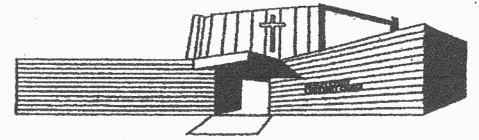


Weoley Castle Community Church Newsletter



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

HARVEST

As we celebrate harvest together it is good to remember those who are struggling to find food. We only need to see the daily headlines to know that many are suffering a lack of sufficient sustenance to get them through each day. Even on a local level, people are trying hard to feed families on a tighter and tighter budget. St. Gabriel's Church, and Northfield Community Partnership are just two organisations in the area who are running foodbanks and always welcome donations. St. Basil's, who we have supported for many years in their work with young homeless people in Birmingham will be grateful for all the help they receive from many places across the city. Any donations you would like to add will be passed on to them, thanks.



Also, this month will see our next Messy Church event, on **Friday 16th October at 3.30pm**

onwards. Every one is welcome to come along and enjoy a space to explore faith, create, share a meal and be part of a caring community.

Contact Mark for more details, 07505521302.

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

“Commitment for Life”

We have just celebrated Harvest Festival, giving thanks for all the riches in our lives. However, we have also been thinking about trying to make the world a fairer place, where everyone has a “good harvest”. Part of this is the “Commitment for Life” programme of the U.R.C., which challenges people to give 1% of their take-home income to help developing countries, through Christian Aid programmes in places such as Central America. This goes directly to projects, like coffee-growing cooperatives, but it is also a message to our Government: “Do the same!” Envelopes for your contribution will be in the entry hall to the Church, to return sometime in October. Give what you can, and “Gift Aid” it, to make your gift worth 25% more! To find out more about what your donation will do, please click on the CfL logo on the “useful links” page of the Church website:

weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk



Ted Forgan

What organisation might be described by this?

JC brings hope and the possibility of real change for the better. An evangelistic campaign for JC has brought in thousands of new members. We hope and pray that people who have been members for many years will welcome the enthusiasm of the newcomers, and not drive them away by stick-in-the-mud attitudes!

As WCCC seeks to build closer links with Weoley Hill Church and Beaumont Road URC, who now make up a single pastorate, we are hoping to do more together. This month, as well as the joint service, we are having a joint Elders meeting on Tues 13th October, where we will be welcoming Rev Steve Faber, the new West Midlands Moderator. We have also arranged to do some Child Protection Training, which will take place here on Tues Nov 3rd at 6.30pm. Any more names could you please get them to Mark Tubby, thanks.

As you may well realise by now, the Music Machine, the Hymnal, has been purchased, and in memory of Anne Izzard, her brother and sister-in-law have offered to pay for the machine as her legacy to the church. We are very grateful for this very generous gift, thanks. We wish all the family the very best, It's our privilege to know you.

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

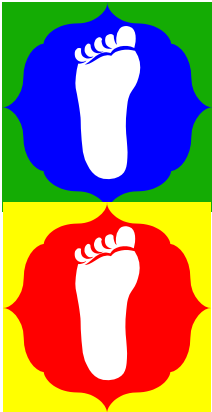
SUNDAY	11.00am	Family Worship—everyone welcome Holy Communion - 2nd Sunday each month
MONDAY	10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 6.00pm	Day Centre Lunch Club Over 60's Keep Fit Karate
TUESDAY	6.00pm	Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term time)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time) Elite Dance
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	9.00am	Elite Dance

Marriages and Baptisms by Arrangement

OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



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.



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

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

COST : ONLY £15

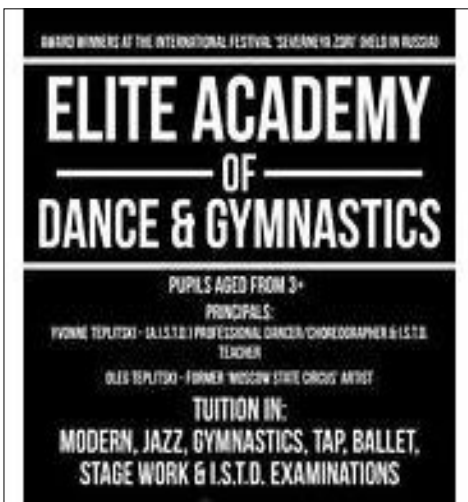
TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT

CHRISTINE HOPKINS ON

TEL : 0121 426 1227

OR ADD YOUR NAME

TO THE LIST IN CHURCH



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. If you would like to know more, contact **Yvonne on 07787062248.**

Messy Church is a family friendly space to explore creativity, ask questions about God, hear stories and share a meal together. It takes place roughly every six weeks so watch out for the date of the next one, as everyone is welcome. Call Mark on 07505521302 for more information.



