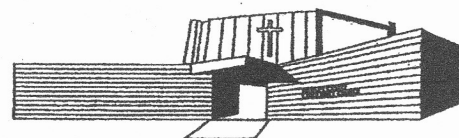


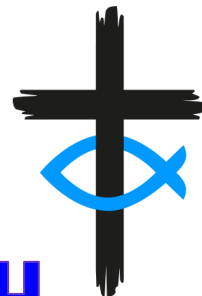
# Weoley Castle Community Church

## Newsletter

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### FESTIVAL TIME

It's that time of year again when people take to the streets and parks to come together to have fun. Weoley Castle is no exception to that. This year the Weoley Castle Festival will take place on a **Saturday**, and earlier in summer too, being on the **8th July**, quite a change from the usual Sunday in September, and it will run from **12—4pm**. So, come along and join in the fun, there will be rides, stalls, shows and entertainment for all of the family. You could even get a turn on the mic !

So, support your community and bring friends too; schools, community groups, churches and residents have helped to make this happen.



If you would like to get involved or have ideas that could make it even better then feel free to call the chair, Mark, on 07505521302 or speak to one of the committee on the day. See you there !

**Find out more about Weoley Castle and its people:**

[www.weoleycastle.net](http://www.weoleycastle.net)

[weoleycastlechurch.co.uk](http://weoleycastlechurch.co.uk)

[www.stonehousegang.co.uk](http://www.stonehousegang.co.uk)

[www.shenleyacademy.org.uk](http://www.shenleyacademy.org.uk)

[weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk](http://weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk)

## ***Dear Friends***

I haven't ridden a bicycle for many years because I have lost my confidence completely and can't remove my right hand from the handlebars to indicate. I've seen what many drivers (and pedestrians) do to cyclists. As a driver and pedestrian I've seen some of the idiotic things that some cyclists do to other road users. Some of those on bikes try to keep moving at all costs, weaving their way through stationary traffic, through red lights at junctions and pedestrian crossings.

(With apologies to any physicists amongst us.) Cyclists do have the laws of physics on their side. All moving objects possess momentum and kinetic energy, which can only be restored by the input of fresh energy. So, a cyclist who slows down will have to pedal hard to get back to their previous speed.

Churches possess a kind of spiritual momentum: it can't be measured in any scientific way, but we know when things are going well and that we're "getting somewhere". This shouldn't surprise us because each community of Christians is supposed to be a community in movement, disciples seeking to grow in discipleship and follow Jesus. This pilgrim theme runs through the Bible from Abraham to Jesus and beyond.

But there is a real danger that a church can lose its sense of motion, especially during the summer which used to be the holiday period – that now begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December! Nonetheless families with children are looking forward (?!) to the end of the school year, while other people make their escape before prices reach their peak. Many of our regular activities will soon go "on hold."

There is nothing wrong with this. Jesus and the disciples needed to take time out to rest, eat and drink. They also needed time to be spiritually refreshed by spending time in prayer. But, as every walker knows, if you pause for too long your muscles seize up and it becomes hard to get moving again. Equally, everyone who's had a holiday has experienced that "I really don't want to go back to work" feeling when they return home. Lethargy can very easily become the order of the day!

So, when summer comes to its end, we will have to overcome our inertia. We'll only have a few weeks before we hit Harvest, and only a few more weeks after that Advent beckons and we'll be thinking of Christmas - what a thought!

They're not here yet, so I would like to ask you to use some of that 'down' time to think and pray about some of the things that we need to consider from the autumn on.

**Mission and outreach to our neighbourhood.** Lots of young people come through our doors each week, we aren't making the most of the contacts we have with the people who live around us. We have a responsibility to share our Christian message with them - but how can we do this? People are not going to beat a path to our doors, so we need to discover ways of interacting with them, inviting them to 'special' services and activities.

**Our own involvement in church life.** The Apostle Paul says that every Christian has a gift which they should use to serve Christ in and / or outside the church. How can we best use the gifts and skills God has given us to spread the good news of Jesus?

Please do enjoy the summer. I hope that we will all have time to relax, reflect and think. And then, when autumn comes, let's move ahead with renewed vigour and find a new momentum which will be quite unstoppable! Every blessing **David**

# CONTACTS

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## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Family Worship—everyone welcome Holy Communion - 2nd Sunday each month</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 5.30pm</b>	<b>Day Centre Lunch Club Over 60's Keep Fit (Gentle Exercise) Karate</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm 7.30pm</b>	<b>Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term Time) Youth Club (12+)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.15am 5.00pm</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Toddler Group (Term Time) Elite Dance Academy</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10.00am 5.30pm</b>	<b>Advice &amp; Support Café (Various) Karate</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 3.30pm 5.00pm</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Toddler Group (Term Time) Day Centre Lunch Club Cardiac Club Messy Church (once each half term) Elite Dance Academy</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Elite Dance Academy</b>

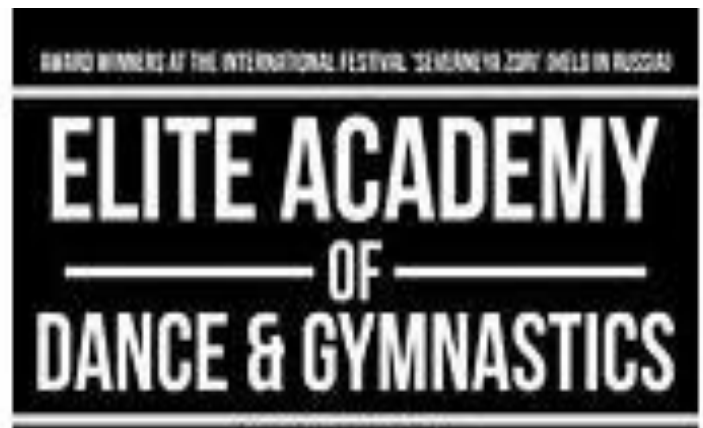
**Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement**

# OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



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

Run by Yvonne and Oleg Tep-litski, 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.



