

Cadbury Pastorate News

Bournville, Weoley Castle &
Weoley Hill Churches



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July/August 2023

From the Minister's study—

Closure of Bournville URC

On the 9th of July about 60 members and friends of Bournville URC, from the Cadbury pastorate and from neighbouring churches, who were associated with the church in times past and present, gathered in Bournville United Reformed Church to celebrate for one last time its Anniversary and to officially close the church. The church, formerly Churches of Christ, was formed in 1906 and moved into the Beaumont Rd church building in 1914. In the service of thanksgiving and closure we gave thanks for the many years of faithful ministry and fellowship in the church building and for the outreach in the community. We remembered the many people, young and old, who were part of the congregation, who supported the church in its ministry and outreach and who met in the church building for activities (eg the Pilots). It was a joyful service, wonderful and life-transforming memories were shared and encouraging words were spoken by the Synod Moderator, Steve Faber. The church was beautifully decorated with banners, woodcarvings, artwork, puppets, and other symbols that reminded us of the lively, loving and talented congregation that has met in the Beaumont Rd church building over the years. We also expressed the hope

that the church building will continue to be a place of worship and outreach as the Fellowship of the Churches of Christ have taken on a lease for its use. The Bournville URC members, now ready to move on to new places, new adventures, joined by all who were gathered to support them, were sent out with the following words:

God remains with us

Though we let go of our cherished place

God remains with us

Though we will sing new songs and worship in new ways

God remains with us

Though we serve in different ways and pursue different causes

God remains with us

God's love remains with us

And so be it!

After singing "You shall go out with joy" in crescendo, coffee/tea and cakes were served and many more memories were shared among us.

With all best wishes,

Leonora

Prayer page

We give thanks for the 'life' and ministry of Bournville URC and pray with faith that the members continue to be blessed with sustenance, fellowship and opportunities for service.

We give thanks for the young people among us and pray for them, whether waiting for exam results, preparing for the next stage in their lives, or experiencing stress or trauma often with little support.

We give thanks for those parents, teachers and others who love and care for them.

We give thanks for the beauty and fruitfulness of your creation and pray that governments and world-wide organisations will learn to implement positive policies to preserve our world and its inhabitants.

We give thanks for the peacemakers, international and official bodies, and the good neighbours in our communities. We pray for peace, especially between Russia and Ukraine and among those countries of Africa where there is conflict.

We give thanks for the NHS in this anniversary year and pray that a fair settlement will be found for its workers and that healthcare for all will be strengthened. We pray for people who are unwell, injured, suffering, for healing, for strength and for hope.

We thank you for our church families and for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We pray for strength and faith in these challenging times and for the grace to share your love with everyone we encounter and to share in the work of the kingdom.

Pastorate News

Bournville farewell and celebration service
9 July 2023





The final service was led by the Pastorate Minister, Leonora Jagessar - Visser 't Hooft and West Midlands Synod Moderator Steve Faber.



Weoley Hill

Gardening work party, Monday 17 July, 10 AM – 12 NOON to tidy up the garden areas around the church as the community gardeners are fewer in number. If you are able and available, please come along with your tools to help.

Afternoon tea

Wednesday 19 July 3 – 5.00 PM, on the grass outside the John Kydd Hall, weather permitting. If wet, we will meet in the John Kydd Hall. If you are able to provide sandwiches, cakes etc please sign the list and let Cheryl or Lorraine know if you are coming (especially if bringing guests) so they have an idea of numbers. Please bring your friends and neighbours.

Dr John Glen

We are sad to announce that John Glen died on 15 June. He was not a member at Weoley Hill Church but did attend regularly before he became too ill to come. His funeral will be at St Mary's church on Thursday 27 July at 2 PM followed by a committal service at Lodge Hill at 3.15 PM for family and close friends. It is hoped to hold the reception afterwards at Weoley Hill Church but that is still being arranged.

Retiring collections: *July*, Church Mission Society; *August*, R.N.L.I.

October residential synod meeting

13-14 October 2023

'Growing through challenging times'

24 hours of learning, worship, encouragement and fellowship

An Invitation to all

(not just Synod Representatives!)

Ask your Church Secretary for more details and booking forms.

Who's it for?

Those who normally come to Synod but also anyone who is interested - this is an open event to come and gain from the resources and the friendship and encouragement on offer.

The venue needs an early indication of numbers - so to help you in estimating them here's some information about finance.

1. First the bad news. The inclusive cost of bed, breakfast, dinner on the Friday evening, lunch on the Saturday, coffee and tea breaks, room hire etc, etc is £155 in a single room and £220.00 for a double or twin room.
2. The better news is that the Synod expects to pick up the cost of a good bit of this, maybe up to half as well as paying all travel as usual.
3. However, we would be grateful (and will separately ask Church Treasurers about this) if churches could consider paying at least £75 towards the cost of each person attending and staying overnight.
4. Individuals, who feel willing and able to contribute, can pay whatever they wish towards the cost too.
5. **For those coming on the Saturday only**, the cost to Synod is £45 (inclusive of lunch) and we are asking for a minimum contribution of £25 towards this.

6. But please don't be put off by the cost – if there's a problem, talk to us on 0121 783 1177.
7. Parking is available, but we would encourage you to use public transport where possible. There is a free Shuttle Bus Service between Birmingham International Train Station and the hotel.

As indicated above we need your help to gauge numbers attending so please consider this invitation and let us know the names of people from your church including your Synod representative and Minister, who will be coming. Please let us know by **26th July 2023** and tell us who wants overnight accommodation and who will be a day visitor on the Saturday only. Please fill in the booking form with the details. Ann has copies of this.