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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 4th October	11.00am	Rev Robert Ash
Sunday 11th October	11.00am	Mark Tubby
Sunday 18th October (Joint Service)	10.30am	at Weoley Hill URC
Sunday 25th October	11.00am	Rev Graham Ball
Sunday 1st November	11.00am	Frank Challenor

**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	7.30pm	Wed 7th October
Church Meeting	12.30pm	Sun 4th October
CRCW meeting	2.00pm	Mon 5th October

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Margaret Wozencroft still awaits her back operation, which may have to be postponed till November, so thoughts and prayers for her.

Bruce Harvey, following his stroke, has now moved from the QE Hospital to continue his recovery in Moseley Hall Hospital, ward 8 for any visitors. He is positive but it will be a long road back, so thoughts and prayers are with him and the family.

Mena Jones, who is now on her 3rd cycle of chemotherapy, and has good and bad days, still continues to remain upbeat and fighting. She appreciates your prayers and well wishes.

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Facebook!

The Church now has a facebook page: we welcome any suitable posts on this page on anything to do with the Church building and all the activities that happen in it. You can get to the page by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/WeoleyCastleCommunityChurch>

You can also find a link at the top of the Church website or use this link below with your mobile phone:



So, like us on facebook !

This Month's Funnies

From Ted F

What do you call a woman who does impressions of police cars? ---
NINA

What do you call a woman who doesn't just use a book and a candle? ---
-- ANNABEL

What do you call a woman who rents buildings? ----- LISA

What do you call a woman who helps you with the shopping? ---CARRIE

What do you call a woman who's always matchmaking? ---- MARIA

What do you call a woman who'll take you to court? -- SUE

What do you call a man who works on an oil well? ----- DEREK

What do you call a man with an insect on his head? ----- ANTON

What do you call a man who likes sewing? ---- FRED

What do you call a man who lives in a back street? ---- ALI

What do you call a man who was fishing and was struck by lightning? ---
ROD

What do you call a French man in sandals? -----
PHILIPPE PHILOPPE

From Chris B

I was in a café the other day and complained "this coffee tastes like mud". "Of course it does" said the waiter, "it's fresh ground".



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 7th October at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship group are meeting on **Wednesday 14th October at 2.30pm.** A demonstration of Christmas Crafts is lined up this month.

The Community Choir meets weekly on **Fridays at 6.30pm** and all are welcome.

There is also a Community Garden group meeting monthly and next on **Saturday 3rd October at 10.30am.**

There will be a Fish n Chip Supper and Quiz on **Sat 17th at 6.30pm** to about 9pm. Cost is £6 per team of 6. There will also be a raffle.

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 events too:

Thursday Oct 1st there is a Thursday afternoon group, for retired folk, from **2—3pm**. This week there will be a presentational talk on “The World of Musical Theatre”, given by John Smith.

On **Fri 2nd and 16th** there will be an evening meditation from **7—8pm**.

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

And finally... as mentioned earlier, a joint Elders Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm where we will meet the new Synod Moderator.. Venue will be Weoley Hill Church.

THE WORLD OF CRCW

We're well into the new academic year now and things are falling back into place, such as Playgroup and Tuesday Club. We are thankful for all the people who give their time, talents and energy into making such activities not only possible but quality too.

Plans for our next Messy Church are underway and also the student, Vicky is starting in earnest, so you will see her around too. We are also planning a Child Protection Training Session on Tues 3rd Nov, so if you are involved in working with children here at the church, you are invited to come along. The session begins at 6.30pm, with a buffet provided from 6.00pm. It will be the first of two sessions, the other date being made on the day with the participants. This will enable us to be better equipped to take the projects into the future, and give people the up to date information they need too.

Hopefully, many of you will have enjoyed



the Weoley

Festival this year. The sun shone for us and lots of people turned out to support the event. Elite did their thing in the arena, good as usual, and meanwhile the church found new homes for over 100 cuddly toys.

If you would like to know more about how it all happens, or to get involved there will be an AGM, which will be

publicised soon, so come along with your ideas and talents.

As I write we are planning our annual Harvest Festival, to which all are welcome, 11am Sunday, it's a time to think about the things we are blessed with, that we find in the created world around us, and to be thankful. We have a lot to be grateful for; only the other day someone came to the door late at night asking if we could give them some candles as they had no electricity. It helps me realise just how fortunate we



are. So, as we celebrate this harvest, remember those less well off, those struggling to make it through each day, and let's be thankful.

Mark Tubby CRCW

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