## THIS MONTH'S FUNNIES



Dad, when I grow up will the calves in my legs be cows?  
(From A Princethorpe Junior Pupil)

What do you call a donkey with 3 legs? A wonky donkey

What do you call a donkey with 3 legs and one eye closed? A winky wonky donkey

What do you call a donkey with 3 legs, one eye closed, playing the harp? A plinky plonky winky wonky donkey

What do you call a donkey with 3 legs, one eye closed, playing the harp and a jazz piano? A honky tonky plinky plonky winky wonky donkey

What do you call a one-eyed dinosaur? Doyouthink'esaurus  
What do you call his dog? Doyouthink'esaurus Rex

Did you hear about the man with custard, bananas, strawberries

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 2nd July	11.00am	Ian Carnell
Sunday 9th July (Communion)	11.00am	Rev Brian Brown
Saturday 16th July (Joint Service at Bournville URC)	10.30am	Rev Steve Faber
Sunday 23rd July	11.00am	Paul Tucker
Sunday 30th July	11.00am	Rev Graham Ball

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	Wednesday 26th July
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# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Please remember Miles and Christine in your prayers.

Audrey Stables is currently unwell and in hospital, and feeling tired, so please remember her too..

Let me know of birthdays and I will add them in here, it's good to remember all those associated with the church community.

**Thanks** Once again a very big thank you for all the donations of clothes and other goods for the homeless community in Birmingham. Although the weather is warmer these people still need help and sustenance.. The need for toiletries and personal items is still great. The four volunteers will again be out in Birmingham on Saturday July the 1st, distributing warm drinks and snacks and other items . Please if you can help by donating .Packs of prepared cups of coffee ,chocolate. bovril are available in Poundland 7 cups for £1.00, Clothes (not too large!), waterproofs. Rucksacks, socks, underwear, Imagine what you would need to live out of a bag on the street ! If you need items to be collected please call 0791 367 6341 or 07878291003.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES IN JULY

**Thursday 6th July** sees our Advice Café, free professional support and advice on the things that matter to you. It runs from 10am to around 12.30pm.

On **Wednesday 19th July** the Playgroup are going on their annual summer trip, this year to the National Adventure Farm.

On **Tuesday 11th July**, the Tuesday Club are having a barbeque, to which all the parents are invited, and help is welcome, speak to Mark.

On **Thursday 20th July**, Love Weoley is meeting again, businesses, schools, churches and community coming together to make a positive difference in Weoley Castle. It starts at 10am and all are welcome to come along and get involved.

**Tuesday 23rd July** sees a different event, BRAP are coming along to facilitate a conversation about local issues and how the community sees them, all are welcome to come and share their views. It starts at 7pm.

Finally, though not comprehensively, on **Thursday 27th July**, NAFCAF is happening here from 10am to 1pm, with arts and crafts, music food and friends, so come along and see what happens.

## SPOTLIGHT

This month begins a new feature article. We kick off with the Gentle Exercise Classes, which run each **Monday from 1.30pm—2.30pm**. Led by the experienced Kat, the group caters for all abilities including stroke victims and wheelchairs. So, improve flexibility, strength, keep fit and join us for some fun too. Contact **Kat on 07828038919** for more details.



# FROM WEOLEY HILL CHURCH

The Church at 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 5th July at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship Group are meeting on **Wednesday 12th July at 2.00pm.**

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

The Community Garden group that meet monthly on **Saturday's**, and next on **1st July at 10.30am**

Services are each **Sunday at 10.30am** and anyone is welcome to join us.

There is a Joint Elders meeting on Wed 19th at 7.30pm

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:



On 2nd and 4th **Thurs** 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

Summer is set and so are plans for many events here in Weoley Castle Community Church. We are well set for our annual **Activity Week** for children aged 8 to 12 years. This year it runs from **7th to 11th August**, so book your place now, they are limited. That's after a busy July, see inside for more details of what's going on.

Meanwhile we have to get used to things without Vicky, our student Community Minister, who has



now been called to Derby to work for the church there, we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Thanks to everyone who came along to the barbeque where we said farewell to Vicky and thanks to every-

one who makes this community what it is. It

was a great occasion and a fitting end to Vicky's time with us.

As we near the end of term I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful people that ensure we can offer a wide range of quality activities for all sections of the community. You do a



wonderful job.

If anyone else would like to join our team then

please contact me, on 07505521302, there is always scope for more, and we can always use more talent. We can offer train-

ing in whatever you choose to do too.

If you have other ideas that we currently have not included feel free to come and talk to me, happy to help more things happen in this wonderful community.

*Mark Tubby CRCWM*

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