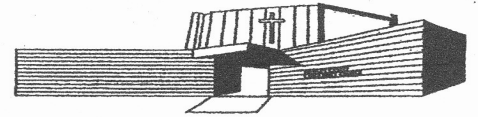


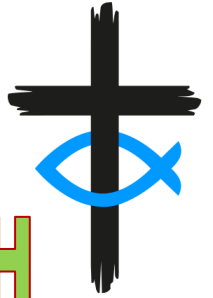
# Weoley Castle Community Church



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## Newsletter

JULY 2019



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

On the 28th of July our service will be at 12noon (not 12.30). In this service Summer Aubrey Neath-Keegan, daughter of Tracy and Carl and sister of Poppie, Brandon and Callum will be brought forward to be baptized. May it be a very joyful and faithful occasion.



After the service we are planning a bring and share BBQ in the WCCC Manse garden for the pastorate at 1pm please see Min for further details.



Dear Friends,

The summer holiday is soon upon us.....that is, the school holiday! For the children and their teachers it means a well-deserved time of rest and relaxation, and hopefully for the parents too who may take some time off work and engage in leisurely family activities. For some of us who are retired every day may seem like a “holiday” and for others it is difficult to take time off from work or from our daily or weekly routines.

And some of us may be looking after grandchildren or run holiday activities which means that after the summer holiday, we need a holiday! Holidays are not always “holy days” but we all need to make sure to have times of rest and refreshment. “Come...let’s take a break and get a little rest,” Jesus says to his disciples (Mark 6.31)

Wherever I am or wherever I go on holiday, I love lounging in a chair with a good book. And good books there are many! Bookshops and charity shops always have a good selection or go to the local library and see what is on the shelves. But I want to recommend too to have a look again at the “library” that is the Bible.

Yes, the Bible is a wonderful collection of books and stories! And to encourage you to do so, I am offering you a Bible Quiz. And as an incentive to do the quiz, I have a £10 book voucher to give away to whoever manages to answer most of the questions!

First some “easy” questions:

- 1) Who built the Ark?
- 2) How many people were saved on the Ark?
- 3) Who lived in Ur and moved to a country he did not know?
- 4) What was the name of Jacob’s youngest son?
- 5) How many years of famine did Joseph prophesy to the Pharaoh?
- 6) Which commander had leprosy?
- 7) Name three of Jesus’ disciples whose names begin with “J”
- 8) What type of tree did Zacchaeus climb?

And some questions about food in the Bible:

- 1) Who was famous as an eater of locusts?
- 2) Who had a baker who made pastries for him?
- 3) What did Ezekiel’s edible scroll taste like in his mouth?
- 4) In what book is Canaan described as a land flowing with milk and honey?
- 5) In what country did the Hebrews feed on cucumbers, melons, leek, onions and garlic?
- 6) Who cursed a fig tree for not bearing fruit?
- 7) What animal was killed for the party when the prodigal son returned?
- 8) According to the Law, what was the Passover meal composed of?

And here some questions about everyday phrases. Identify the book, chapter and verse where they originate:

- 1) Wolf in sheep’s clothing
- 2) Salt of the earth
- 3) Eat, drink and be merry
- 4) Can a leopard change his spots?
- 5) Holier than thou
- 6) The blind leading the blind
- 7) My brother’s keeper
- 8) A lamb for the slaughter

I hope that leafing through the Bible to find the answers may encourage you to read again some of the well-known and lesser known stories of the Bible that continue to inspire us, challenge us and encourage us in our faith and faithfulness. Have a good summer! Leonora

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HALL BOOKINGS :

## 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</b>	<b>Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term Time)</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>5.30pm</b>	<b>Karate</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 3.45pm 3.30pm 5.00pm</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Toddler Group (Term Time) Day Centre Lunch Club Sign Language Club (Term Time) 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**

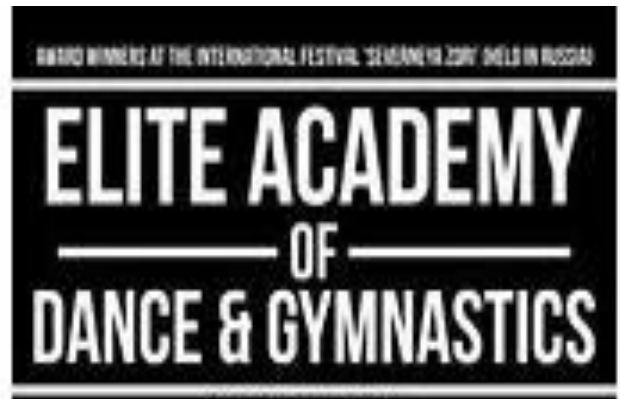
# OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



**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.

## Elite Academy of Dance & Gymnastics

For 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 see her. (Times on pg 3)



# THIS MONTH'S FUNNIES

## Jokes for July

### **Out of the mouths.....**

I was nervous the night my husband and I took our three young sons to a restaurant for the first time. My husband ordered a bottle of wine with the meal. When the waitress brought it, our children became quiet as she began the ritual uncorking. She poured a small amount for me to taste, at that moment, our six-year-old piped up, 'Mum drinks a lot more than that.'



