



“Great to see you!” It’s great to be able to welcome you to Bethel, we’re so glad you could join us! If you’ve been here for years, or if you’re relatively new or brand new - we hope you can feel right at home with us.

This Week

Family Prayer Time *Sunday 17th June (tonight) at 6-6.45pm.* Please come along to this creative prayer time for all ages this evening. If anyone would like to prepare a prayer for this, please take a prayer template leaflet from the back of the church. Many thanks.

Ladies Fellowship-*Monday June 18th at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge* with speaker Rev Jonathan Vaughan-Davies. All are welcome.

Lunch Club *Wednesday 20th June.* Please note that Lunch Club is cancelled this week.

Daytime Bible Study *Thursday 21st June at 2 pm in the Church Lounge.* Please come along and join us as we explore the Bible together.

Quiz Night (to raise money for the World Scout Jamboree.) *Friday June 22nd at 7 pm in the Whitchurch centre.* Doors open at 6.30 pm. £2 admission.

SWBA Momentum Event- Carwyn will be helping to run children/youth activities at this event on *Saturday 23rd June.* Please pray for him as he embarks on this endeavour. Many thanks.

Next Week

Cardiff Foodbank We will be collecting at our All-Together Service on *Sunday June 24th.* Currently we are short of sponge puddings, jam, sugar and coffee (small jars).

Music Group Practice *Monday 25th June at 7.30 pm in the Church* for all music team members.

Church Meeting *Wednesday 27th June at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.*

Holiday Club Taster Event *Thursday 28th June 6.30-7.30 pm in the Church.* As part of the Whitchurch Festival week, we will be having a taster event for Holiday Club. We need volunteers for this event. There is a sign-up sheet for this in the Church Lounge. Pre-registering is essential for this event. If your children would like to attend, please go to www.bethelcardiff.com/holidayclubtaster

Whitchurch Festival *The Common Saturday 30th June.* There is a sign-up sheet in the church lounge if you would like to help out at the Whitchurch Festival this year. There will also be a TEARFUND stall that sells cakes to raise funds to go to Tearfund's Connected Church scheme - Ethiopia fund. There is a sign-up sheet for this too in the Church Lounge. The cakes can be delivered on the day to the Common. Find out more on connected.tearfund.org/en/partners

Other News/Information

BMS Partner Worker's Birthday-Joe Ovenden, serving in Gulu Northern Uganda, celebrates his birthday on

Tuesday. We'll send him greetings. Remind yourself about the work he is doing and access their latest (May) Prayer Letter at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/people/joe-and-lois-ovenden/>.

GDPR You will all have seen and heard a lot of information regarding the changes to data protection. Please look out for more information over the next few weeks, on how these changes affect us as a church.

The WhatsApp group is now closed. You will be able to sign up again to this in the future. More details to follow. We've also been asked not to use the prayer chain until further notice. Many thanks.

Help Needed- Janet will be on holiday from *26th June to 13th July.* If you could help with cleaning the church and/or Whitchurch Centre during this time please let Lorraine in the office know. Many thanks.

This week's prayer focus

Open Doors is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide. They supply Bibles, leadership training, literacy programmes, livelihood support and advocacy services. They also seek to mobilise the church in the UK and Ireland to serve Christians living under religious persecution.

Please pray for:

- **A recent increase in the violence is making the work more dangerous and difficult. Pray for stamina and protection for local churches**

and Open Doors partners supporting those in need with relief aid and livelihood support.

- **Middle East**
As the war intensifies, Open Doors charity has launched a crisis appeal to raise the necessary funds to help our local partners to continue to support thousands of families each month with vital relief aid. Ask God to provide for His church in Syria through the generosity of His people worldwide.

- **Pakistan**
This country is number five on the Open Doors World Watch List. Christians face daily discrimination and frequent violent attacks. Ask God to protect them, and pray that they will 'take hold of the hope that God has set before them' as 'an anchor for the soul, firm and secure' (Hebrews 6:18-19).

- **Nepal**
The Nepali government is drafting new laws to prevent religious conversions. Although it is a secular state, religious minorities, including Christians, continue to be denied the ability to register places of worship. Ask God to change the hearts of those in power to protect religious freedom in the country.