

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!

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.

Sunday 16th February 2020

*In your relationships with one another, have
the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 2:5



TODAY

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

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 intentionally – 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10.**

12.30pm **Members' Meeting** **Bethel Church**



ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY	6.00am – 7.00am	Discover Bible Group
	9.00am – 10.30am	Incredible Edible Spon End
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
	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	11.00am – 2.00pm	Oasis café
	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Ladies' Lunchtime Lectio (see separate notice)
	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Youth Group (Children in school Years 9-13)
FRIDAY	11.00am – 2.00pm	Oasis café
	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Men's evening (see separate notice)

NEXT SUNDAY – 23RD FEBRUARY

10.00am **Prayer Meeting** **Pastor's Office**
Bethel prayer group – all welcome.

10.30am **Morning Service** **Bethel Church**
Josh Kindness will be speaking on **Following only One Master – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4.**

Three Words Only:

I wonder if you could use three words only, to describe your faith in Christ, what they would be? The words would need to capture something of your previous way of life (pre-Christ), your new direction and life in Christ, plus your new vision and service. The Thessalonian Church are reminded in the first chapter of Paul's first letter to them (1 Thessalonians), about their faith journey so far:

"You turned away from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

The Thessalonians had turned away *from* their idols and old ways of living; and turned *to* serve the living and true God. Additionally, as they served their new master (King Jesus), they awaited His return from heaven, when He will finally conquer all of God's enemies and His Kingdom rule will be fully established.

I think the three words *from*, *to* and *King* capture this well; and as I apply these to my faith story - I need to ask myself:

When I started my faith journey - what did I turn *from*? Or did I simply carry on with my old life and ways?

Have I truly turned *to* Jesus - wanting to follow Him and His ways - joining Him and other believers as He calls us into His Kingdom project and service?

Can I truly call Jesus my *King*? The one I serve and wholeheartedly seek to please in my everyday life?

Reflect on these things - and ask yourself: What three words might summarise my faith journey?

Midweek Holy Spirit discussions:

It was a truly uplifting time on Tuesday as many people shared their stories and experiences of how they have experienced the Holy Spirit in their lives. The evening ended with small groups of prayer for one another, to open ourselves to His leading and equipping. Our series will continue on **Tuesday 25th February**; it would be great to see you.

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.

DISCOVERY BIBLE GROUP – MONDAYS 6AM

Our early Monday morning group continues to delve into God's Word each week; you're welcome to join us. There's always tea and coffee to help you wake up if needed!

LIFE GROUP LIST

Please note the updated life group list. If you notice anything that's not right, please advise Gordon or Karen Sprouse 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, Gordon, Karen 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.

Members' Meeting - Today 12.30pm:

Our upcoming members' meeting will take place today, 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.

Men's evening - Pudding & teaching evening - Friday 21st February - 7.30pm:

Our first men's gathering of 2020 is a pudding eating and teach-in with me (Keith). It is a little later in the month than originally planned - but we didn't want the event to clash with valentine's evening! Please let either Ben Townsend, Richard Middleton or Tony Hall know if you are coming - we need to make enough puddings!

Upcoming services – February & March:

23rd February: Following only one Master – Thessalonians 2:1-4

1st March: Following authentically – Thessalonians 2:5-7a

8th March: Following in Love – Thessalonians 2:7b-8

15th March: Following through Hard Work – Thessalonians 2:9-12

22nd March: Guest service

29th March: Following God's Word – Thessalonians 2:13

For Praise & Prayer:

- Praise for the encouraging evening on Tuesday as we shared stories of the Spirit's work amongst and in us;
- Pray for Josh, Holly and family today as we meet after the service to affirm Josh as a Co-Pastor alongside me (Keith);
- Pray for those struggling to be amongst us due to frailty or other - why not call someone or send a card to someone you notice is missing?;
- Praise God for our committed Elder & Core Leader team - pray for ongoing vision and for their protection as they serve amongst us;
- Pray for the men's ministry as we commence another year of get togethers, encouraging each other to follow Christ;
- Pray that we will all have a "from" and "to" - ultimately knowing the "King" we serve.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

Our fortnightly meetings in the Church continue. We meet 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 **Sunday 1st March**. All are welcome to join us.

Over the last nine months, starting at the AGM last year, we have been talking and praying as a fellowship about adopting a Co-Pastor role.

As the team have been labouring in Radford over the last couple of years, the ministry has changed as the Spirit has led us to be more immersed into the local community. A semi-traditional looking Church plant in the community centre began and continued for around 12 months, but over time the team strongly felt the Spirit's leading to pause this and concentrate more with community facing projects rather than the traditional 'come to me church plant model'. This has created many more connections and conversations through the community centre involvement, allotment and weekly prayer group.

This change in vision has mirrored the wider vision of Bethel as we continue to strive together to be disciples who replicate, done in the everyday lives of people not just on a Sunday. Our heart has always been for both Bethel and Radford and will continue to be so until the Spirit leads otherwise and practically my time has always been split between both. The current vision for discipleship which has been given to us is one which we are excited to be a part of.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is an ancient method of listening prayer using Scripture, the living word of God. During the four stages, we read, meditate, pray and contemplate, and it is a beautiful time of communication with God. Ladies young and old are invited to join us in the Prayer Room for the following:

Ladies' Lunchtime Lectio

Thursday 20th February Noon-1pm

Thursday 19th March Noon-1pm

Lectio Divina Plus

We will begin with Lectio Divina, after which time we will have teaching and discussion on Identity (with the option just to stay for the Lectio Divina).

Friday 6th March 7:30pm

Should you require any further information, please see Kerry Williams, Holly Kindness or Emma Hopkins