### **Interesting study - take note**

A South American scientist from Argentina, after a lengthy study, has discovered that people with very low intellect read their e-mails with their hand on the mouse.

Don't bother taking your hand off now. It's too late.

### **Always Sell the Benefit**

Rupert, the salesman, was demonstrating unbreakable combs in a John Lewis department store in Doncaster. He was impressing the people who stopped by to look by putting the comb through all sorts of torture and stress. Finally to impress even the sceptics in the crowd, Rupert bent the comb completely in half, and it snapped with a loud crack. Without missing a beat, he bravely held up both halves of the 'unbreakable' comb for everyone to see and calmly said, 'And this, ladies and gentlemen, is what an unbreakable comb looks like on the inside.'

# CHURCH CALENDAR

*Sunday 7th July                      Rev Richard Alford 11.00*

*Sunday 14th July                      Leonora 11.00 To include Communion*

*Sunday 21st July                      TBC*

*Sunday 28th July                      Leonora 12.00 Baptism*

*Followed by a Bring and Share Pastorate BBQ at 1 pm*

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

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

[www.stonehousegang.co.uk](http://www.stonehousegang.co.uk)                      [www.shenleyacademy.org.uk](http://www.shenleyacademy.org.uk)  
[www.encounterchurch.uk](http://www.encounterchurch.uk)                      [weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk](http://weoleycastlecommunitychurch.urc.org.uk)

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Let me know your news and I will add it here, including birthdays, it's good to celebrate together.

At the end of last month we said a fond farewell to Mark and Debbie Tubby after 10 years service in the Church and Community



# Pastorate Notices

Here are a few pictures from Mark and Debbie's Leaving Parties





# FROM WEOLEY HILL CHURCH

Weoley Hill has events and activities to join in:



There is a monthly Lunch Club, ask for Nancy Nicholls.

The Friendship Group are next meeting on **Wednesday 10th July at 2.15pm.**

The Community Choir is on Friday evenings at **6.30pm.**

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 activities to join:



**Thursdays** 2nd and 4th 3pm - 4pm Meditations

**Sunday** Services begin at **10.30am** and all are welcome.

Except the 1st Sunday which is at 3pm

Contact Jim Garrow for more information **jgarrow24@outlook.com**

### **Morning at the Manse**

As mentioned there will be a morning meeting at the Weoley Hill Manse to talk and ask questions and reflect together on issues that are of particular relevance to us and in our society today. The conversation may be on the basis of one or more news item(s) or articles in a magazine/newspaper, an ethical issue that we grapple with, a question that we have or are being asked, etc. If we need an overall theme to focus on it could be "How do we live well and how do we shape our lives as people of faith in the complex world of today?" It will also be a time of fellowship and tea/coffee will be served. The next meeting will be on the 24th of July

### *An Ode To Weoley Castle*

Where's Weoley Castle? said my dad and my mum,  
It's an outer estate in the South West of Brum,  
A real maze of roads when you do make it there  
And each of them leads to the place called the Square  
The square really is the community hub,  
Full of charity shops and take-away grub  
The people here are a wonderful bunch  
Go round for coffee and they'll ask you to lunch  
The community spirit can be tangibly felt  
Despite the crap hand that many are dealt  
Churches, groups and places for us all  
People who care when your back's to the wall  
If you don't mind boy racers in the dead of the night  
You will find this community could be just right  
The church here in Weoley does a brilliant job  
Working together to show the love of God  
Each year the festival is the place to be seen  
Hundreds of locals right there on the green  
Showing off talents like dancing and singing  
Having fun with all ages, climbing and springing  
Ten years has flown by, as the saying goes  
Never a truer word could be spoken, I suppose.  
So, kids clubs and day centres, schools and more  
I found such inspiration in all, by the score  
Messy Church, that really was such great fun  
Activity Week, I enjoyed that from day one  
When you look back and see the people you've known  
It's hard saying goodbye, coz the fondness has grown  
I've been able to meet such great people here  
So we're leaving Matthew, to remind us of where  
We saw God work through the people of Weoley  
Sorry, if that sounds a bit touchy and feely  
But I have seen people baptised and changed  
Grow in confidence and never be the same  
I've done quite a lot of funerals here too  
It's an honour when folk, hurting, turn to you  
So, I've been involved from the cradle to grave  
And you never once told me how to behave  
It's one of the things that got me you see  
Is how you allowed this strange guy to be me  
I haven't needed to pretend or to fake  
So please pass that on, for everyone's sake  
And it's been a privilege to meet all of you  
To work alongside you in all that you do  
But my time here is done so I say goodbye  
And may all of your aspirations be high  
Reach for the stars, I pray you never fall  
Bless one another and may God bless you all

*Mark Tubby - June 2019*