

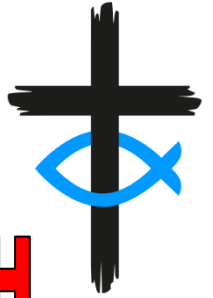
Weoley Castle Community Church



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Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

On the 18th of this Month we have our Family Fun day. The Theme of the Fun Day is New Beginnings starts at 10 am and finishes at 2 pm.



There will be plenty to do and there will be Lunch provided

Dear Friends,

By the time this newsletter is printed the UK will have left the EU. Church leaders and representatives (including the moderators of the URC) have issued a statement, excerpts of which you can read below.

We, the leaders and representatives of ten British Church denominations and networks, speak together as the UK prepares to leave the European Union on Friday 31 January 2020. The process of arriving at this point has been bruising and divisive. For some this date will mark the realisation of a long-held ambition and a moment of celebration. For others, however, it will be an occasion of great loss.... Church members in good conscience continue to hold a wide range of views about Brexit. As Church leaders and representatives, we are united in wishing to seek God's guidance and a sense of common purpose as we move from this chapter of the Brexit process into the next.

As the UK leaves the EU there are important choices to be made about the values that we as a country live out. As Christians, we affirm our belief that all people are equally created in God's image. Our country should be one that offers sanctuary to refugees and is intolerant of those who hate because of a person's race or nationality... The continuing challenges of the climate crisis, global inequality and conflict will require both resolve and close international cooperation to be addressed effectively. Brexit exposed and exacerbated divisions in British society. The deeply held convictions that fuelled the Brexit debate will not simply go away, but our Christian faith urges us to be people of peace and reconciliation.....

We will only be able to move towards having a sense of common purpose, despite our differences, when we choose to act with kindness, humility and respect towards those with whom we disagree.

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We call on our political leaders to set an example....as we move towards negotiations which will require further decisions about priorities for the nations of the UK.

For our part, our Churches will be working and praying for:

- a society where the poorest and most marginalised are at the centre
 - a society that welcomes the stranger
 - a just economy that enables the flourishing of all life
 - a planet where the environment is renewed
 - a world which actively works for peace
 - a politics characterised by listening, kindness and truthfulness.
- We pray for the people of the UK, for our leaders, and for the whole of Europe.....

On another note, we continue to meet on the 4th Sunday of the month (NB the 29th of March) at 11am for an hour of discussion, fellowship and refreshments and start our service at 12noon (or shortly after). You are very welcome to come at any time to join the discussion or just to come for worship.

The topics for the discussions in the next few months are:

23 February Fairtrade. At the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight, we consider how we can eat more “justly” and do some tasting too!

29 March Lent. We will look at the CTBI Lent course “Opening the Scriptures: setting our hearts on fire” and explore a biblical text that sets our hearts on fire!

26 April Preparing for the 50th Anniversary of our Church Building

24 May Christian Aid Brunch

28 June Church Meeting

Do come and join us! With all best wishes and blessings,

Leonora

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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 5.30pm	Day Centre Lunch Club Over 60's Keep Fit (Gentle Exercise) Karate
TUESDAY	6.00pm	Children's Club (TFC) 7-11yrs (Term Time)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term Time) Elite Dance Academy
THURSDAY	5.30pm	Karate
FRIDAY	9.15am 10.00am 12.00 noon 3.45pm 5.00pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term Time) Day Centre Lunch Club Sign Language Club (Term Time) Elite Dance Academy
SATURDAY	9.00am	Elite Dance Academy

Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms by Arrangement

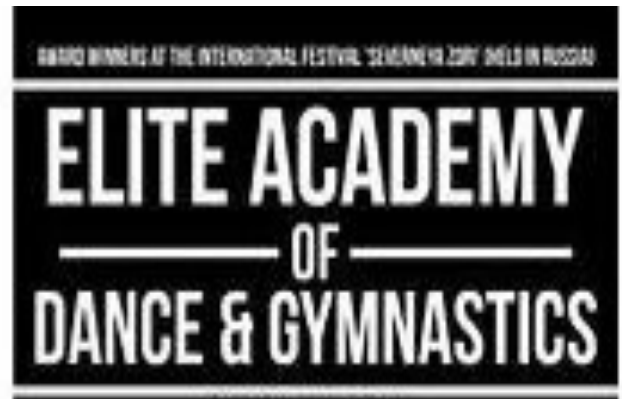
OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



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.