It would also help us if payment could be sent in advance wherever possible with a note of what and who is being paid for. Please send payment to the Synod Office for the attention of Lindsay Peniston.

We have had as many as 230 people at previous events on the Saturday who seem to have got a great deal from the occasion. Ann has the draft programme leaflet which gives a brief glimpse into the event and the choice of Mission streams (workshops).

**Venue: Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport
Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3QW**

For more information, please contact Ann.

Weoley Hill Calendar for July/August 2023

Sunday	16	10.30 AM: Worship led by the minister.
Monday	17	10-12 Work party in church grounds
Tuesday	18	10.30 PM: Tuesday Fellowship
Wednesday	19	3-5 PM Afternoon tea (bring & share) at the church, outdoors if weather permits. Friends and neighbours welcome; please let us have numbers.
Sunday	23	10.30 AM: Worship led by Guy Willcock.
Sunday	30	10.30 AM: Pastorate worship led by the minister.
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Tuesday	1	10.30 AM: Tuesday Fellowship
Sunday	6	10.30 AM: Communion Service led by the minister.
Monday	7	2.30 PM F&B meeting TBC
Sunday	13	10.30 AM: Worship led by Revd Brian Brown.
Tuesday	15	10.30 AM: Tuesday Fellowship
Sunday	20	10.30 AM: Worship led by Alan.
Sunday	27	10.30 AM: Worship led by Ann.

Wednesdays 10 AM: **Art Club**

Fridays 6.45 PM: **Community Choir in term time**

The next issue will be available around 1 September. Contributions are requested! Send them to the minister, Leonora Jagessar, or Cheryl Thornett at Weoley Hill.

Weoley Castle

Services: 11 AM on Sundays

July 16th: led by Chris Miles

July 23rd: led by Joe Bevan

July 30th: Joint Service **10.30 at Weoley Hill—
*induction of Chris Miles into ‘Anna Chaplaincy’***

Aug 6th: led by Chris Miles

Aug 13th: led by Leonora—with Communion

Aug 20th: led by Ted

Aug 27th: led by Alison Geary

Anna Chaplaincy

Prompted by Rev. Barbara Calvert, Chris Miles has been training for the ‘Anna Chaplaincy’. This is what it is all about: Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke’s gospel; both are good role models of faithful *older* people.

Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all and seek to accompany older people at this age and stage of their lives. This is an ecumenical, community-based, chaplaincy promoting the spiritual welfare of older people, and is a person-centred and non-judgemental ministry. Anna Chaplains try to help people to reflect on their life’s journey—both the joys and the sorrows—



and, where appropriate, enable the healing of memories and the celebration of life experiences to foster more hope and resilience.

This involves visiting older people wherever they may be living, whether in residential and nursing homes, sheltered housing, retirement complexes or private homes. The emphasis is on spiritual support but, clearly, people's practical struggles will also play a part in their overall well-being. An Anna Chaplain also has a wider role within the community as an advocate and a champion of the contribution older people make to society. They may enable cross-generational encounters in the Church and wider community for the benefit of people of all ages.

The Anna Chaplaincy Prayer:

Faithful God, you have promised in Christ to be with us to the end of time.

Come close to those who have lived long and experienced much.

Help them to continue to be faithful and, within the all-age kingdom of God,

to find ways to go on giving and receiving your grace, day by day.

*For your glory and your kingdom. **Amen***

We are extremely grateful that on closing, Bournville U.R.C. donated the remaining contents of their bank account to Weoley Castle. We assure the Bournville members that these funds will be put to good use in the service of the Kingdom.

Mena Jones is intending to re-start the Mega Movers Adult Dance Club in September after the holidays.

SENIORS by Eileen Budd

If you are not sure you are qualified to be a senior citizen, the following checklist may be of help.

Everything hurts, what doesn't hurt, does not work.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

A dripping tap causes an uncomfortable urge.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You join a health club but you never go.

Your black book contains letters only with M.D (Medical Doctor)

You have a rocking chair and can't make it go.

You knee buckles but your belt won't.

You turn the light out for economy instead of romance.

You put your bra on back to front and it fits better.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

Your birthday cake collapses with the weight of the candles.

If you have any or most of the above, you can definitely join the Seniors Club. Membership is free!

Eileen Budd used to be a member of WCCC and attended the Day Centre until her death last month.

Hope this accident doesn't happen to you!

I accidentally gave my girlfriend a glue stick instead of lipstick...

She's still not talking to me.

A woman accidentally fell into an upholstery machine.

Fortunately, she's fully re-covered.

I accidentally swallowed a handful of Scrabble tiles...

My next visit to the loo could spell disaster.

I accidentally dialled 999.

So I set my house on fire: I didn't want to look stupid!

I accidentally sent my ex-girlfriend flowers over the internet:

Whoops: e-daisies!

A British tourist in Australia was concussed in an accident. The next day he woke up in the hospital and asked, "Did you bring me here to die?"

The male nurse said, "No, mate, we brought you here yesterday."

My son is studying to become a lawyer, so I texted him, "If you tickle a man to death by accident, is it manslaughter?"



I accidentally swallowed a turntable needle.

Good thing nothing major happened good thing nothing major happened good thing nothing major happened good thing nothing major happened...

A man is involved in an accident that injures both his hands. He asks the doctor “Will I be able to play the piano after this?” The doctor replies: “We’ll have to see after the bandages come off, but I expect you will be able to play”. “That would be fantastic”, says the patient, “because I couldn’t play before.”



The Cadbury Pastorate

Bournville URC has closed.

Weoley Castle Community Church, Quarry Rd: Worship Sundays at 11 AM.

Weoley Hill URC, Greenmeadow Rd:

Worship Sundays at 10.30 AM.

Sunday worship can be still found on the Weoley Hill website in outline or complete.

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