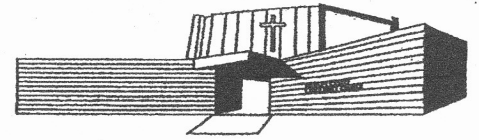


Weoley Castle Community Church Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

This month we are looking at beginning coffee mornings each Thursday from 10am. Following the success of recent events on a Thursday morning and in consultation with local residents we wanted to offer a place for the community to have a drink, to meet and make friends, and just be, in a safe and loving environment.



As well as this of course, we offer a range of events and activities that cater for all members of the community. See page 3 for information on what happens each week.



Of course, our wider involvement will continue. We are planning our annual Activity Week for Kids, our 21st, which brings together volunteers and groups in the community to create a place to have fun and learn skills for any 8—12 yr olds in the area. Dates are 8—12 August this year and you can get involved by contacting Christine on 01214261227 or Mark on 07505521302.

The Weoley Festival is happening again on Sept 11th this year, 1—4pm. Any ideas you have are welcome as are volunteers to be involved in any way you can offer. Call Mark on 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.urch.org.uk

Thank you for calling us
to realise our potential.
Not be stuck in a false humility
that pretends we are not wonderful;
not minimising the beauty and diversity of the gifts
with which you bless us;
not pretending that we are worthless,
which is such an insult to you.
Help us to recognise just how wonderful we are –
and let us use our gifts to help others recognise theirs,
so that together
we can reflect your glory in serving and celebrating
and redeeming the world

Zam Walker

Christian Aid Week May 2016

Congratulations to Min Elson, who raised £112.02p with a “Big Brekkie” – a new idea for a fundraiser during the week. Thanks also to people in the congregation for their donations to this important work, and especially to the collectors who went around streets in Weoley Castle delivering and collecting envelopes. Theirs was a frustrating task, since the most common response was “I’m not interested”, and the total collected around the streets was a disappointing £157 plus one plastic 10p piece of play-money. It seems that our Government’s very ungenerous attitude to refugees from war-torn Syria has “given people permission” to ignore desperately suffering fellow human beings. Most of the envelopes contained just a few odd bits of change, and only a few lovely people put in a significant amount of money, showing that they felt a real responsibility to share the good things of the world. It also seems that house-to-house collecting is felt to be an intrusion by many, and no longer the way that people expect to donate. I propose that next year we are more inventive in our fund-raising, and perhaps that we also drop a note to all the streets where we have collected, saying that we shall be outside the CO-OP and ASDA shaking buckets on the Saturday morning for an hour or so. Anyway, with the Church collection, Gift Aid etc., the total raised so far for Christian Aid is £329, so thanks again to all who contributed to this total.



Ted Forgan

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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

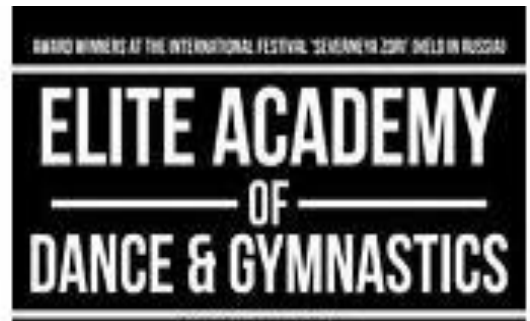
Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement

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.

Run by award winners Yvonne and Oleg Teplitski, Elite offers 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 speak to her. Times are on page 3 of this newsletter.



Each month, on 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

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

It's good to welcome Tim, the foot health practitioner, back. Having recovered from ill health Tim is back and available for appointments.

He is next available on **Thursday 14th July** during the morning. To book your appointment write your name on the sheet provided in church or contact Christine on 0121 426 1227.



The cost is just **£15 a session**, and this includes a warm welcome and a cup of tea or coffee.

NICE—Centre Movement Disorders:

Thanks to all those who have already bought raffle tickets, the total raised so far is £59.50. there is still time to buy yours; the draw is not until 5th June. Please see Margaret Basterfield

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 5th June	11.00am	Christine Miles
Sunday 12th June (Communion)	11.00am	Rev Kevin Snyman
Sunday 19th June	11.00am	Vicky Longbone
Sunday 26th June	11.00am	Rev Graham Ball
Sunday 3rd 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**

Elders Meeting	7.30pm	Wed 8th June
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Margaret Wetherall is currently in Castlecroft, a local residential care home, on a trial basis to see if it suits her needs. Visitors are welcome there.

Margaret Wozencroft is back at home following her operation and also welcomes anyone able to visit her.

Matthew Tubby is finishing his school life this term and is currently exploring Apprenticeships in IT.

ALSO IN THE NEWS

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



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On **Friday 8th July** we are having our next Messy Church event, with the whole thing kicking off around 3.30pm, straight after school. There will be lots of fun, friends, food and full on mess for all the family.

Everybody is welcome to this event where we come together to discover God in the community and make friends in a space that is safe and fun.

For more details or to get involved contact Mark on 07505521302.

THIS MONTH'S FUNNIES

Puns of the month:

Did you hear about the person whose whole left side was cut off?
He's all right now.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.

I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

Did you hear about the man who got hit in the head with a can of pop? He was lucky it was a soft drink.

Have you ever tried to eat a clock?
It's very time-consuming.



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 1st June at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship group are meeting on **Wednesday 8th June at 11.00am.**

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 4th June at 10.30am.**

The book group are next meeting on **Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm.**

At **7.30pm on Saturday 18th June**, there is a concert performance by Bournville Clarinets.

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 2nd June there is a Thursday afternoon group, for retired folk, from **2—3pm.**

On **Thurs 9th and 23rd** 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

As we move through spring and into summer things are gradually warming up. With the warmth comes flowers and wildlife galore, bursting with vigour and flourishing in the climate. There is a natural rhythm to life. We find too that we enjoy the warmth. I've been getting busy in the garden, getting veggies planted and tending flower beds. This new burst of energy can spill into many aspects of who we are, including the church community. A recent tea party through Ageing Better and a Big Brekky led to the idea of coffee mornings; and we have of course, started working with the Youth Service to provide a Youth Club. These have grown organically from what has been happening already and there may be something in that. Do



we need to push for more activities? With the small band that make up the church here I guess not. Seasons come and go. The local community are coming and saying what they feel is needed in the area already. Let's just listen to the natural rhythm then.

Our latest Messy Church event, which went well and was a lot of fun, was also an opportunity to listen. We asked the questions about a more regular event and whether it might work on a

Sunday afternoon. So, rather than do what suits us best it's better that we can get the community involved and work with them on making things happen that enables us all to be part of it.

We recently had the chance to review and update many of our church policies. Having done the updating I took the policies to church meeting. This proved an important exercise and gives us an opportunity, as a church, to look at what we do and how we do it. Policies are great but only if they are implemented well. So, over the next few weeks and more we will be looking at how the information gets from a piece of paper into being part of our practice. It may mean changes but this would ensure we are in a better place to continue developing as a church and community.



Mark Tubby CRCWM

Creating Change
in Communities and the Church

