REMINDERS

Keyholders please ensure that the fire door is unlocked when the hall is in use, and that all doors (including the door to the garden area) are locked and the alarm set at the end of all meetings and activities.

Personal belongings: We are all responsible for the security of our own belongings on church premises. Please take care not to leave any bags or valuable items unattended.

Safety of children: Parents / guardians are reminded that members of the public enter the church premises during church services and activities. Children are the responsibility of their parents and should be supervised at all times.

Parking: We have limited parking at the front of the new church hall. Please consider leaving these for our elderly and disabled visitors thank you. Parking is available off site, please speak with a member of the leadership team for advice

Items for Bethel News should be forwarded to Emily Townsend (emily@the-townsends.me.uk) before 4.30 pm on Thursday to ensure insertion in the printed weekly Bethel News.

Group leaders are asked to consult the Church's Online Diary, accessed at www.bethelcoventry.org.uk before planning church activities or events – contact Lou Peet (email: lou.peet@bethelcoventry.org.uk). Room bookings are also to be made through Lou. She will make sure you are not double booked with another group and she might even get you some posh biccies...;-)

ROOM BOOKINGS

As we use our buildings (including our lovely new hall!) increasingly, we find that there are more potential double bookings. These cause upset and embarrassment and can easily be avoided if you use the bookings system in place by booking in with Lou (who manages the church diary and hires) on lou.peet@bethelcoventry.org.uk.

All regular groups are already booked in. However any changes to these dates, one off events or meetings - please check with Lou so we can make sure that we have the room available, booked in and safeguarding has been considered across the site. Thanks everyone!

Sunday 15th September 2019



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

TODAY

We give everyone a warm welcome. Tea and coffee are served before and after our service.

10.30am Church Away Day Dunchurch Village Hall

(see separate notice)



ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY	9.00am – 10.30am	Incredible Edible session
TUESDAY	7.45pm – 9.30pm	Life Groups
WEDNESDAY	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Drop in
	6.30pm – 7.45pm	Outlook (Children in school Years 3-5)
	6.30pm – 7.45pm	Junior Youth Group (Children in school Years 6-8)
THURSDAY	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Youth Group (Children in school Years 9-13)
SATURDAY	7.30am – 8.30am	Elders' & Core Leaders' prayer meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – 22ND SEPTEMBER

10.00am Prayer Meeting Church Office

Bethel prayer group – all welcome.

10.30am Morning Service Bethel Church Lou Peet will be leading the Harvest all-in service.

6.30pm Evening prayer meeting Bethel Lounge

(see separate notice)

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PASTOR'S DESK

Schedule of September/October services:

Today – Josh Kindness/Keith Foster: Church Away Day

Sunday 22nd September – Lou Peet: Harvest all-in service

Sunday 29th September – Keith Foster: The Fear of the Lord – Exodus 20:20-21

Sunday 6th October – Keith Foster: Honouring the Lord – Exodus 20:22-26

Sunday 13th **October** – Keith Foster: Choosing to Follow – Exodus 21:1-11

Sunday 20th October – Josh Kindness: A Place of Refuge – Exodus 21:12-14

Sunday 27th October – Keith Foster: Following in the "everyday" (in relationships) –

Exodus 21:15-36

VIEWPOINT

The Servant Team of Elders and Core Leaders would like to hear the views of all who worship at Bethel on a wide range of topics.

This might include anything which encourages or confuses you, on what you think works well or not so well, the format and content of our worship services or any other ministry, the use of our facilities or any other matter which you feel needs to be drawn to their attention.

We are holding an open meeting on Monday 14th October so that the leadership team can reply to your questions and share their heart for the ministry here at Bethel.

We are aware that not everyone feels comfortable with speaking in front of a large group of people and we feel that the best way of gathering your honest opinions is that they be noted down anonymously and collated into common themes which can then be put to the Servant Team in a "Question Time" format.

We will be providing paper for your comments to be noted over the next few weeks. You don't need to identify yourself so we hope you will raise any concerns which you might have, or if you prefer you can speak to Derek who will be collating these. We hope that you will see this as a way of making your views known and contributing to the ongoing work of the Lord here at Bethel.

WEDNESDAY DROP IN SESSIONS

Our weekly Drop in sessions resumed for the new term on Wednesday, taking place from 1.00 until 3.00pm in the Church lounge as we continue to seek to minister to the local community. Please pray that the friends we have not seen for a few weeks will return along with others and that we will have the opportunity to speak freely to them about spiritual matters. Thank you.

CHURCH AWAY DAY – TODAY

If you are reading this, hopefully you will seated amongst others who have gathered for today's Away Day Service, taking place at Dunchurch Village Hall instead of our normal Sunday gathering at Bethel.

