

We begin this Bethel News with the news that Nan Walker, who has been a loyal member of Bethel for many years, was called home to be with her Lord on Thursday 24 February. The Celebration service for Nan's life will be held at Bobbing on Wednesday 16 March at 2pm. Nan's family have asked me to say that all are welcome to the service at Bobbing and then after the service to join the family at the Abbey Motel.

Sunday Services at 11am

Sunday 13 March	Church Parade	Miss P Poynter
Sunday 20 March		Mrs J Thompson
Sunday 27 March	Mothering Sunday	Major Lynne Clifton
Sunday 3 April		Rev Sue Wade
Sunday 10 April	Palm Sunday	Rev Bren Brundritt
Sunday 17 April	Easter Day	Mrs M Mancktelow
	Communion	
Sunday 24 April		TBA
Sunday 1 May		TBA
Sunday 8 May	Church Parade	Miss P Poynter

Easter 2022

The United Service for Palm Sunday is on Sunday 10 April, 6.30pm at the Church in Hope Street.

This year Churches Together on Sheppey are looking forward to being back on Bunny Bank on Good Friday (15 April) at 11am. We will meet at Bethel at 1030 to join the procession of witness coming from Eastchurch

The Easter Day service at Bethel at 11am will include Holy Communion

News of Nigel who had a week's holiday recently on a neighbouring island. He seems to be getting busier both at church and with the schools where he is chaplain. He is clearly enjoying the life on Grenada and is getting used to the climate Thanks to technology Nigel was able to join the celebration of Pete's life on 22 February and Nigel tells me that he made sure he was wearing one of his bright shirts that day! Nigel would be happy to set up a Zoom call with anyone who would like to join. I did one recently with him – it's good to keep in touch with Nigel, to see where he is and hear his news directly from him. Please let me know if you would like to join a call with him and I will set it up with him.

May I thank you all for your support following the death of my husband, Pete. As a family we were overwhelmed by all the love shown to us at what was a very difficult time.

Fundraising

We do need to start thinking about raising funds to help with the upkeep of the building and so are planning a Jumble sale on Saturday 23 April at 10am. The hall will be open on Friday 22 April from 6.30pm – 8pm to sort and receive jumble or you are welcome to bring jumble whenever the building is open during week beginning 18 April. Help is always needed so please do come along to join us when you can..**Please, no large items of jumble, only those which will fit in the boot of a car.**

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday 10 April, Palm Sunday – Churches Together United Service 6.30pm at the Church in Hope Street

Friday 15 April – Good Friday service at 11am on Bunny Bank.

Saturday 23 April – Bethel's Jumble Sale at 10am

Craft Club are meeting again on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 March. Please contact Jane Freeman on 01795 875401 for more details.

Brigade is back on Monday evenings – please check times etc with the Brigade Leaders

Bible Society: The small committee which works to raise much needed funds for Bible Society has met and there are plans for a concert in April, a strawberry tea in June and two more events later in the summer and autumn. Please look out for posters nearer the time.

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, especially for Nan's family.
- For our young people and those who lead them.
- For our Island and the work of the Food banks and the Support Bus.
- For Nado, the young girl we support, via Compassion, in Togo
- For Nigel who continues to serve the church in Grenada. For his safety and continued good health.
- 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.