

Sunday 19th January 2020



**Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light
on my path. *Psalms 119:105***

TODAY

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

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| 10.00am | Prayer Meeting | Pastor's Office
Bethel prayer group – all welcome. |
| 10.30am | Morning Service | Bethel Church
Keith Foster will be speaking on Following with faith, hope and love
– 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3. |
| 6:30pm | Prayer Meeting | Bethel Prayer Room |



ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

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| MONDAY | 6.00am – 7.00am | Discover Bible Group |
| TUESDAY | 11.00am – 2.00pm | Oasis café |
| | 7.45pm – 9.30pm | Life Groups |
| WEDNESDAY | 11.00am – 2.00pm | Oasis café |
| | 1.00pm – 3.00pm | Drop in |
| THURSDAY | 11.00am – 2.00pm | Oasis café |
| | 7.30pm – 9.30pm | Youth Group (Children in school Years 9-13) |
| FRIDAY | 11.00am – 2.00pm | Oasis café |

NEXT SUNDAY – 26TH JANUARY

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| 10.00am | Prayer Meeting | Pastor's Office
Bethel prayer group – all welcome. |
| 10.30am | Morning Service | Bethel Church
Keith Foster will be speaking on Following in the power of the Holy Spirit
– 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5. |

Surrounded with Prayer:

It has been so encouraging to see the development of the prayer room in our facility. At the elders' meeting, it was reported that some 18 people gathered to pray for the work amongst our children and youth - this is amazing.

As we start our consideration in 1 Thessalonians, we see that the Apostle Paul also surrounds this young church in prayer, at the beginning (ch1) middle (ch3) and end (ch5) of this God-inspired letter.

Paul's prayers are threefold for the new Christ-followers:

Thanking God for His work in them to date (ch1);

Praying for their ongoing development in love and holiness (ch3);

Praying that God will finish His work in each of them (ch5).

What a lovely way to pray for each other - thanking God for how He has worked in our lives thus far, praying for our ongoing shaping into Christ-likeness and praying that God will sustain us to serve Him until the end.

With the encouragement of the prayer room, indeed wherever we may find ourselves, perhaps we too can 'surround each other' in prayer.

Members' Meeting - Change of Date! Sunday 16th February, 12.30pm:

Our upcoming members' meeting will now take place on Sunday 16th February following our morning service. This will really help us achieve the quorum (number of members) necessary in order to vote as a church. The meeting should take no more than 30 minutes. Members- please make every effort to come along; thank you.

Josh - Co-pastor affirmation:

Josh has been serving (full-time) amongst us now for five years. I, for one, have greatly appreciated his co-labouring in the gospel. The leadership team would like to recommend that we affirm Josh as a gospel worker alongside me (Keith); and so to this end, we are asking the members to come together on the 16th February, after our morning service, to formally vote on this proposal. Please do uplift Josh, Holly and the whole Kindness family in prayer; thank you. In the meantime, please do speak to any of the elder team should you have any questions. Additionally, on Sunday 2nd February, Josh (and I) will be interviewed on the platform (by Ian Grindell) during our morning service. This will be designed to inform people as much as possible about the thinking and plans behind the proposal.

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
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
Keith & Lesley	Keith & Lesley	Binley	Thursday	7.45 pm
Gordon & Karen	Gordon	Tile Hill	Thursdays	7.45 pm

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

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-townsend.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.

Next Men's event:

Our next men's event will be in February (date to be advised soon!). The men's event planning team are meeting shortly to plan the next few events/sessions. If you have any ideas, please do see either Ben Townsend, Richard Middleton, myself (Keith), or Tony Hall - thank you.

Mid-week topics:

Do you have any particular topic or subject you would like to look at? Our mid-week (every other Tuesday) study/discussion is a great arena to do this - often much smaller and more personal - allowing discussion etc. It would be great to receive your ideas. I can then seek to address these over the coming mid-weeks, which I plan to start soon (by the end of January). Please let me (Keith) know any topics of interest. Thank you.

Praise & Prayer:

- Praise for the good outcome of Tony Hall's operation - pray for continued healing;
- Pray for those facing university assignments;
- Pray for those who struggle to make it amongst us on a Sunday - Charles Windridge, Derek Simpson, Bert Preston, Len & Marie Longden, Ruth Edgcumbe, Alan Baker, Linda Burke, Donna Lynch. Pray for ongoing fellowship and encouragement for them; might you be the source of that?
- Pray for the Kindness family;
- Pray for those affected by tragedy worldwide, be it in Australia, Iran, Syria - many other places;
- Praise for the encouraging start/use of the prayer room;
- Plan to daily 'surround each other' in prayer.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

Our fortnightly meetings in the Church have resumed. We will be meeting to pray for our city and for our role as a Church within our city at 6:30pm in the prayer room. The next meeting will be **this evening**. All are welcome to join us.

BETHEL 24-7 PRAYER SPACE

After the amazing times we have had in the recent past, we have set aside a permanent space where we can step aside from the usual hustle and bustle of life and pray. This space has been created in the old, old back hall, which is next to the toilet cabin behind church. It will be accessed from the garden, and once you book in for a slot you will be given easy to follow, step by step instructions on how to gain entry. The Bethel prayer room launched mid-December and is full of creative ideas and guides to inspire you, as well as space to praise, worship & express yourself; speaking to God & more importantly allowing God to speak to you.

To sign up and book the prayer room go to:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/22ae0e>

If you have any questions or need help signing up see Kerry, Ian, or Liz.

BANK DETAILS

It is so helpful if regular offerings could be made by standing order directly into our bank accounts. Details of the accounts are as follows:

Bank:	Lloyds, High Street, Coventry
Sort Code:	30-92-33
General Fund account no:	01434174
Redevelopment fund account no:	71902360

For payments by cheque, please make these out to 'Bethel Evangelical Church' (both accounts). Could you also please consider making payments under gift aid if you are a taxpayer? This enables us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC. Forms are available at the back of the church, or please speak to Derek or Lou. Thank you.

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!