huge variation in response - the smallest amount put in an envelope was 2p; there were quite a lot where people had clearly thought that this was worth supporting and had put in a £ or 3,

while others put in £5, £10 or £20 notes. However, the most common reply was "I'm OK, thanks", without asking themselves whether the World is OK! We are told to be polite, so say "Sorry to bother you", but should we challenge this – or not even try to collect round the streets!? **Ted Forgan**

New Members Welcome

Following the church membership classes recently and with the decision of the church meeting it is great to announce that on Sunday 14th June, we will welcome 3 new members of Weoley Castle Community Church. Margaret Hurlston, James Elson and Michael Harvey all wish to commit themselves to this church and this will be recognised during the service on 14th.

If you would like to know more about becoming a church member then speak to Mark or one of the Elders, who would willingly explain the benefits and responsibilities being part of Weoley Castle Community Church.



**TIM GALE, THE FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER
WILL NEXT BE HERE ON (MORNING ONLY):**

THURSDAY 18th JUNE

COST : ONLY £15

**TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT
CHRISTINE HOPKINS ON**

TEL : 0121 426 1227

OR ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN CHURCH



CONTACTS

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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 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time) Elite Dance
THURSDAY	Mornings 6.00pm	Foot Health Practitioner (Monthly) Karate
FRIDAY	9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 3.30pm 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time) Day Centre Lunch Club Cardiac Club Messy Church (once each half term) Elite Dance
SATURDAY	9.30am	Elite Dance OCCASIONAL COFFEE MORNINGS

Marriages and Baptisms by Arrangement

OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Lunch Clubs Update

The new way we operate our Lunch Clubs on Mondays and Fridays is working well. The tasty hot meals are now served by our very kind volunteers, and have been well-received. In this way, we have been able to continue to cater for all of you who find this a really valuable part of their week. At the same time, we have been able to reduce the cost of running this service, which was needed because of funding cuts. Do you know someone who would welcome a hot meal cooked for them twice a week at a cost of only £4.70. Encourage them to come along to enjoy the meal and the company!



CONGRATULATIONS !!

Our best wishes and thoughts go to Philip and Emily Hopkins, who were married on Saturday 9th May in Birmingham. Philip is Bill and Christine's son and will be known to many of the church family here. So, congratulations and we wish you many happy years together. With the new baby too it is a time of real joy, may it continue for a very long time.

Cards for all occasions

Frances, one of the members of the Church, design and makes greetings cards. Folk in the church 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 Sunday, and she will produce a selection of homemade designs for you.



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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 7th June	11.00am	Rev Brian Brown
Sunday 14th June (Communion Service)	11.00am	Rev Bob Ash
Sunday 21st June	11.00am	Michael Derrick
Sunday 28th June	11.00am	Andy Vail
Sunday 5th July	11.00am	Lin Barrington Singh

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

Church Meeting on Mission	12.30pm	Sun 7th June
Elders Meeting	7.30pm	Wed 17th June

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Anne Izzard has gone to her brother's following the chemotherapy treatment she has been through. She is now in Belong, a nursing home in Macclesfield, and is very ill. Please pray for her and all the family.

Anne would like to thank the Knit n Natter group for the throw they sent her, which she had over her during a recent visit by Christine and Mark.

Margaret Wozencroft was still waiting for an appointment from the neurologist and in pain from her back. She welcomes visitors but please call her first.

Miles is no longer able to commit to playing the piano each Sunday, so anyone who knows of someone willing and able to play sometimes please contact Mark or an Elder, thanks.

ALSO IN THE NEWS

THIS MONTH'S FUNNIES

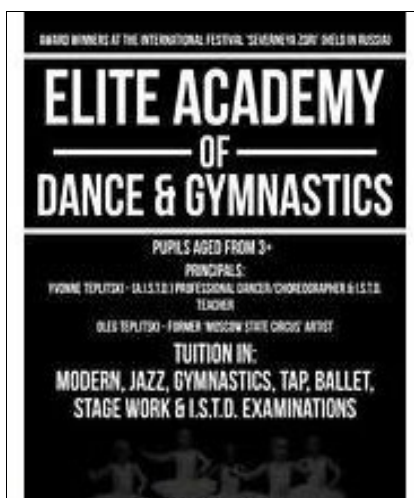


Shaggy Dog Story

Once a man was walking the moors and he got lost. Darkness was falling and the rain was coming on, but he saw a light in the distance and trudged towards it. The light was coming from the window of a shepherd's cottage, so he walked up to the door and knocked. There was

no reply – only the sound of a shuffle and a click. He knocked again, and the only sound he heard was the single word “Check”. The wind was getting up and the rain was getting heavier, so he tried the door and found that it opened. When inside, he saw the reason why there had been no reply: the shepherd and his dog were deeply engrossed in playing a game of chess against each other. “Is that collie really playing chess?” he asked, as the dog parried the check by moving a pawn with its paw. “Oh yes”, replied the shepherd. “Goodness!” said the man: “What an intelligent sheepdog you’ve got!” “Not really”, said the shepherd, “I beat him most times”

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



Elite Academy of Dance and Gymnastics

You may have noticed Elite Dance around the building throughout the week. Run by Yvonne and Oleg Teplitski, who have both performed with the Moscow State Circus, students range in age from 3—19 years. They are taught many aspects of dance, from ballet to modern, and there are also gymnastic and kick-boxing classes. Many of the students have gone on to become dancers so the standard is high. If you would like to know more, contact Yvonne on 07787062248.

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 Friday at 3.30pm and the next event is on **Friday 3rd July !!**

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 Nancy Nicholls. The next one takes place on **Wednesday 3rd June at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship group are meeting on **Wednesday 10th June at 11.00am**

The Community Choir meets weekly on **Fridays at 6.30pm.**

There is also a Community Garden group meeting monthly and next on **Saturday 6th June at 10.30am.**

The book group are next meeting on **Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm.**

Watch out for the forthcoming Music Festival too, from **3rd –12 July.**

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

THE WORLD OF CRCW

Another month flown by. With the Elite Dance Group using the building, the opportunity arose to go and see them in action, with a live show at the Artrix in Bromsgrove. Those who went were very impressed. This group of local children excelled in performing all kinds of dance routines from ballet through tap, Irish and into modern. Well worth the time and offering the support we can to help these talents to develop.



The more observant of you will have noticed that Vicky, our placement student, has not been around much as yet. With lots happening for her recently, the decision was made that she will have a years extension to complete the course. This means that Vicky will have a longer stay with us, but will not be

fully committed to the placement hours until September.

I recently went to a Health and Wellbeing Day, aimed at the older generation and found plenty of organisations and information about services offered locally.

An opportunity to hold a similar event in the church arose and will take place in July, so look out for that, details will come later.

Thanks to Children in Need we now have a grant of £4900 to spend on the Tuesday Club and Activity Week, speaking of which, the dates are Aug 10—14 this year, with

planning underway and a theme of Noah's Ark. Feel free to get involved, speak to Mark or Christine Hopkins



While on Noah's Ark, our recent Messy Church used that same theme and the children and adults who came enjoyed making a mess about it.

We are yet to set a date for the next CRCW steering group, but if you or someone you know would



like to get involved, contact Mark.

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