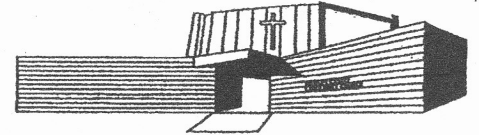


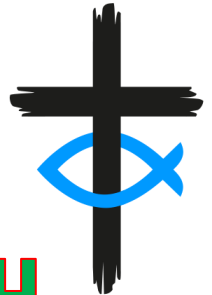
# Weoley Castle Community Church



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## Newsletter

DECEMBER 2017



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

This means that our annual Toy And Gift Service is nearly here, this year to be held on **Sunday 3rd December at 11.00am**. All are welcome, gifts go to BCC Children's Services.

The Christmas **Messy Church** is planned for **Friday 8th Dec** from

**3.30pm**, come along and join in the fun with carols, crafts and food, plus lots of mess. All the family are welcome.

On **Tuesday 12th December** our children's club for 7—11 yr olds, TFC, will be having a Christmas Party with food, games, music and madness. See Mark if you would like your child to join the group.

There will be playgroup Christmas Party on **Wednesday 13th Dec**. A morning of fun, food, and festivities including a visit from a special guest.

Then on **Friday 22nd December** there will be a Christmas Meal for those who are more vulnerable or alone. Cost is £7.50 per head. See Christine Hopkins about reserving a place.

On **Dec 24th** we are having a Christmas Festival Service with traditional carols. All are welcome to join us It starts at **11.00am**.

Then on Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of Jesus and all are free to join in.



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.urchurch.org.uk](http://weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urchurch.org.uk)

## Wrap up Birmingham

On Friday 8th Dec they are going out to visit the rough sleepers. With the colder weather here there is a real need for sleeping bags, under-

wear, socks, hats, shoes and toiletries. They are also hoping to get enough chocolate selection boxes to give out for Christmas too. See Margaret Hurlston for more details.



## B30 Foodbank



This year the B30 foodbank has already given out 881kgs of food to over 100 people. We have received 757 kgs of donated food but are now short of the following: Tinned Spaghetti, Rice Pudding, Custard, Squash, Instant Potato, Hot Chocolate and Fruit Juice. Thanks.

“Walking the Way” is a campaign of the United Reformed Church to help us all to become better disciples of Jesus

<http://www.urc.org.uk/wtw/films.html>

Here, you'll find two short films to inspire your thoughts and steps in “Walking the Way” - Living the Life of Jesus Today. They are both on the United Reformed Church's YouTube channel. Hopefully, they will be conversation starters.

**Walking with Trippy** is a light-hearted animation about what *Living the Life of Jesus today* might mean for any one of us.

**Voices to hear** has *vox pop* interviews posing two questions: ‘What would you expect to see in the life of someone who says they are a Christian?’ and ‘What do you think churches are for?’

Walking  
the Way  
Living the life of Jesus today

# 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>
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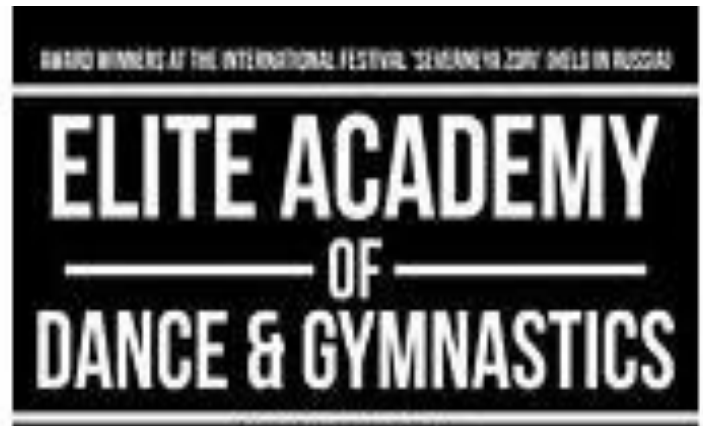
**Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement**

# 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

How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit? *No Brussels*

What do Santa's helpers eat for breakfast? *Frosties*

How long does a reindeers legs need to be?  
*Long enough so that they can reach the ground*

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?  
*He got 25 days*



What's the best way to end Christmas Day ? *With a letter Y*

How do snowmen get to work ? *On their icicle*

Why does Santa go down the chimney ? *Because it soots him*

What do you call someone who is afraid of Father Christmas?  
*Claustrophobic*

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 3rd December (Toy and Gift Service)</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rev Robert Ash</b>
<b>Sunday 10th December (Communion)</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mike / Cheryl Nimz</b>
<b>Sunday 17th December</b>	<b>11.00m</b>	<b>Rev Ernest Cruchley</b>
<b>Sunday 24th December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Worship Group</b>
<b>Monday 25th December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mark Tubby</b>
<b>Sunday 31st December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Christine Miles</b>

**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 St Gabriel's**

**Next Elder's Meeting Wednesday 10th January 7.30pm**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Please remember Miles and Christine in your thoughts & your prayers.

Pray for Hilary and the family as they try and come to terms with what lies ahead.

Birthdays this month include Audrey Stables, Hannah and Mark Tubby, Hilary Littlejohns and

Let me know of your 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 !



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](mailto:vickylongbone@gmail.com)

# SPOTLIGHT



Twice every term we take over the building to create a space where families can feel free to make a mess, explore faith, create community and be part of an atmosphere where questions can be asked, people can find friendship and support and where God is at work.

We will do various craft activities, do some story telling, play games

and enjoy a meal together. Our next one will be the Christmas special on **Friday 8th December form 3.30pm** onwards. People can feel free to drop in whenever they wish up until about 6pm. For more information about what we get up to or how you can be a part of this fun event contact Mark on 07505521302 or just drop in at the church. Anyone of whatever age is welcome just come prepared to make a mess.

# 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 December at 1.00pm.**

The Friendship Group are next meeting on **Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm.**

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

On **Sunday 24th Dec at 5pm** there will be a Crib Service with Carols, then at **11.15pm** there will be a midnight communion service.

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](mailto: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](mailto:jgarrow7@btinternet.com)

# THE WORLD OF CRCW

Well, almost another year passed and plenty has happened. We saw Vicky commissioned in Derby, David come and tragically go, Advice Café's started, our 22nd Activity Week, 7 years of Messy Church, plus all the various groups that run on a weekly basis. One thing is certain, it's never boring here.

With thanks to this wonderful community we are able, along with several other organisations, to provide a wide range of events and activities to cater for most needs. Let me know where the gaps are and we can see how some may be filled.

Meanwhile, we have been up to all sorts at Tuesday Club, from baking and creating, to singing and playing. The group, which is for 7—11 yr olds, is run by a band of brilliant volunteers who make a space where the children can explore all sorts of ideas, talents and tasks. We raised money for Children in Need last month—£50, impressive, so well done.

Some of you may have noticed a Christmas Tree in the middle of the Square. The Love Weoley initiative is getting out there and doing what we can. So, with the council unable to provide a tree we took it into our own hands and with a bit of *monkey* gardening we planted one. So, the odd bucket of water



wouldn't go amiss if you're able. We are now looking to get folk involved in decorating it.

While on decorating trees, thank you to those that came and helped to deck out our halls and tree the other day, it looks great. Now we are prepared for all the events that are taking place in the lead up to Christmas, parties, services, events, meals etc. You make a real difference. So, I wish you all a great Christmas, hope you have a wonderful time, whether with family, friends or whoever. See you all again next year for more fun and frolics.