Starting at **10.30am**, the morning will consist of worship, a time of sharing and a short Gospel message, due to finish around 11.30am. Please bring a packed lunch as we all plan to eat together and if you are able bring a pudding to share as well, tea and coffee will be provided. There are chairs at the hall but if you have your own camping/deck chair it might be more comfortable outside. After lunch there will be the opportunity to hang out, play some games on the field and eat cake with the day probably ending around 4pm. Not into outdoor games? Why not bring along a favourite board game to play together?

RADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH



Our new term sessions began on Thursday at the Radford allotment, with our Sunday sessions resuming on **22**nd **September**. Please pray that those who return will continue to engage and for new families to come along.

As we look towards our post-summer activities in Radford, our prayer is that the Spirit would go before us and grant wisdom in all we do to proclaim the name of Jesus boldly in words and actions to those He draws us to. Please pray with us that we would have ears to listen to His leading and hearts open to the community around us.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support; please continue to pray for the area of Radford that His name would become known and He would get the glory in all we do.

God bless you all, Josh, Holly, Alan, Ruth, Dave Jenny & the girls.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

Our fortnightly meetings in the Church have resumed. We meet in the Church lounge at 6.30pm to pray for the work of our Church, for our city and for our country. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 22**nd **September**. All are welcome.

HANDS ON ENROLLING FOR 2019/20 STUDY

Our training academy WLA is enrolling for the new academic year onto its part-time course **Hands On**. Hands On is a practical ministry training course based around nine intensive study days throughout the year, pooling the best parts from the other courses which WLA currently offers.



New for 2019/20 Hands On has now

been approved as an official 'Approved Prior Learning' course which upon completion allows the student to move directly onto year two of the BA Theology programme with For Mission College upon completion if they wanted to. Please do speak to a member of the team for more details.

HOW WE COMMUNICATE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BETHEL

Did you know that we have a well-established and used email information chain? It is called the Bethel Daily Prayer, Praise and Info Chain and is emailed out many days a week as we need and like to communicate what is going on. This is sent via the media platform 'MailChimp' which looks like a normal email, but enables you to subscribe and unsubscribe and keeps your email address and data securely.

This is for anyone in the Bethel family who is involved with church.

Over the summer, we will be trialling putting Bethel News (this notice sheet!) via a link on the Bethel Prayer, Praise and Info Chain to save some trees. Those who are not able to access BN in this way can still pick up a paper BN on a Sunday.

Not on the Bethel Daily Prayer, Praise and Info Chain and want to be? Ask Lou or email her on lou.peet@bethelcoventry.org.uk

OASIS CAFÉ – UPDATES AND PLEA FOR HELP

Oasis isn't opening at the moment because we are continuing to give it a bit of a makeover. If you are free and would like to help wield a paint brush or roller then please speak to Lindsey, Karen, Todd or Tom to find out when we will be at the café.

Saturday 14th September is Spon Spun Festival. Can people spare an hour? Oasis café is used as one of the stop-off points on the arts trail. We will be open from 12.00 noon until 4.00pm. Can you help? We need just a few people to help serve drinks and also there will be a limited food menu. If you can help, please speak to Lindsey. Just an hour would really help as we can share the load.

Do you like going out for a coffee or a tea? Do you like talking about Jesus? Might you have a few hours to spare during the day in the week? If your answers were Yes to those questions, we need your help? We are soon hoping to go back to opening the café five days a week and we need a few more volunteers, we even need just washer uppers. Could you be part of the team? Even if you aren't too sure whether you could help, have a chat to one of the team and see. Have a chat to either Lindsey, Karen, Todd or Tom. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

LIFE GROUP LIST

Please note the updated life group list. If you notice anything that's not right, please advise Tom Owen and we will update it as soon as possible.

If you are not part of a life group, please feel free to speak to Keith or any of the house group leaders to find one that is right for you.

Group	Host / Leader	Where	When	Time
Youth Life Groups	See Kerry	Various	Alt Sundays	8.30 pm
Young adult group	Rachel F & Tom H	Oasis café	Tuesdays	7.30pm
Derek Seedhouse	Manohar & Derek	Coundon	Alt Tuesdays	7.45 pm
Liz & Dave	Liz & Dave	Allesley Park	Tuesdays	8.00 pm
Bethel Midwk Prayer Mtg	Various	Bethel Hall	Usually Alt Tuesdays	7.30 pm
Eric & Jane	Eric & Jane	Chapelfields	Alt Tuesdays	8.00 pm
Men's Life Group	Josh	Church Lounge	Alt Wednesdays	8.00 pm
Chris & Ruth	Chris & Ruth	Chapelfields	Alt Thursdays	7.30 pm
Keith & Lesley	Keith & Lesley	Binley	Thursday	7.45 pm
Gordon & Karen	Gordon	Tile Hill	Thursdays	7.45 pm
Ladies' Bible Study (preschool children welcome)	Emma	Earlsdon	Alt Fridays (Term time)	9.45 am

Other study options available – Porterbrook Learning, Purple Book – see Chris Page for details.