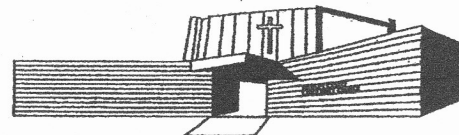


Weoley Castle Community Church



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Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Our next Messy Church event is happening later this month, on Friday 15th Sept in fact, with lots of craft, games, food, music, stories and of course, mess. Everyone is welcome, whatever age, though smaller ones do need to bring an adult. If you are intending to bring a large number with you it would be helpful if you let Mark know, on 07505521302, so that we can ensure catering is covered for you all.



The event is a donation only occasion as we do not want to exclude anyone. It runs from around 3.30pm to about 6pm. Hope to see you there!

Other things getting back after the summer include the Toddler Group, Children's Tuesday Club & Youth Club. See inside for more details.



Mercy Path Variety Show
Live Music | Dance | Performances
Saturday 09 SEP 2017
2PM

Venue
St Davids Hall Shenley Green
Shenley Lane
Birmingham
B29 4HH

£5

Tel: 0121 219 0086
Email: info@mercupath.org
www.mercupath.org

One other thing that is happening locally, at St. David's Church Hall, Shenley Green, is a charity event variety show with all kinds of fun and entertainment for the whole family. It is in aid of Mercy Path, a charity supporting the people of Sierra Leone. Book your ticket now, just £5 each. Call 0121 219 0086.

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

Dear Friends

Last year I remember reading an article about the top 15 UK cities for traffic congestion and about the worst 'hotspot' in each of them. Much to my surprise Birmingham was only 14th in the list with London (no surprise – although it was interesting to see that Belfast was the city with worst traffic problems). That the A38 / M6 junction was the site of Birmingham's slowest traffic was not a great shock!

Back in 2015 Aberdeen was voted the most dismal city in Scotland but in 2016 was voted the kindest city. In 2013, Coventry was named as the seventh least appealing town. At the same time the achievements of Wasps Rugby Club were being celebrated whilst the 'new' Cathedral and the ruins of the old were described as an "atmospheric delight" and the various museums as great places to enjoy.

So, how about a church? How do you measure a congregation's well-being? I suggest there are at least two ways of measuring the health of a congregation.

Lesslie Newbigin trained as a Minister (of the Presbyterian Church of England) at Westminster College in Cambridge and worked as a Church of Scotland missionary in India from 1934-1974. Although a white European, his humility, warmth and clear thinking commended itself to the Indian church. He was elected as a Bishop around the time several traditions and denominations came together as the Church of South India. Back in the UK in retirement he served in the United Reformed Church, teaching at the Selly Oak Colleges and serving as Minister at Winson Green URC. The phrase he carried with him through all his work was that "the health of the whole depends on the health of the smallest unit." Just as an infection can enter the body through the smallest cut, so organisations can be prone to weakness through its frailest part. That can be true of a congregation.

So far as the traditional Church Calendar goes we are in the 'long drag' between Pentecost / Trinity Sunday to the beginning of Advent on December 3rd. We have celebrated all the major Christian festivals from Christmas to Easter and beyond. The Revised Common Lectionary would have us recall and reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus before we begin preparing for Christmas through Advent.

This is recalling and reflecting isn't just about satisfying intellectual curiosity or helping us feel good, although these aren't bad things. We are invited to growth in faith, hope love and commitment to Jesus learning to walk with him as he leads on to the future and the next stage of our individual and church lives. There will be opportunities in the Autumn to explore the Bible together in a relaxed environment. Look out for more information.

May God's big love meet us in our need and openness.

Every blessing *David*

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COMMUNITY MINISTER : Mark Tubby.....07505521302...crcwm4wccc@gmail.com

HALL BOOKINGS : Mark Tubby.....475 3841.....crcwm4wccc@gmail.com

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	11.00am	Family Worship—everyone welcome Holy Communion - 2nd Sunday each month
MONDAY	10.00am 12.00 noon 1.30pm 5.30pm	Day Centre Lunch Club Over 60's Keep Fit (Gentle Exercise) 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 Academy
THURSDAY	10.00am 5.30pm	Advice & Support Café (Various) 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 Academy
SATURDAY	9.00am	Elite Dance Academy

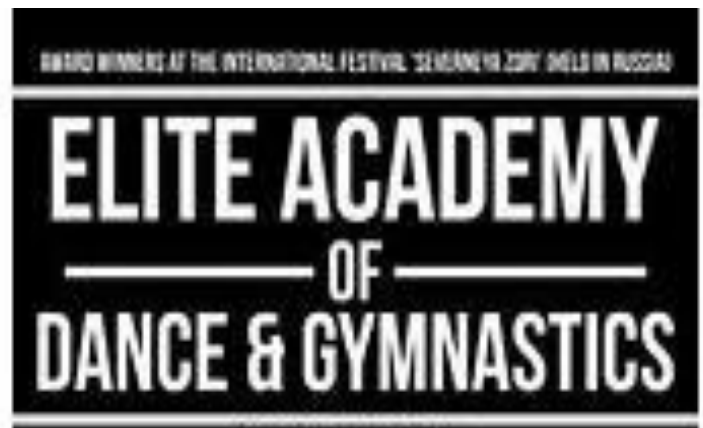
Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement

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



A selection of jokes from comedians at the Edinburgh Festival

I'm not too keen on the new £1 coin - but then, I don't like change.

Whenever someone says to me "I don't believe in coincidences", I say "That's amazing: me neither!"

I don't see the reason for rhetorical questions. I mean, what's the point of asking them?

Vegans think that people who sell meat are disgusting, but people who sell fruit and veg are grocer.

I wonder how many chameleons got into the Ark.

Combine Harvesters – and you'd have a really big restaurant.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 3rd September	11.00am	Mark Tubby
Sunday 10th September	11.00am	Rev Ian Ring
Sunday 17th September	11.00am	Rev Donald Sampson
Sunday 24th September	11.00am	Joe Blackburn
Sunday 1st October	11.00am	Andy Vail

**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 September
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Audrey Stables is now back at home following a spell in hospital. Please pray for her continuing recovery.

Miles and Christine still appreciate your prayers.

Congratulations to Oliver Smith who, in his Maths AS exam achieved an A grade, so well done..

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Each month, on the final Thursday, the church is turned into a family friendly arts venue, with music, painting, drawing, knitting, poetry or whatever your craft is, coming together to make a place that is fun and creative. Led by Northfield Arts Forum, everyone is welcome to have a go or to simply relax and enjoy the atmosphere and some pay as you feel food and refreshments. It runs from 10am to 1pm. Hope to see you there !



You will, I'm sure, have noticed our brand new flooring in the back hall. It certainly makes the room look bigger and a lot smarter. Thanks to Midas flooring for their work and for everyone involved in making it happen, from organising to clearing the room, it makes quite a difference.

Vicky, who, as you know, has now moved to Derby, has asked me to publish her new email address, for anyone wanting to keep in touch.

vickylongbone@gmail.com

SPOTLIGHT

On the first Thursday of each month we have been running an advice café, with various organisations offering their professional expertise free of charge to the local community. If you, or someone you know has a particular issue you are needing advice or help on, then come along and see how we can support you.

If you know of organisations that could be part of this venture please let me know on 07505521302. we are always looking to expand on what we offer the community so some and tell us how we can better serve you.



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 6th September at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship Group are next meeting on **Wednesday 13th September at 2.00pm.**

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

The Community Garden group will now rest till the Spring.

Services are 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:



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

Well, another summer flashes by and we also said farewell to Vicky, and wish her well in Derby. Her commissioning took place on August 12th and several folk from here went to support her in her new venture. I'm sure she be up for visits if people wish to continue their support.



Activity Week celebrated 21 years this summer, and I need to say a huge thank you to all those people who gave up their week to make it such a great occasion. It simply would be impossible to offer such a quality event without the wonderful volunteers

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Community Cash

heart of england
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

who work with the children. Heart of England Community URC West Midlands Synod for experiences they will hopefully remember for quite some time. With children in the building there



Thanks also to Comic Relief / Cash for granting us £1000 and £500 to give the local children remem- over 40 was



guaranteed noise, but plenty of fun to be had with it.

Of course, we can't say thank you enough to Christine Hopkins, who heads it up and organises the people and activities to make the week

work. We look forward to see what next year brings.

As you will have read and seen, a new floor is now in place in the back hall, next on the list is a new cooker, to ensure the quality that we offer for all our community groups is of the best possible standard.

What will the new term bring I wonder? One thing is for certain, it won't be boring, there is always something going on here, something to get involved in, whatever your age, ability, sex, race etc. come along and find out more about what goes on in this hub of activity. Let me know what we are missing too, there's always scope for more.

Mark Tubby CRCWM

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