

Welcome to the latest Bethel News. We hope that you are all coping with the hot weather. It was good to welcome Maria, Kevin and Meredith into the church on Sunday 31 July for Meredith's Christening. We have another Christening on Sunday 28 August but before that, on 20 August we will have the joy of welcoming Zac and Laura to Bethel for their marriage ceremony. Zac is the son of Denise and Russell and has been at Bethel all his life.

**Sunday Services at 11am**

Sunday 7 August	Communion	Mrs M Mancktelow
Sunday 14 August		Wednesday Fellowship
Sunday 21 August		Mrs J Thompson
Sunday 28 August	Christening	Mrs M Mancktelow
Sunday 4 September		Wednesday Fellowship
Sunday 11 September		Mrs M Mancktelow
Sunday 18 September		Rev Chris Shipley
Sunday 25 September		Harvest Festival

**Brigade News:**

The young people enjoyed a Camp – Activity week from 25 – 30 July, based at the hall and going out and about on the Island and beyond. We give thanks for answered prayer that week – they all stayed safe and had good journeys.

There will not be a September church parade as many of the Brigade members are away that weekend but the good news is that Mr Roger Byard, who has family connections to Bethel, will be leading our Remembrance Sunday service on 13 November.

**News of Nigel:**

Nigel has taken a Christening Service recently and is enjoying getting out and about meeting people.

**Craft Club** meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30, on the first, third and fifth Wednesday in the month so in August they will meet on 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Jane Freeman on 01795 875401 for more details.

**Letter from Nado (who we sponsor in Togo)**

Dear Bethel friends, it is with great joy that I write this letter to you. How are you and your family doing? Me and my family are doing well. I would like to tell you how our centre is going at the moment: We have the music group, the hairdressing for men and women, the computer and the sewing. I'm in the Ladies Hairstyling activity because I like to braid.

The school year is coming to an end here. I pray for you every day. May God guide you.

I have a verse for you Psalm 27 v 1- 6 and 9-14

I read your last letter. It made me so much better.

**Please pray for:**

- For any of our fellowship who are unwell, or waiting for medical appointments.
- For those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- For our young people and those who lead them. May they all enjoy the summer break and return refreshed in the autumn.
- For the various groups who meet at Bethel – may they benefit from the use of the building and see something of the love of God while they are with us.
- For our Island and the work of the Food banks and the Support Bus.
- For each church on Sheppey – may we all serve our communities well.
- For those who will be coming to the Christening service this month. We pray too for Laura and Zac on their wedding day.
- For Nado, the young girl we support, via Compassion, in Togo.
- For Marlon, the young man who we sponsored for many years.
- For Nigel who continues to serve the church in Grenada. For his safety and continued good health in his challenging work.
- For our country, for wisdom for those in authority.
- For the world situation, especially those who are living with war and violence. We think especially of the people of Ukraine and Russia – that a peaceful solution may be found to the current crisis.
- Lastly for ourselves, that we may continue to grow in faith and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus,