

Bethel News

October/November 2022

Sunday Services at 11am

Sunday 30 October		Wednesday Fellowship/ Church Meeting
Sunday 6 November		Mrs M Mancktelow
Sunday 13 November	Remembrance Church Parade	Mr R Byard
Sunday 20 November		Mrs J Thompson
Sunday 27 November		Silver Tree
Sunday 4 December		Rev Chris Shipley

Brigade News: Members of the band will be joining the London Massed Bugle Band to play at the Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London on Saturday 12 November. If you want to watch on TV then look out for number 35 in the parade.

It was good to celebrate 75 years of Girls Brigade at Bethel on Sunday 25 September and to see so many "old girls" join us to celebrate this anniversary. We were pleased that Jo Poynter was able to come and lead the service for us. Most of us have very happy memories of Girls' Brigade and it was good to be able to give thanks for those memories and those who led our GB Company in years gone by. We also celebrated Harvest Festival at that service with all the produce (fresh, tinned and packets) being donated to the Food Banks. The Sheppey Community Bus were particularly grateful for the fresh produce which was available to those who are members of the Community Bus when it went out the following Tuesday.

News of Nigel:

Nigel is now back in Grenada after a trip to Jamaica to join the Caribbean Council for World Mission regional assembly. He enjoyed being at a live conference rather than the usual online meeting. The Wimbledon church are organising a Zoom meeting with Nigel on Monday 14 November at 7.30pm. These meetings mean a lot to Nigel and all are welcome to join, so please ask for the log in details. Nigel's latest news will be on the table in the vestibule.

Craft Club meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30, on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Jane Freeman on 01795 875401 for more details.

Other groups using the premises:

WI, History Society, Zumba, Dancerscise, The Geese project

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 12 November – **Craft Fair** 10am – 4pm. We have lots of tables booked so please do come along to support the various stall holders. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday 27 November – United Service for the First Sunday in Advent, 6.30pm at the Church in Hope Street.

Saturday 17 December – Churches Together in Sheppey Carol Singing at the Clock Tower in Sheerness from 11am – 12noon.

Please do ask (Maggie) about any events, always happy to help with a lift or more information.

Letter from Nado: (Typed exactly from her letter) Through this letter, I would like to greet you and hear from you. I am fine here as well as my family. I hope you are also fine. I will pass my Junior school graduation exam by the grace of God. The harvest was better for us this year because the rain has early stopped and we hope this harvest will be good for us. My mother is fighting a lot in her activities. I will do good work once at the high school to achieve my purpose. My verse for you is Psalm 121 v 1 – 4.



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.

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 all the schools on our Island and the work they do to support the young people

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 new King, Charles III – may he know your presence just as his mother did and may all the Royal family be comforted in their sorrow.

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,

