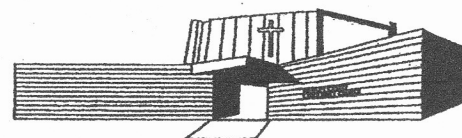


Weoley Castle Community Church

Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Now that Easter is upon us and the school holidays begin some things take a back seat. However, we still have plenty of groups and activities for you to come along and be part of.

Each Monday and Friday here, we run a Day Centre for our older generations in the community, as well as a Lunch Club, for those seeking somewhere to dine with friendly staff and locals. Speak to Christine Hopkins if you would like to know more.



Our new Youth Club for 12+ years will continue from the 12th April, with the expertise and staff

from Birmingham Youth Service. It starts at 7.30pm, and contact is Jo Burrows.

At the weekends anyone is welcome to join us for the Sunday Service at 11.00am. Holy Communion is on the second Sunday each month.

Of course, there are other activities for you to join in too, please see inside for more details on what happens throughout the week here!

Find out more about Weoley Castle and its people:

www.weoleycastle.net

weoleycastlechurch.co.uk

www.stonehousegang.co.uk

www.shenleyacademy.org.uk

weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk

WIDER CHURCH

Weoley Castle Community Church is part of the United Reformed Church a wider network of free churches across the UK. The West Midlands area churches met recently and Vicky, student CRCWM here, attended. This is her report.

It was a long drive to Cirencester for most people, the church being one of the furthest south in the Synod. This did seem to affect numbers a little, but it was still busy and the church was very welcoming (and the soup was lovely!). The meeting started with worship lead by the Moderator Steve Faber.

The theme was 'Health and Wellbeing' and we saw presentations from Parish Nursing UK, Waterways Chaplaincy and Christian Aid's Big Brekkie. All three ask us to find out more about what they do, share information and most importantly to pray for them.

Recognition of members achievements, retirements, movements and remembrance were made and celebrated. Roy Lowes has been nominated to be Moderator of General Assembly (although nobody knows how Roy will feel about this!)

Resolutions received from General Assembly were discussed;

- Marriage of Same-Sex Couples. The final decision lies with the local church meeting. The synod did not object to the resolution approved by General Assembly July 2015

- Ministerial Candidating Process. Change to wording and inclusion of role of General Assembly. The synod did not object to the resolution approved by Mission Council May 2015

- National Synods. Allowing Scotland and Wales to speak and act on behalf of the whole URC in ecumenical relationships. The synod did not object to the resolution passed by Mission Council May 2015.

The Finance and Property reports, Mission Council report and the minutes of the previous meeting were all accepted and signed.

Resolutions from Synod were discussed;

- Synod agreed to adopt the Area Ministers Strategy and Standard Role Description

- There was a discussion regarding the proposal of a Policy for a Retired Minister in the Local Church. No agreement could be made and the proposal was withdrawn to refer back to Mission Council.

- Nominations Committee. Synod agreed to the nominations made for representatives and reserves for General Assembly 2016, Section O members, LBAC convenor and Racial Justice Advocate.

The meeting closed with worship and warm wishes were sent from the Synod to all of the local churches.

Vicky Longbone

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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 7.30pm	Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term time) Youth Club (12+)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time) Elite Dance
THURSDAY	Mornings 6.00pm	Foot Health Practitioner (Occasionally) 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, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement

OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

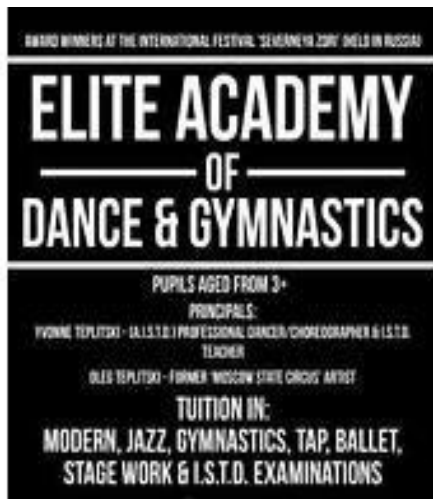


Free Hearing Aid Battery Replacement—This service will still be available here on Mon, Wed & Friday between 9.30am and 2pm. Ask for Christine Hopkins.

TIM GALE, THE FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER IS CURRENTLY OUT OF ACTION

[Watch here for details](#)

**IT'S ONLY £15 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
CONTACT CHRISTINE HOPKINS ON
TEL : 0121 426 1227**



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**.

Each month, on a Saturday morning, there will be a Men's fellowship group, a chance to eat, pray and talk together. It will take place at the home of Joe Bevan, so contact him for more details on 07852238244

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

An Evening With Garth Hewitt

At Beacon Church Centre in Rubery there is an opportunity to enjoy some music in the company of Garth, whose songs speak of struggles, joy, and God's love. Tickets are available in advance for £6—adults and £2—children. Call 01562710231 for details. You can also purchase tickets on the door at £7.50—adults and £3.50—children.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 3rd April	11.00am	Chris Miles
Sunday 10th April (Communion)	11.00am	Ted Forgan
Sunday 17th April (Joint Service)	10.30am	At Weoley Hill URC
Sunday 24th April	11.00am	Lin Barrington-Singh
Sunday 1st May	11.00am	Rev David Parker

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 13th April
Church Meeting	12.30pm	Sun 24th April

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Margaret Wetherall is still struggling to recover from her fall, please remember her in your prayers.

Jaimee, Keith and Diane's daughter gave birth to baby Charlotte, a little sister to Samuel and Ollie. She was born 31st January, 5 weeks early, but is now doing well. Congratulations to you Jaimee, Andy and the boys and our best wishes.

Also, please pray for Ernest and Kathleen Cruchley, Kath has had a fall and Ernest is struggling with his back. They are in our thoughts.

Mena Jones presented a cheque for £1770 to the young Person's Unit at the QE Hospital the other day. Thanks to all who helped raise this money.



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

Mark Tubby was walking through Weoley Castle the other day when he saw a group of young lads gathered around a puppy. He asked them what they were up to, and they said that it was a stray and that they were arguing over who could take it home. They had decided that the person who could tell the biggest lie could have the puppy. Mark was shocked, and said "don't you know that lying is not a good thing to do? I never lied like that when I was your age!"

At this the boys all looked crestfallen: and looking at each other they said: "better let him have the puppy!"

Ted Forgan

Did you hear about the lady whose house was infested with Easter eggs?
She had to call in the eggs-terminator

How do you know that carrots are good for your eyesight?
Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses!?

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
Bugs Bunny



From Hannah Tubby

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 6th April at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship group are meeting on **Wednesday 13th April at 2.15pm.**

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

There is also a Community Garden group meeting monthly and will next meet on **Saturday 2nd April at 10.30am.**

Service 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 events too:

Thursday 7th April there is a Thursday afternoon group, for retired folk, from **2—3pm.**

On **Thurs 14th and 28th** there will be a quiet space for meditation from **3—4pm.**

Sunday Services begin at 10.30am and all are welcome.

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

THE WORLD OF CRCW

Well, another month gone by and still plenty going on. March started with the launch of a new venture for us here at the community church. The demise of the local Youth Centre, due to cutbacks, has meant an opportunity to work more collaboratively, which is what I try to do naturally. So, after discussions with church and authorities, a partnership with Birmingham City Youth Service has resulted in a Youth Club, aimed at children 12+, which offers a space to be creative, to learn new skills, run off some energy or simply to chill with friends.



Running from 7.30—9.00pm it is open to all the young people in the community. Just turn up with contact details and £1 and you're in. Speak to Jo on 07775024692 or Mark on 07505521302 for more details.

Meanwhile our Children's Club continues to attract many 7—11 yr olds, with a growing waiting list. Our brilliant volunteers are now trained in Safeguarding, with First Aid Training to come next month. If you would like to get involved, contact Mark, who can take you through DBS, and introduce you to what we do here.

We are grateful to for our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, of whom there are now 3, Matty, Ollie and Evie. It's good to have them involved and have some younger leaders to

whom the children can easily relate. They are a great asset and I hope we offer them opportunity to develop the skills they need to succeed.

Our Messy Church continues to be fun, attracting a range of families that include regulars, occasional attenders and random folk who wander in. All are welcome to join the creative chaos and get involved in many ways, through arts, through play, through prayer. God is at work in it all. Watch out for the next event!

Meanwhile we have had our Good Friday Happening, a very similar event, which attracted many families, who came and had fun making lots of craft and lots of mess. Thanks to all who helped.



In April, Steve Summers, the Development Worker for CRCW Ministry, is visiting us. He'll be around on Monday 25th during the afternoon, so come and say hi.



Mark Tubby CRCW

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