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 February

Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A. No, they had an apple!

Q. What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love?

A. "I found the perfect match!"

**Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love?
They're getting married in the spring!**

Q. Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

A. Because they're scent-imental creatures!

Q: What did Frankenstein say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A: Be my Valenstein!

Q: What did cavemen give their wives on Valentine's Day?

A: Lots of ughs and kisses.



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 11AM

02 Feb Richard Alford

09 Feb Communion Leonora

16 Feb Phil Turley

23 Feb Leonora 12 pm

Fair Trade Fortnight (Just Eating) 11am

01 March Rev. Phil Seadon

Find out more about Weoley Castle and its people:

www.stonehousegang.co.uk www.shenleyacademy.org.uk
www.encounterchurch.uk 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.

Madge Finch is waiting for an operation on her painful foot. Margaret Wetherall has had some falls recently but is back in Castlecroft

This Sunday is a very special day, the date is palindromic 02.02.2020
Also Ted Forgan's age on that day is also palindromic

Pastorate Notices

Weoley Castle Community Church 50th Anniversary

On 6th June 2020 it will be exactly 50 years since our building was opened. We are planning to celebrate this anniversary the next day on Sunday 7th June. There will be an exhibition, opening at 11 am: do you have some memento to contribute to this, or would you like to write something? If so, please contact Min Elson. This will be followed by a service at the later time of 12 noon, so that people from other parts of the Cadbury Pastorate can attend. We are hoping that Ernest Cruchley, who served here for a quarter-century, and will be 90 on the 9th May, will preach at the service. This will be followed by a barbecue, and a further chance to look at the exhibition. We are hoping that many people who have had a connection in the past with the Church or its building, or who are associated with it now will be able to share in the celebration of all the things made possible by the vision of those who started this venture.



FROM WEOLEY HILL CHURCH



Weoley Hill has events and activities to join in:

The Lunch Club is on **Wednesday 5th February at 1pm.**

The Friendship Group are next meeting on **Wednesday 12th February 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

We continue to meet every 4th Wednesday for discussion on topical issues at the Weoley Hill Manse. The next discussion meeting will be on the 26th of February at 10.30am.

All are welcome

Rubbish the Robot made in Tuesday Friends Club

Rubbish the Robot
says: "We create
far too much junk!"
- Save our Planet!



Makers of the robot



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weoley ward meeting Tuesday 18th @ 6:30 pm

Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper @ Weoley Hill at 6:30 pm Saturday 29th Feb. cost £5 per person

Family Fun Day Tuesday 18th @ 10 am till 2 pm

ADVANCE NOTICES

Weoley Castle Community Church AGM Sunday 8th March after the service

A Food safety course is to be held on 10th March at 11am @ Weoley Castle Community Church

Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven.

He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed and Forrest approaches the Gatekeeper.

St. Peter says, "Well, Forrest, it's certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we've been administering an entrance examination for everyone.

The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."

Forrest responds, "It shor is good to be here , St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever tolt me about any entrance exam. Shor hope the test ain't too hard; life was a big enough test as it was."

St. Peter goes on, "Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions:

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God's first name?"

Forrest leaves to think the questions over.

He returns the next day and sees St. Peter who waves him up and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

Forrest says, "Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begin with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one's easy. That'd be Today and Tomorrow."

The Saint's eyes open wide and he exclaims, "Forrest, that's not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I didn't specify, so I'll give you credit for that answer.

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How about the next one?" asks St. Peter.
"How many seconds in a year?"

Now that one's harder," says Forrest, "but I think and think about that and I guess the only answer can be twelve."

Confounded, St. Peter says, "Twelve? Twelve!?"
Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?"

Forrest says "Shucks, there's gotta be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd. . ."

"Hold it, " interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you're going with this, and I see your point, though that wasn't quite what I had in mind.....but I'll have to give you credit for that one, too.
Let's go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name"?

"Sure" Forrest replied, "its Andy."

Andy?!" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St. Peter.
"Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied.
"I learnt it from the song. . . . "ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN. . . ."

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates and said: "Run Forrest, run."